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Thomas Jefferson defined *rightful liberty* as "unobstructed action according to our will within limits drawn around us by the equal rights of others—I do not add 'within the limits of the law,' because law is often but the tyrant's will, and always so when it violates the right of an individual."

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April 15th – Extend the Day We Waive Our Rights

On April 15th, every United States citizen and resident, who has taxable income for 2018, is required to file their individual income tax return with the Internal Revenue Service (our version of the *Gestapo*), pay any taxes that still may be due, or, at the very least, request an extension of time to file it.

To minimize your chances of being randomly selected for an IRS audit, two things are required: (1) File Form 4868, if an individual, or Form 7004, if a business, which extends your return(s) until October 15, 2019 for individuals and September 16, 2019 for businesses: and, (2) mail a paper return, via certified mail, i.e., do not file your returns electronically. If you owe any taxes, make sure you include a check with your extension. Otherwise, you will be charged a penalty and interest from April 15th until the time of actual payment.

Unbeknownst to the average person, including most attorneys and accountants, when we file our tax returns and disclose the preponderance of information required, which keeps growing each, and every year, we are waiving our right to be secure in our papers and effects (4th Amendment) and our right not to be compelled to be a witness against ourselves (5th Amendment). And, to add insult-to-injury, we sign the return *under penalties of perjury*.

Real criminals (e.g., those that commit robbery and murder) are usually subject to less harsh punishment than taxpayers who use aggressive measures to protect their property. Real criminals receive a *Miranda* warning explaining their rights. We (taxpayers) are not explained our rights and are purposely lied to.

The U.S. individual income tax, as administered today, is unconstitutional. Read, *The U.S. Individual Income Tax is Incompatible with a Free Society*; it is available at www.jeffersoniangroup.com, Amazon.com, and Barnes & Noble. Please encourage family members, friends, neighbors, and associates to read and distribute copies of this book. As Supreme Court Justice Bradley stated, when declaring a tax law unconstitutional:

> . . . any compulsory discovery by extorting the party's oath, or compelling the production of his private books and papers, to convict him of crime, or to forfeit his property, is contrary to the principles of a free government. It is abhorrent to the instincts of an Englishman; it is abhorrent to the instincts of an American. It may suit the purposes of despotic power; but it cannot abide the pure atmosphere of political liberty and personal freedom.

Tax Reform does not work, will not get rid of the *gestapo tactics* used by the IRS, and, will only last until the next political party takes control of the country. We need a Tax Revolution—we must repeal the 16th Amendment to take the ability away from Congress to tax all incomes. Please go to our website, www.jeffersoniangroup.com and sign our petition to abolish the IRS.

In the meantime, you must play by the rules, maintain a low profile, take advantage of every loophole, and, avoid or minimize any contact with the U.S. Internal Revenue Service. Extending your tax returns to the last possible minute before filing, and, sending paper returns through the mail, will help minimize your chances of an IRS audit. You or your tax advisor may want to pick up a copy of *How To Prepare for, Control, and Successfully Survive an IRS Audit*, available through www.jeffersoniangroup.com, Amazon.com, and Barnes & Noble.

The Crypto Corner

As of this writing, Bitcoin is worth $4,099.37 per coin and Ethereum (ETH) $141.01; certainly, a far-cry from the highs in December 2017 when Bitcoin hit $20,000 per coin before falling back to $19,247. As most of you know, I do not own Bitcoin; wish I did back in 2008 through 2012 before it went over $10 per coin. I'm using the same strategy that the Bitcoin-Millionaires used, i.e., buy coins that are pennies on the dollar; when the market takes off again, like it did in 2017, the upside should be substantial while the downside risk amounts to only a few-hundred to a few-thousand dollars. **This is a speculative investment but, I can't remember a time in the past 40-plus years when an average person,** not an accredited investor, **could get in on the ground floor for as little as $200… unheard of!**

Eight of the ten coins I have bought were well under one-dollar per coin; and, two around three-dollars per coin. I also have Ethereum (ETH), which is now around $140 per coin, because this coin is what I use to purchase all the other coins.

My favorite coin is Stellar Lumens (XLM). At the current price per coin of $0.107761, you can purchase 1,850 coins for just under $200. If the price were to rise or increase like it did in 2017, your $200 would be worth $28,882.

