

Liberalism and the Perversion of The Four Freedoms.

The Four Freedoms were goals articulated by US President Franklin D. Roosevelt on January 6, 1941 during his State of the Union address which became more popularly known as the “Four Freedoms” speech. He proposed four fundamental freedoms that people “everywhere in the world” ought to enjoy. They are:

Freedom of Speech and Expression

Freedom of Worship

Freedom from Want

Freedom from Fear



Two years later, American artist Norman Rockwell produced a series of four oil paintings for the Saturday Evening Post that encapsulated and embodied these “Four Freedoms. The series is illustrated in the above war poster.

In World War II, LtCol (later Brigadier General) Evans Carlson spoke these words over the graves of the marines in his unit who had fallen at Guadalcanal. "It is not given us to know the process by which certain of us are chosen for sacrifices while others remain. As I pondered the names of those we honor, it seems to me as if the most worthy among us are selected for separation in this way. These comrades of ours have given convincing proof of their determination, their courage, [sic] their sincerity. They also loved life, but when the time came to face the enemy they didn't flinch or hold back. What of the future for those of us who remain? Our course is clear, it is for us at this moment with the memory of the sacrifices of our brothers still fresh to dedicate again our hearts, our minds, and our bodies to the great task that lies ahead. And beyond that lies the mission of making certain that the social order which we bequeath to our sons and daughters is truly based on the four freedoms for which these men died. Any resolution less than this will spell the betrayal of the faith which these staunch comrades reposed in us."

Now back to today. A core function of our government is to insure these four freedoms truly are enjoyable by all Americans, regardless of the circumstances one is born into or the characteristics one is born with. Lifestyle choices one makes however, good or bad, do not fall into the same category and should not levy an adjustment by society or government to qualify one to fully enjoy the four freedoms. What I see occurring is our government enabling and our society adopting a perversion of the four freedoms.

First, Freedom of Speech and Expression...Just because one can burn the American flag, doesn't mean it's right. There's a lot of fruitcakes and artsy-fartsy people who believe freedom of speech and expression gives them the right to say (and in some cases do) anything without consideration of who it offends or hurts. These same ones say and express outrageous things for no other reason than to stir controversy. Everyone is entitled to their opinion, but I think one should at least consider how they'll be perceived before they say something controversial. I was raised to not say anything unless you had something good to say...and, as Forrest Gump says, "That's all I have to say about that".

Now, Freedom of Worship...we see a perversion of our 1st Amendment Separation of Church and State to remove all religious influence from government, when it was fundamentally designed to keep government influence out of religion. One only has to go to our Nation's Capital to see the obvious influence our creator had on our founding fathers and their belief in their creator. The sculpture and architecture is a testament to this, replete with biblical references, the Ten Commandments, and images of God, Man, and Angels. Now we see government at all levels removing these references, images, and architecture in an attempt to remove our creator as a cornerstone of daily life. This perversion has become the norm in public schools where it is now against the law to teach creationism. It has permeated into many of our churches who now teach it is more important to include everyone at the exclusion of any Godly standards or to stand up for what the bible teaches... by the way, which even in a completely secular interpretation, has provided the best guidance for man, spiritually, socially, and physically to date. I believe the lack of faith in God and in each other, along with the fundamental break-down of the family in our country, is a prime reason we're going in the direction we're headed...without a moral compass. Another example of the perversion of the Separation of Church and State is Obamacare. This abomination affords you the privilege of paying for medical procedures that you may be morally opposed to i.e., abortion and wait for it...it's coming...assisted suicide. In other words, employers are now breaking the law if they refuse to provide this type of health care to their employees...even though a company may be morally, ethically, or religiously opposed to such medical procedures. If that's not an example of government influence in religion I don't know what is!

