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### Why Attack the Republicans?

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I just read Allen West's post at 9:01am June 15, 2017 in which he summarized and discussed the politically motivated attack on Republican Legislators practicing for a charity baseball game this evening (June 15, 2017). Mr. West's "biggest concern . . . is the question NO ONE is prepared to answer . . ."

"What we must come to grips with is why would Mr. Hodgkinson [—a 66-year old from Belleville, Illinois, who worked for Bernie Sanders campaign, hater of Donald Trump and all Republicans—] decide that it was his duty to take the lives of those with whom he disagreed politically?" Let me present my view of this unconscionable act.

When the "progressive socialist left," which includes many in Government, Hollywood, Academia, and the Elite Media, disagree with the policies of President Trump, the Republicans, and those who support them, they attack and demonize the respective individuals as outlined in Saul D. Alinsky's *Rules for Radicals*. Instead of debating those they dislike and offering better solutions, they call them deplorable names, try to limit their access to the public through the major media, and keep them from speaking at our elite Universities.

Unfortunately, the "progressive socialist left" have taken over our education system and through compulsory-schooling from K through 12th grade, such indoctrination has arrived at, and, taken over our institutions of higher learning. In the name of the First Amendment, many progressive professors have incited their students to protest and violate the free speech of conservatives and libertarians, assault others they disagree with, interfere with commerce, and destroy property. They have sowed the seeds of anarchy, which has likewise been done to Mr. Hodgkinson of Belleville.

Because of this compulsory indoctrination, the Republic of the United States—with limited government and inalienable rights—has been converted to a Democratic Socialist Welfare State. Aristotle referred to democracy as a perverted form of government and defined it as tyranny by the many. Dr. Will Durant stated that democracy is now taking its turn in the

misgovernment of mankind. If democracy actually worked, we would all be speaking Greek today.

Socialism has never worked either. The former Soviet Union (U.S.S.R.) imploded in 1989 after a 70 year experiment in socialism. Do you really want to live in Cuba or North Korea? And, look what is happening in Venezuela today.

The problem with the Social-Welfare State is that once you start giving the masses free-stuff, it is never enough; they continue to want more and more. As the late Margaret Thatcher stated, “The trouble with socialism is that eventually you run out of other people’s money.”

All great empires have self-destructed from within, on average, in 250 years. If we continue down this same path, the United States government will implode in about 9 years from now in 2026. This path to self-destruction began roughly 104 years ago in 1913 with the passage of the Sixteenth and Seventeenth Amendments and the Federal Reserve Act. The Sixteenth Amendment gave Congress the right to tax all incomes, ultimately turning every U.S. taxpaying citizen and resident into slaves to those in charge of government. The Seventeenth Amendment took power away from the individual states by eliminating the State Legislature’s power to appoint U.S. Senators. And, the Federal Reserve Act created the central bank giving Congress the ability to institute a hidden tax on Americans in the form of the federal debt closing in on \$20-trillion on a cash basis but, more like \$200-trillion if the federal government had to keep its books on the accrual method, similar to all publicly-traded corporations, e.g., The Coca-Cola Company.

Former President Ronald Reagan once stated, “Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction.” We lost our freedom several generations ago; similar to a frog put in a pot of cold water with the heat rising so slowly until it is boiled to death. To clarify this disaster, you might want to read my new book, *The United States Government is Illegitimate*, which is now available through [www.jeffersoniangroup.com](http://www.jeffersoniangroup.com).

To avoid this prophecy of self-destruction by the end of the next decade, or hopefully delay it, two things need to happen in the very near future. First, limit the funding of the federal government by REPEALING the Sixteenth Amendment; and, get rid of our current compulsory schooling-indoctrination system. We must begin teaching our children what real freedom is as defined by Thomas Jefferson, “unobstructed action according to our will within limits drawn around us by the equal rights of others,” e.g., we have no right to demand others pay for our education or our healthcare or housing or food or anything else, period. And, we must encourage responsible self-reliant behavior, where going to school is deemed a privilege, not a requirement.

Dum spiro, spero—While I breathe I hope.

Slainte mhath,

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