The other nine coins that I like can be found on page 4 of our previous newsletter, Issue: 20-2018, which is available for free on our website, www.jeffersoniangroup.com.

I would strongly encourage everyone to take advantage of the greatest opportunity that has come around in our lifetimes. Please read, *Unlock the 4-Doors to Financial Independence*, Chapter IV., available from Amazon.com for $4.99. Also, go to our website, www.JeffersonianGroup.com, and read the last several blogs and previous newsletters for complete details.

Since our last newsletter, Stellar Lumens (XLM) is now listed on Coinbase Pro and will ultimately be traded on Coinbase; this should increase the value per coin. In Switzerland, they just launched an exchange traded fund which can be bought through a regular stock account and includes Bitcoin, Ethereum, Litecoin, Bitcoin Cash, and Ripple. In the U.S., the SEC has stated that Bitcoin and Ethereum are not securities; and, Fidelity, the large mutual fund family, is launching an institutional custodian solutions project early next year. Once crypto-currencies become securely and easily traded in the United States, through vehicles like Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs), the value of many Crypto coins will rise exponentially.

Remember, you should **only use money** for crypto-currencies, **that you feel comfortable losing**. If you keep your commitment low, your upside may be substantial, while your downside is minimal.

If you can only afford to buy one coin, XLM is our favorite; just sacrifice a nice dinner out with your family and buy 1,850 coins for under $200.

A Winning Strategy When Stocks Decline

If you invest in great businesses (DRIPs) that pay and raise their dividends each, and every year for at least 25-years, you can take advantage of the principles of "compound interest," which Einstein believed was "the eighth wonder of the world." Here's why.

By purchasing DRIPs, even one-time, for $10,000 yielding 5% at the time of purchase; and, the DRIPs raise their annual dividend payments by 10% every year for 30-years, you'd have $5,428,527 from your original investment of $10,000. The dividend payments in the 31st year would be $4,305,661. By the end of the first quarter of the 32nd year, you'd have over $10,000,000 without regard to any increase in the share price.

Now granted, 30-years may seem like a long time. But, consider if you start investing in the right DRIPs when you are 20 years old; by the time you reach 50, you just might have created your own annuity of DRIPs paying you over $4-million per year, which will keep rising each, and every year thereafter.

These **Dividend Champions**, DRIPs that have paid and raised their dividends for 25-years and longer, **have continued to pay and raise their dividends during recessions, depressions, wars, and stock market declines**. As a result, DRIP investors benefit significantly when the stock market declines because the dividends purchase more shares at less cost, plus, the dividend yields rise making it much more profitable to invest new money in these great businesses. **For most people, this is a difficult concept to understand.** It goes against everything Wall Street and the financial planning community write and talk about… why… because if you buy DRIPs, the financial planning community does not make any money from you!

Let's try to make this a little easier. As of February 28, 2019, there were 133 Dividend Champions, which averaged 39.4 years of paying and raising dividends; that would bring us back to 1980. Since 1980, there were four periods of major stock market declines: (1) November 1980-to-August 1982, the S&P 500 lost 27.8% over 22-months; (2) August 1987-to-December 1987, the S&P 500 lost 33.5%; (3) March 2000-to-October 2002, the S&P 500 lost 49.1% over a 30-month period; and, (4) October 2007-to-March 2009, the S&P 500 lost 56.4%.

Had you invested in Dividend Champions before November 1980, your stock value may have declined by 27.8%, the amount of your quarterly and annual dividend payments would have stayed the same and continued to increase each year regardless of the change in the stock price. Let's say your dividend yield was 3% when you purchased your DRIPs; if the DRIPs declined in value by almost 28%, the yield would have increased from 3% to almost 4.2%. So, the dividends reinvested would be purchasing more shares with a yield of almost 4.2% rather than the original yield of 3%.

During market declines, you not only reinvest your dividends to get higher yields, it is highly beneficial to invest more new capital during periods of stock market declines at greater yields that approach and exceed 5%. Remember the miracles of compound interest that are created over time!

