

Here we go!

Too many under 30 prefer socialism

There have always been, and there will continue to always be, far more who do not have all they would like to have than there are those who have enough to satisfy them. An inherent danger in a democracy is that one day, those having less will want to take from those having more and would even be content if their government had it all. And shared with them.

The tilt towards socialism has begun but likely can be resisted. Once those who want more than they have see how government dispenses what *they* now have, citizens won't like the results and will want to shift back to capitalism, with whatever flaws it might have.

In shocking results, Rasmussen Reports, a credible polling organization (not like those hired by the WTE every time a sales tax election nears), released the results of a national poll they had conducted.

On April 9, 2009, Rasmussen reported: "Only 53% of Americans adults believe capitalism is better than socialism."

Twenty percent said socialism is better and 27% are not sure which is better.

Particularly disturbing is that younger adults feel even more strongly that socialism is preferable. Rasmussen reported, "adults under 30 are essentially evenly divided. 37% prefer capitalism, 33% socialism, and 30% are undecided. Thirty-somethings are a bit more supportive of the free-enterprise approach with 49% for capitalism and 26% for socialism. Adults over 40 strongly favor capitalism, and just 13% of those older Americans believe socialism is better."

That ought to make your Starbucks a little harder to swallow. Imagine that, a credible pollster found that it is possible that a majority of adult Americans under 30 could prefer socialism to capitalism - depending how the "undecided" split. And those not now of majority age? Based on this shift, how many years will it take to adopt socialism? In 20 years, those under 50 will control those over. In 30 years, for sure. That's a bleak future.

The POTUS knows best who should (or should not) run General Motors?

And, how to negotiate with Fiat?

How time flies. It seems like just yesterday Barack Obama was voting "present" all the time in the Illinois Senate so he wouldn't take positions that could hurt him when he eventually ran for president.

And, make no mistake about it, this publication believes it was far past time that a minority (race or gender) became president of the United States (POTUS). No one has a corner on how to screw things up in Washington and Obama - or Hillary or Richardson or Sarah or anyone else - wasn't likely to be able to dig the hold much deeper.

Whoa, Nellie!

He is doing his best. You must remember that everything positive a new president does or that the country enjoys is to his credit and his alone. Everything negative that happens on his watch accrues to the administration before his.

Remember, I have liberty (another Navy term by the way) to use the phrase, "like a drunken sailor." Been there, done that. Except as I've always told you, sailors don't waste money - it's too hard to come by. But it stuck and here we are. And, boy has Obama spent like a drunken sailor. Like a fleet (another Navy term) of drunken sailors. The aircraft carrier and all support vessels (these nautical terms are just rolling off my fingers this AM).

"Bush started it." Sure. And the Democratic majority in both the House and Senate fought him tooth and nail to prevent putting hundreds of billions (that's with a "b" not an "m") into undeserving and greedy businesses with no oversight and no accountability.

What was a new president to do? He had to amp up the wasteful "investments," didn't he? How could he stop the gravy train his predecessor had started? He wouldn't have the support of the House or Senate, would he? Wait, the Dems have an almost veto-proof majority. Of course he could have gotten the legislature to go along. But Democrats didn't get the title "Tax and Spend" for nothing.

So, these executives come to Congress in their private planes (or they're already in Washington) asking for tens of billions just to keep afloat. And who in government would know if the company asking for the bailout could stay afloat under any circumstances? Mike Enzi has been a bean counter but he's never seen numbers like these in his family's shoe store.

Anytime a business says they need a certain amount of money to survive, giving them a lesser amount is fatal. But that's what the government is doing. "We need \$35 billion to keep making cars." "You get \$12 billion, not a nickel more." A few weeks later, they're back. "We need \$21 billion to stay alive." "Be happy we're giving you \$12 billion and we don't want to see you guys back here again."

When Barack Obama campaigned for president, his claim to fame was winning election to the Illinois State Senate with no opponent and having once been a "community organizer." Planning picnics, etc. Does anyone recall a line on his resume that said he ran an automobile manufacturing plant? Or any plant? All he's ever done with an automobile is drive one. And now he doesn't even do that.

The publisher of the Cheyenne Herald knows almost everything - almost everything - but even he doesn't know how to run an automobile manufacturing plant. He barely knows where to pour the oil and windshield washer solvent.

Banks and financial institutions have begged for billions, no, make that trillions, from the U.S. Government (that is you, my friends) and the president has never said, "F. Elliott, you have to step down from the bank your grandfather founded, handed down to your father, who gave it to you and you ruined it." A bank can't be that hard to run. Look at the musical chairs here in Cheyenne. A guy gets fired, two months later, he's doing TV commercials as head of another bank. No, Obama didn't force them out. But how GM should be run, he knows? Puhleezee! Bow to the Saudi prince, touch the British queen, but stay out of private business.

And telling Chrysler they had 30 days to negotiate a deal with Fiat? Where did the POTUS learn the fine art of negotiation? From serial bankrupt Donald Trump? Why not just get Fiat on the blower and tell them, "you can strike whatever kind of deal you want with Chrysler, they've got 30 days to please me or they're tap city." Good Lord, man, Chrysler is an American company - Fiat is not. Who's side are you on? I know, ignorance is your excuse. But don't meddle in things that you don't understand. Help Michelle pick out dresses for the cover of "O!" and "Vogue" magazines. And sending stimulus money to states to use to keep state government big and state employees' jobs safe? Madoff had a better plan. And he's in prison.

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