

Freedom

What is freedom? Are Americans truly free, or do we live in an illusionary paradox that suggests and promotes the idea that all Americans have freedom and liberties? Although freedom is a broad term and requires definition, the money system and the laws that govern money are the fundamental issues controlling and regulating our freedom. Money provides us with the freedom to do just about anything we desire in our world. With money, you can live well, feed your family well, provide unlimited healthcare for your family, live where you want and with whom you want, and purchase what you want whenever you want. Whether you agree or not, the freedom that comes with having money is endless and certain.

If you take a step back and really look at our world, then it becomes obvious that we are not free but, in fact, enslaved into a system of debt and control. Animals have more freedom than people. They migrate

without permits, they live without taxes, and they don't register their newborn babies. Animals are free to be, do, and evolve without restriction. People, on the other hand, have become prisoners by design in our own world controlled by borders, laws, regulation, licensing, permitting, money, and conformity, to name just a few.

The general population seems to have the perception, and rightly so, that government is an overpowering separate untouchable force that is somehow outside of our control and separate from the people of the country. And in many ways this is true. There is a big elephant in the room, and no one wants to piss it off. The big elephant quandary is primarily because over the years we have come to rely on the government to regulate and to be responsible for just about every aspect of our lives, like policing, our legal system, healthcare, domestic water, natural resources, military protection, permits, infrastructure, and more. The list is endless, but generally the overall management of the country's affairs is placed in the hands of the government. All of those things that make our countries operate smoothly we have assigned the government's responsibility in hopes that they will look after our best interests. The fact is, every time we decided that an issue or problem was not our responsibility and pushed it onto the government's shoulders, we lost just a little bit more control of our freedom and our liberties.

As an example, 60 years ago you didn't need a

driver's license in Canada to operate a vehicle. If your parents thought you were big enough and responsible enough to drive, then you drove, no questions asked. As little as 20 years ago, if you were a hunter or gun enthusiast, you could saddle your rifle in the back window of your truck, drive around town, and never give it a second thought. Today if you tried that, you would be pulled over by a SWAT team and ushered off to jail for a firearms offense; or if, God forbid, you had dark skin or a middle eastern look, you might be labeled as a potential terrorist and secretly contained in some unknown location like Guantanamo Bay with no phone call or chance to have legal counsel. Every time we bitched and complained about something and the government was asked to regulate it, they complied by managing it, taxing it, and controlling it.

"Freedom is the will to be responsible for ourselves"
Friedrich Nietzsche (1844-1900)

Outside of the years of transferring the responsibility to the government, we have also seen the multinational corporations push their corporate agendas in the political arena and now deeply influence and control government's decision-making. In addition, corrupt executives run for office to support large corporate interests. A good example would be the George Bush Jr. administration, as they were mostly executives from Halliburton. Lawyers, who often

become our Members of Parliament, understand the legal system and change laws to suit their own needs to support the large corporate agendas. In the United States, politicians, whether Democrat or Republican, are generally transparent with their illegal actions of fraud and corporate theft. There have been countless scandals of political corruption, and in light of this illicit activity, there has been nothing more than a slap on the hand by the legal system. Canadian politicians are similar in nature, although they are more in the closet with corruption and corporate handshakes. Politicians, who may start out with good intentions, often become empowered and are morally changed with the promise of wealth and political power. They succumb to the if you can't beat 'em, join 'em theory.

The love of money and power have become the driving force behind the laws that have been ultimately created to reduce our freedoms and liberties in the country.

The fact is, "we the people" are the government we are what makes up this country. It's your neighbor down the street who works for the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries, or Defense, or one of the many divisions of government that is running your country, not some mystical unknown entity that you assigned power to. We all need to remember that the Government is made up of mostly normal people. The remaining balance of people within the government are deeply corrupt by self-motivation for power, money,

and clearly support the ever growing Fascist movement.

The concept of citizenship as a person living in our country is defined something like this: "The state of being vested with the rights, privileges, and duties of a citizen." Americans not only are vested with the rights, privileges, and duties of a citizen, but they are "the country." The people are the country, not the government, and certainly not the corporations. Without people, there is no government. Without people, there are no boundaries, borders, or regulations, just the raw land called earth. Only nature understands the value and true function of freedom on this planet. Mankind, on the other hand, can't see the forest for the trees.

Missing the Big Picture

The tragic part of our system of control and regulation is that our earth is a celestial body of mixed minerals and elements combined together, forming a planet that we call Earth, whirling through space like billions and billions of other planets in the universe. This Third Rock from the Sun is a part of some huge cosmic dance, and we the inhabitants of this little planet are remarkably controlled, regulated, and confined by our imaginary borders in the largest free system of life that will ever exist, as far as we know. The fact that we are controlled and regulated is tragic. The fact that mankind is not smart enough to embrace our very existence and is unable to create harmony on this planet speaks volumes to our dim future, lack of intelligence, and lack of true understanding of how special our world is in the cosmos.

Imagine for a moment -- and this is where the eye rolling starts when the following concept is discussed -- that American people own and actually control the country they live in and not the government or corporations. All Americans, or any citizen of any country for that matter, should be provided with free shelter, free education, free public transportation, free

healthcare, and freedom to do as they wish to do within reasonable confinements of the law or some form of common sense. Before you throw this book out the window or use it for firewood, remember that we the people are the country. *Without people, there is no country.* The reality is without people planet Earth is nothing more than one of the trillions of plants hurling through space without intelligent life.