Many of the DRIPs we recommend have paid and raised their dividends for much longer than 25-to-39.4 years. To name just a few: Coca-Cola (KO) 57-years; McDonald's (MCD) 43-years; Wal-Mart (WMT) 46-years; 3M (MMM) 61-years; Target (TGT) 51-years; Kimberly-Clark (KMB) 47-years; Johnson & Johnson (JNJ) 56-years.

Any person, at any age, can do this on their own. Don't let Wall Street delay or ruin your dreams; and please, stop paying for your Financial Planner's vacations. You can do this yourself!

Continue reading and get started now!

Great Businesses to Buy Now

To become and STAY financially independent, you only need to do three things: (1) Pay yourself first; (2) live below your means; and (3) invest in DRIP's using *Einstein 's Theory of Compound Interest*. Even if you became a multi-millionaire speculating in crypto-currencies, statistically, you would be bankrupt within 5-years, if you did not follow the three principles outlined above. For further details, please read *The Best Kept Secret To Financial Freedom* and/or *Unlock The 4-Doors To Financial Independence*; both are available through our website, www.jeffersoniangroup.com and Amazon.com. For all of you who purchased our books, we thank you; and, would appreciate it if you gave us a review!

Of the 12 Great Businesses that we believe should be in everyone's portfolio, the following *U.S. Dividend Champions/Aristocrats* (paid and raised dividends for at least 25-years) meet our parameters and are current buys:

1. Exxon Mobil Corp (XOM) - $80.23, yield = 4.08%, Paid & Raised Dividends for 35-years
2. Coca-Cola Company (KO) - $46.54, yield = 3.43%, Paid & Raised Dividends for 57-years
3. McDonald's Corp (MCD) - $188.26, yield =2.47%, Paid & Raised Dividends for 43-years, on average by 20.1% per year!

The following additional *U.S. Dividend Champions* are also good buys right now:

1. Kimberly-Clark Corp (KMB) - $124.10, yield = 3.34%, Paid & Raised Dividends 47-years
2. PepsiCo Inc. (PEP) - $121.74, yield = 3.04%, Paid & Raised Dividends 44-years
3. Target Corp (TGT) - $80.34, yield = 3.21%, Paid & Raised Dividends 51-years
4. Archer Daniels Midland (ADM) - $42.47, yield = 3.29%, Paid & Raised Dividends 42-years
5. Walgreen Boots Alliance (WBA) - $62.62, yield = 2.83%, Paid & Raised 42-years
6. Computer Services Inc (CSVI) - $57.75, yield = 2.53%, Paid & Raised 47-years on average by 15.1% per year!

Contenders are companies that have paid and raised their dividends for 10-to-24 years. The following *Contenders* are priced right for acquisition:

1. General Mills (GIS) - $51.27, yield = 3.82%, Paid & Raised Dividends for 14-years
2. Int'l Business Machines (**IBM**) - $139.53, yield = **4.51%**, Paid & Raised 21-years
3. Lockheed Martin (LMT) - $294.41, yield = 2.99%, Paid & Raised 14-years on average 18.4% per year!
4. Omega Healthcare Investors (OHI) - $37.69, yield = 7.03%, Paid & Raised 15-years
5. Qualcomm Inc. (QCOM) - $56.52, yield = 4.36%, Paid & Raised Dividends 14-years

6. Enterprise Products Partners (EPD) - $28.73, yield = 6.07%, Paid & Raised 20-years
7. Cardinal Health Inc (CAH) - $47.72, yield = 3.96%, Paid and Raised 10-years on average 22.7% per year!
8. Cracker Barrel Old Country (CBRL) - $161.68, yield = 3.09%, Paid & Raised 16-years on average 22.9% per year!

The next category of dividend payers are *Challengers*, which have paid and raised their dividends for 5-to-9 years. In today's market, we like the following companies:

- AbbVie Inc (ABBV) - $80.04, yield = 5.36%, Paid & Raised 6-years
- Las Vegas Sands Corp (LVS) - $60.14, yield = 5.11%, Paid and Raised 7-years on average 23.9%!

