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Is The American Dream Lost?

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The American Dream has already been lost to many within 50% of the U.S. population that pays little-to-no income taxes. The American Dream will also disappear for the middle-to-upper classes if drastic changes are not made. To recapture the American Dream, we must first understand our inalienable rights:

1. All Americans have the inalienable right to self-defense and should be able to have the weapons of their choice to protect their lives, their family, and their property. **Individuals have the right to keep, carry, and bear arms without the Second Amendment; and, if the State denies this right, it should become responsible and financially liable to protect its' citizens, residents, and their property.**

2. Economic freedom is just as important to Americans as religious freedom, freedom of speech, freedom of the press, voting, etc. but, the power elites and branches of government have purposely reinterpreted the Constitution, granting government more and more power at the expense of individual freedom. **Without economic freedom, we are all slaves.**

3. **The income tax is a slave tax as understood by the Founders of the United States and there was no income tax while our Founders were alive.** The government created by the Founders in 1787 is best described by Thomas Jefferson, “. . . a wise and frugal government, which shall restrain men from injuring one another, which shall leave them otherwise free to regulate their own pursuits of industry and improvement, and shall not take from the mouth of labor the bread it has earned. This is the sum of good government, and this is necessary to close the circles of our felicities.” As explained by Thomas Jefferson, the Founders did not anticipate government regulation of economic activity nor a direct tax on labor, i.e., they considered an income tax on wages to be tantamount to slavery. In spite of the Bill of Rights—the first ten Amendments to the Constitution—being unchanged, Americans are saddled with extensive regulation with respect to their economic activity, along with a permanent and progressive income tax. Although the Sixteenth Amendment allows Congress to “lay and collect taxes on incomes, from whatever source derived,” it did not amend, modify, or replace the Fourth

Amendment (the right to be secure in one's papers and effects), or the Fifth Amendment (the right not to be compelled to be a witness against oneself). **Therefore, the administration and collection of the income tax is unconstitutional. However, do not stop filing your tax returns and paying your taxes; the IRS will destroy you if you do not follow the law as they understand it to be.** Instead, spread the word. The more people that understand this fraud perpetrated on the American public, the greater the likelihood a consumption or national sales tax will be strongly considered as a replacement for the income (slave) tax. **Forget the flat tax, it will still require enforcement by the IRS and violations of our 4th and 5th Amendment rights; and, it is still a slave tax whether flat or progressive.**

How did this happen? Our Founders started us on the road to individual freedom but, somewhere along the way, we Americans took the wrong turn and have reversed course. James Madison warned the Colonists that “. . . there are more instances of the abridgment of freedom of the people by gradual and silent encroachments of those in power than by violent and sudden usurpations.” Thomas Jefferson wrote, “The natural progress of things is for liberty to yield and government to gain ground.” Jefferson continued, “Experience hath shewn, that even under the best forms of government, those entrusted with power have, in time, and by slow operations, perverted it into tyranny.”

What better way to control the masses than by government-controlled compulsory schooling. The clergy, which controlled much of the education of the masses up through the 18th century, has been replaced by government-controlled compulsory schooling. **The new religion being taught is democracy and the need for greater government power to solve America's problems.**

Democracy has been described as two wolves and a lamb deciding what's for dinner; freedom is a well-armed lamb contesting the vote. Former President Ronald Reagan rightly stated, “Government is not the solution to our problem **government is the problem.**” Although the power-elites controlling government would like us to believe we live in a democracy, and that democracy is a good thing, **America was intended to be a Constitutional Republic,** with a limited government whose only responsibility was to protect the inalienable rights of individuals.

Understand your rights, educate those around you (family, friends & associates), be prepared for disasters (e.g., hurricanes, riots), become self-sufficient and financially independent; be able to get away from your home, if necessary, especially if you live in any major metropolitan area (New York, Chicago, St. Louis, etc.). If Americans become knowledgeable on these issues and wake up to the realization that big government is not the answer, we can begin to recapture the American Dream.