

INTRODUCTION TO "21st CENTURY COMMON SENSE"

When Thomas Paine wrote "COMMON SENSE" the culprits, the "KING" and his "PEERS" were easy to identify. They made no effort to hide their identity as they went about the business of oppressing the "COMMONS". Not so today. The philosophical descendants of Mr. Paine's "KING" and "PEERS", the "WANNABE PEERS", conceal their real objectives and claim moral superiority; as they attempt to usurp our Freedom.

"21st CENTURY COMMON SENSE" updates Mr. Paine's classic, alerts you to the "WANNABE PEERS" attack on your freedom and identifies the disasters lurking in their agenda.

A STARTLING REVELATION!

As they assume their cloak of moral superiority, the "WANNABE PEERS" propose numerous programs which they claim will aid the less fortunate, save the environment, or correct some social injustice.

All the "WANNABE PEERS" proposed and implemented programs have a similar effect. That effect is to destroy, squander or inhibit the creation of wealth. Of course, this is an unproven assumption but it will be proven in the text of "21ST CENTURY COMMON SENSE". For now, just accept the assumption at face value and see where it leads. Why would the "WANNABE PEERS" want to destroy the nation's wealth?

The primary constituency of the "WANNABE PEERS" is the poor, many dependent on government handouts for survival.

When the nation's wealth is destroyed or the creation of wealth is inhibited, more citizens are driven into the poorer classes, as the cost of survival increases.

The "WANNABE PEERS'" constituency increases when the ranks of the poor increase. The destruction of the nation's wealth is definitely in the "WANNABE PEERS'" interest. Does this mean that all politicians who support the "WANNABE PEERS" agenda have the objective of destroying the nation's wealth to obtain personal power and usurp your wealth? Of course not, like many citizens, some politicians simply accept the "WANNABE PEERS" propaganda and support a popular proposal.

Evaluate the proposals using the tools described in "21ST CENTURY COMMON SENSE". Determine the proposal's projected results. Base your support on the projected results, not the "WANNABE PEERS" propaganda or a politician's reputation.

Intentions are irrelevant. Neither the politician's malice or benevolence will affect the results.

PROSPERITY AND THE CREATION OF WEALTH

The ingredients in the recipe for the creation of wealth are freedom, intellectual activity, labor, energy, education, capital investment, a stable government, transportation, ambition and self preservation. Of all the ingredients, the most important is freedom. To paraphrase Ayn Rand, the author of "ATLAS SHRUGGED", **it is in the best interest of the individual that all people be free from the initiation of physical force.** Throughout the "Middle Ages" the total domination of the "COMMONS" (producers) by the "KINGS" limited the creation of wealth to a level that barely permitted survival of the "COMMONS". The "KINGS" and "PEERS"; however, lived in what passed for luxury. In the year 1215 the "MAGNA CARTA" started the erosion of the "KING'S" absolute authority. Almost 600 years were required to erode the "KING'S" authority until the "COMMONS" realized that they were free to create, own and enjoy wealth. The freedom of the "COMMONS" heralded the start of the "Industrial Revolution" and set the stage for period of prosperity that continues today. This is a rather simplistic view of history but it shows that mankind's ability to create wealth occurred when the "COMMONS" achieved a large measure of freedom. Of course, one does not have to look at history to see the effect of individual freedom on the creation of wealth. The conditions that created the "Industrial Revolution" were not worldwide. There are still many nations with "Totalitarian" governments wallowing in poverty, the worst of them unable to produce even adequate food for the population. Pure Capitalism does not and has never existed. Many nations have adopted a "Mixed Economy". In a mixed economy, the greater the freedom of the "COMMONS"; the greater the prosperity.