Another important criteria we use to select our stocks is the average annual increase in the dividends paid each year, i.e., it is not enough that a Dividend Aristocrat—an S&P 500 Company that has paid and raised its dividend for at least 25-years—has consistently paid and raised its annual dividend, **it must also have raised it by 8%-to-10% or more per year**. For example, many advisors, who favor dividend-paying stocks, recommend AT&T because it is a U.S. Dividend Champion/Aristocrat paying a current dividend of over 5%. However, its average annual increase has only been about 4%. In 25-years, a stock that yields 3% and increases its dividend by 10% per year, will have an annual dividend greater than the original investment of approximately 350%. Whereas, AT&T acquired with a yield of 5.42%, which increases by 4% per year, would only have a dividend payable of much less than the original investment equal to about 21%.

To take full advantage of *Einstein's Theory of Compound Interest* and become financially independent in 10-to-15 years, you must acquire DRIP's that raise their annual dividends by 8%-to-10% or more per year. Our portfolio of 38 DRIP's, on average, increase their annual dividends by more than 10% each year.

How to Implement This Program:

Our recommended portfolio now includes 38 DRIP stocks; if 100 shares of each were purchased today, it would cost approximately $372,000. If you have investment capital of $500,000 or more, it would be appropriate to purchase 100 shares of each of these stocks… if interested, send us an email and request our complete listing.

If you have at least 100 shares of all 38 DRIP stocks, you should add the ones listed above with annual dividend yields of 3% or greater at the time of purchase.

By the time you get this newsletter, the prices will have changed but, you should buy the companies you desire, assuming the dividend yield at the time of your purchase is above or near 3.00%.

Some of you may already own many of these stocks; feel free to add to them. First purchase the stocks you own less of. Some of you may not own any of these great businesses. Some of you may have $100,000 to invest while others may only have $1,000. Using a discount broker (e.g., E*TRADE, Schwab, TD Ameritrade, Fidelity, etc.), whether you buy 10 shares or 1,000 shares, the brokerage fees will be less than ten dollars! In addition, **once you acquire any of these DRIP's, you should instruct your discount broker to automatically reinvest the dividends**. The reinvested dividends should be done with no additional cost.

If you are just starting this investment program, first acquire the three *U.S. Dividend Champions/Aristocrats* that we have recommended for everyone's portfolio, i.e., XOM, KO, and MCD. The order of our listing has nothing to do with one company being better than the others; they are all great businesses! If you have enough investment capital to invest in all three, 20-to-100 shares of each, then you should consider doing so. Your goal would be to acquire 100 shares of each of these three *U.S. Dividend Champions/Aristocrats* before moving on to any of the other recommendations.

If you only have $1,000 to invest, buy 20 shares of Coca-Cola (KO); then buy more shares the next month; or, pick any other great business listed as *U.S. Dividend Champions* that you personally like; they are all great companies that have paid and raised their dividends for more than 25-years. As an alternative, you might select one-to-three stocks to acquire each month.

Start investing in these great businesses… NOW!

Remember, the only way to become financially independent, assuming you do not win the lottery or strike it rich speculating in crypto-currencies, is to acquire assets (e.g., DRIP's) that pay you enough passive income to cover and exceed your lifestyle expenses. Even if you are lucky and become a multi-millionaire overnight, you will need to invest in DRIP's to maintain your financial independence.

W**hen you buy a DRIP, you are buying it for life**. At some point in the future, you will no longer reinvest ALL the dividends; you will live off the dividends.

Take Politics Out of the Supreme Court and Restore Freedom

Many important opinions have been 5-to-4 split decisions. If nine of the best legal experts in our country cannot agree on what a statute or regulation means, how are average Americans to understand the law?!

Chief Justice John Roberts stated, "my job is to call balls and strikes." No, it's not! NOT in a Free Republic! Unlike the current Chief Justice's misunderstanding of his responsibilities, Justice Bradley understood, "It is the duty of courts to be watchful for the constitutional rights of the citizens, and against any stealthy encroachments [by Congress and Government]."

Take Politics Out of the Supreme Court and Restore Freedom is our new book, which identifies three simple rule changes that just might begin the process of restoring freedom for ALL Americans. It is available on Amazon.com; $4.99 for Kindle or eBook; and, $9.99 for the paperback version. Please support our efforts, buy a copy and give us a review… thank you in advance!

