

A WORD FROM THE AUTHOR

For many years, the average citizen's failure to understand our economic system and the relationship between tyranny, freedom and prosperity has severely limited America's capacity to produce wealth and has allowed power hungry politicians to usurp our freedom. This lack of understanding has been instrumental in dismantling the greatest economic engine the world has ever known and creating conditions that may soon cause an economic crisis capable of plunging the world back into the "MIDDLE AGES". This condition has resulted from:

- The "dumbing down of America" by a public school system that is more concerned with empowering the Teacher's Union and vilifying the producer than teaching the students the advantages of individual freedom.
- A failure of the average citizen to recognize the basic fact that prosecution of the producer is not in the best interest of the consumer.
- Politicians (the "WANNABEE PEERS who lust after the power and prestige enjoyed by the KING GEORGE III's 18TH Century "PEERS") have spent 130+ years swapping promises of security and unearned wealth for our freedom and prosperity.
- The cost of environmental regulations instituted without regard to either the economic damage caused by those regulations or the proof of any real benefits to the environment. The beneficiary of these programs is the political hacks being rewarded for political support by the "WANNABEE PEERS".
- The cost of the bureaucracy's rules and regulations interfering with the operation of the free market, increasing everyone's cost of living. The increased cost of living is especially devastating to the poor; the group that the "WANNABEE PEERS" profess to champion. Again, the primary result of these rules and regulations is to transfer wealth to political supporters and suppress political dissent.

But, what can a 76 year old retired engineer do to stop this rush to such a catastrophic conclusion? Well, the problem is ignorance and the acceptance of the "WANNABEE PEERS" "preponderance of propaganda". So the obvious solution is to educate the citizenry and stimulate the scrutiny of the glaring deceptions contained in the "preponderance of propaganda". Perhaps it is too late, but as long as there is a chance, I have to try. The American Revolution created the greatest economic engine in the history of the world and it deserves our best effort to save it! But what could I do? After all, I am just an old, introverted, retired engineer with very limited means.

Just as any good engineer would do, I evaluated the options as limited as they were and decided to write a book. The book would prove that individual freedom is in everyone's long term best interest and that freedom created wealth while tyranny perpetuated poverty.

"21ST CENTURY COMMON SENSE" is not the book I started to write on September 6, 2008. I just thought the situation was bad when I started the research. The problem is much worse than I could ever have imagined. Just as I expected, the research proved the government meddling in the economy had stifled our economic growth and created

poverty instead of prosperity. As grievous and as devastating to the economy as the “WANNABE PEERS” actions have been, the economic consequences are not the greatest danger to the republic.

Our greatest danger is the “WANNABE PEERS” use of the bureaucracy, the Antitrust Laws and the Internal Revenue Service to punish political dissent, coerce political support from successful business persons and reward their political cronies.

For the last 130 years, the government has used its monopoly on force to redistribute wealth from the producer to the politically powerful, with a few crumbs left over to buy the votes of the poverty stricken. These government initiatives have also increased the cost of all the goods and services you buy. This meddling in the economy has created a series of economic crises that have been used to justify even more successful assaults on our liberty.

Each success has enhanced the ability of the “WANNABE PEERS” to punish political dissent and reward their political cronies. We cannot even start to regain our freedom and prosperity until the use of government force to punish political dissent and reward their political cronies is ended.

Severe economic crises were required to convert all the ailing democracies of the 20th CENTURY to dictatorships. **If the current proposals (CAP AND TRADE and the HEALTH CARE CONTROL PLAN) are implemented, an economic crisis will result that will eclipse the Great Depression of the 1930’s.**

But would anyone read my book? Maybe! Maybe not, but Thomas Paine wrote “COMMON SENSE” in 1776 under even worse conditions. Somehow, “COMMON SENSE” was embraced by the Colonist and inspired the American Revolution. The achievement of Thomas Paine’s book is history. I suppose my chances of even approaching Mr. Paine’s success are slim and none, but for the sake of America and our posterity, I had to try.

After well over 3000 hours of writing and research, the “Common Sense Books”, “21ST CENTURY COMMON SENSE “ and the abridged version, “COMMON SENSE – THE WAY BACK” have been published. I have taken my best shot and all that is left is to try to get someone to read the books. Now it’s up to you.

Will you accept the “WANNABE PEERS” worthless promises of unearned wealth and security or will you demand the return of your freedom and prosperity?

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