Moving on to Freedom from Want...our society is more confused than ever on the difference between want and need. Unfortunately, a growing segment of our society doesn't need anything...especially a job (my ex-brother-in-law's been holding out for 8 years for a management position...). This is the same segment that wants everything, and wants those of us who are working to pay for it. Our government is moving in a socialist direction and Obamacare is again a prime example of the normalization of perversion of Freedom from Want. Obamacare or "universal health care for all Americans" is another word for "If you have a good paying job you get to pay your health care premiums and the privilege of paying for someone else's...often for those who make poor lifestyle choices." The common sense way I understand things is that; 1) the government works on taxes, 2) one should be required to pay taxes in order to get any benefits, 3) you can't spend more than you earn. Now, maybe I don't fully understand these principles, but it seems to me that our Federal government doesn't understand them at all! That is one reason why we are going broke as a nation, because there are too many takers, not enough givers, and Congress and the President controls the purse strings

without parental oversight. Note to Congress...IT IS NOT YOURS TO SPEND, IT IS OURS! I have a simple view on this called "You don't work...You don't eat". Continuing with this perversion is giving citizenship to the children of illegals born here. That logic is like saying my father got away with a bank robbery, has since died, and now I get to keep the money because it's my birthright...that's just about the dumbest thing I've ever heard. Citizenship-by-Birth Law was originally intended to benefit the children and heritage of legal immigrants...not illegals. Shame, shame, shame...We should put the statue of Liberty on a rotating pedestal, so she can spin upright right along with our founding fathers in their graves!

Finally, Freedom from Fear...and I'll cut right to the chase. My biggest fear is our Federal government, which has simply gotten too big for its britches. Government is accountable to serve us WE THE PEOPLE...not the other way around. WE THE PEOPLE are the ones who do the majority of the working, paying taxes, living, and dying in this country... the wealthy, beautiful people we send to DC should not be the ones running the show with their political posturing and self-serving interest. The federal government is getting way too invasive and controlling in our personal lives because our elected representatives are disconnected from reality in Washington DC. Once they go there, they don't want to leave because there are too many deals to make, too much power to be had, and too much money to stuff in their pockets. In other words, what my pappy used to call "good-old-fashioned greed". Many a fine politician has gone down the tubes by taking up long-term residence in DC. Don't get me wrong, there are still some good politicians in DC who really represent their constituency...but not many. So hold your elected officials accountable. Ask yourself, when is the last time your elected official took accountability for something they tried to get done, and didn't blame someone else when things went south. Now, I'll admit it's easier to hold local and state politicians accountable because they live with their constituency year round and it's easier to replace them if they turn out to be more interested in re-election than in serving those who elected them in the first place. Those in DC, on the other hand, are much harder to get rid of as they continually elevate themselves above the governed. I believe reasonable term limits at state and federal levels would go a long way to stop this self-serving buffoonery and bring some accountability back into politics. In other words, get the job done or get out! I've failed people from time to time and failed at things in my life but at least I've had enough conviction and sense to own up to it and let someone else accomplish those things. Specifically for voting, I'll tell you how I vote...if a politician's been in office more than two terms, I don't vote for them again. And while I'm on a roll, I think we should have a no-confidence check-box on every state and federal election ballot.

In closing, again consider the words of LtCol Carlson at Guadalcanal "...And beyond that lies the mission of making certain that the social order which we bequeath to our sons and daughters is truly based on the four freedoms for which these men died. Any resolution less than this will spell the betrayal of the faith which these staunch comrades reposed in us." The social order left to us is changing and not for the better...neither physically, socially, or spiritually. Physically... despite the wonders of modern medicine and the "benefits" of the information age, for the first time in our history our children have a life expectancy less than ours and our children's standard of living is also less than ours. Our social institutions...our churches, schools, and civic organizations are crumbling from a lack of moral fiber and Godly guidance. Our key spiritual institutions...church, family, and marriage have transformed from being the accepted norm to being abnormal, intolerant, and extremist. I still believe it is our mission to insure the social order we leave to our children is based on the four freedoms as originally envisioned...and it is time we take America back because I barely recognize our country anymore. We can only do that by first getting our priorities straight...God, family, and community; and second by ensuring we run our government, not the other way around. As Norman Rockwell put it...The Four Freedoms are OURS...to fight for.

Respectfully,

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