Make Every Vote Count Leads to Revolution

Since President Trump lost the popular vote, Democrats are calling for the abolishment of the Electoral College where President Trump swept to victory 304-to-234 electoral votes! Hillary Clinton's popular vote lead was at least 1.25-million, which included her popular vote lead in California alone of 3.1-million. Without California's popular vote totals, Trump led the rest of the states combined by more than 1.87-milliom popular votes; Trump also led in the swing states by 874,079 votes. Only one state, California, was responsible for Clinton's popular vote lead!

So, this idea that the President should be elected by popular vote, thus making every vote count, is ridiculous; 45-to-48 States would be ignored. Presidential candidates would use their resources and only campaign in just a couple of states, mostly California and New York. According to President Trump, if the election were based on the total popular vote, "I would have campaigned in New York, Florida and California and won even bigger and more easily." Maybe… maybe not…

Our Founders and Framers of the Constitution were extraordinarily intelligent individuals; they created the Electoral College so that all States would be represented, not just a few. In addition, they created other checks and balances so that politicians elected to office would have little-to-no impact on our daily lives. Unfortunately, we failed to heed Jefferson's warning:

> “The tree of liberty must be refreshed from time to time with the blood of patriots and tyrants. It is its natural manure.”

According to Jefferson, because of human nature, in order to keep government in check, we needed a revolution about every 20-years. That hasn’t happened, and, because of compulsory schooling and indoctrination, we have experienced the dumbing-down of the American people. Instead of the Constitutional Republic handed down to us by the Founders, based upon freedom and responsibility, we now have a new religion, Democracy. Americans can now participant in the plunder of their fellow-citizens using their right to vote and running for political office.

Therefore, the real problem with our voting system is that, the majority of today’s voters lack understanding, and, have no skin in the game. As explained by H.L. Mencken:

> “The state, or, to make matters more concrete, the government, consists of a gang of men exactly like you and me. They have . . . no special talent for the business of government; they have only a talent for getting and holding office. Their principal device to that end is to search out groups who pant and pine for something they can’t get, and to promise to give it to them. Nine times out of ten that promise is worth nothing. The tenth time is made good by looting “A” to satisfy “B”. In other words, government is a broker in pillage, and every election is a sort of advanced auction of stolen goods.”

For the first 100-years after the ratification of the Constitution, no other nation on Earth had such a limited government. The American people could experience true freedom or liberty without government interference (regulation) and taxation.[2] We have lost this liberty and have ended up as Mencken described above.

How can we reduce the power and size of government and begin the process of restoring freedom? Instead of eliminating the Electoral College, maybe we should consider other voting restrictions before someone may vote. Not only should every voter be a U.S. citizen, they should have historical knowledge, have a belief in “rightful liberty,” and, have skin in the game.

In the early days, most States, if not all, restricted the right to vote to property owners. Why? Because property owners paid the taxes! Today, over 43% of the U.S. population pays no federal income taxes; why should these people, with no skin in the game, be allowed to vote to take away and redistribute property from the productive class to themselves! A better approach is to only allow people that have jobs and/or property and pay taxes the right to vote.

[2] From 1776 through1865, 15% of the population was enslaved for 89-years; the Founders and Framers weren’t perfect but, they put us on the right track towards freedom. We let our guard down and are losing it…

In order to become a citizen of our great Nation, a test is administered and must be passed. Since the right to vote is so important today, a similar test should be administered and passed before someone is allowed the right to vote. Just as important, anyone that desires to vote ought to swear an oath to uphold the Constitution; and, believe that "all Men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness . . ."

Why would any American, who believes in freedom and not slavery, allow people to vote who want to change what the United States of America stands for?

We are a Republic, but, the power-elites that control government and our compulsory schooling and indoctrination system, now "K through Ph.D.", have converted us to a democracy.

Aristotle described democracy as a perversion of constitutional government and tyranny by the many, ultimately leading to revolution. History has proven him right.

Throughout history, the average lifespan for every Empire has been 250-years before it imploded. We, the United States of America, are only 7-years away from that ominous moment in time. Will we wake up before it is too late?

Dum Spiro, spero—While I breathe, I hope.

Slainte mhath,

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