So how is it possible to have free shelter, free education, healthcare, and more? Well, to start, if the citizens of a country owned all the natural resources like the oil, natural gas, precious metals, lumber, and shared in all the profits from the sales of the country's assets, then there would not be any poverty, homelessness, or crime. It should be every citizen's right to have a home. It's no different than your children or you as a child. You provide for your family, and you support your family, or your family has supported you in the past.

Our Earth, the motherland as we fondly like to call it, should be just that, the motherland providing for its family not for corporations or profit taking. And, no, I'm not alluding to a world of a communist system. I'm referring to basic fundamental stewardship of our land as natural inhabitants. The concept could be considered anarchy but should be characterized as direct democracy or pure democracy, where the people collectively make decisions for themselves rather than having their political affairs decided by elected representatives.

Poverty or the lack of support in our system today promotes disharmony and violence from people desperate to make change. Most, if not all, issues dealt with by the legal system are issues resulting from the fear of scarcity and/or the lack of something like basic needs. That something is most often rooted in the issue of money or a lack of it. A friend of mine, who is a police officer with the RCMP, told me, "Most people are incarcerated because they have no love or too much love in their life." Criminal activity, at its core, is perceived as non-conforming to society's standards of what is considered acceptable behavior. It is believed that when a person deviates from this norm, there is a mental behavioral issue or mental illness at play. Mental illness in individuals often stems or manifests itself from the mental illness of other family members or friends. The negative impact of outside influences often start early in a person's life. The impact of early childhood abuse often manifests its ugly head at some point in the mind of the victim as drug addiction, alcohol abuse, sexual abuse, or other forms of criminal activity. The illness is expressed in the act of murder, theft, drug or alcohol abuse, and so on. Although money is not the answer to fighting crime, abundance, nurturing, and harmony are an excellent start to its elimination. There are many studies surrounding the question of what causes crime, but clearly the higher the unemployment rate goes up, the higher the crime rates

increase. One study suggested that for every 1% that unemployment increases, crime goes up 6%. It doesn't take a rocket scientist to realize that when people are desperate, they will do whatever is necessary to feed their family, get a fix, or move forward in life.

The most common rebuttal to the concept of equal wealth distribution and sharing of the country's wealth is, How about the lazy bastards out there? How is it possibly fair to give them everything as they contribute nothing to society? If you gave people a free home, free transportation, free education, and free healthcare no one would be motivated to work, as they have everything; and if they had everything, who would do the work?

Those are all valid questions, but they underestimate the power of the human spirit. Yes, there will always be the lazy bastards out there; and, yes, one in five Americans now have some form of mental illness. But that's part of the human experience, being individual and unique as a person. But imagine the freedom of your mind when you have no debt. Imagine what it is like to wake up in the morning and do exactly what you want to do. How many people do you know, including yourself, that would have loved to become a doctor, or an ornithologist, or an astronaut, a painter, an engineer, an explorer, or whatever, but never became that person because they couldn't afford the high cost of college or university? I can't even imagine how many talented people exist around the world that

could have contributed to a new life-saving medical technology or made a better mousetrap but who will never contribute simply because they never had the financial opportunity. Just because you're born into wealth certainly doesn't make you smarter than anyone else. Money only provides wealthy people with the resources to properly stimulate the growth of the mind. Many of the working middle class and poor could change the world given an equal opportunity to contribute to society. Because of our individuality, not all of us would like to be a doctor, lawyer, or astronaut, but would be just as happy being a care worker, janitor, mechanic, plumber, or many other roles. The fact is, with the freedom to become what you are best suited for or love to do, over time the world would have virtually no crime, more harmony, and less mental illness. Working would become a passion and not just a job. Productivity in the work force would increase substantially.

If you're not too keen on the idea of shared wealth distribution then you may at least like the idea of interest-free loans. In the early 1980s, I worked for Luscar Sterco Ltd., a coal mining company in Alberta, Canada. If you were an employee of the company for more than one year, you could qualify for an interest-free loan up to \$20,000. At the time the average home price in Alberta was around \$50,000 - \$80,000 depending on your tastes and budget. Regardless of the housing prices at the time, the company supported its

employees by offering an interest-free loan with a repayment plan that suited your budget. All kidding aside, they offered the loan to the employees as an incentive to attract and keep employees, but, regardless, the interest free loan was a huge success and certainly helped out all of the employees that took advantage of the offer. The company could see the value in supporting its employees financially.

If our government provided all residents or families of the country with an interest-free loan that was based on the average home value, this alone would have a huge impact on the economic outcome of most, if not all, citizens as they approached the retirement years. Lets examine what this would look like. In late 2010, the average home price in Canada was around \$331,000. A resident of Canada would apply to the government for a loan of that value. The loan would be granted and made repayable over 20 years at \$1,379.00 per month with no penalty for early buyout. All of the same requirements could apply regarding non-payment, late payment, and so forth, as the loan would be required to be repaid. If a resident would like to purchase a larger home, they would need to qualify for the loan just like any other loan. Although there are numerous details to work out, the concept would be a very effective way to help residents of the country purchase a home and accelerate the ownership of the home. The hundreds of thousands of dollars paid that would have been in interest to the bank could instead

be diverted to more important needs, like education, retirement savings, and purchasing of other goods and services to help stimulate the economy. Over time as people became more financially stable, they would be able to save more money for their retirement and, with the additional capital not being paid as interest charges, would be able to spend or have more money to buy the non-essentials, like the extra car, a new sound system and piles of other stuff they don't need.

As a bonus, the government would have a steady stream of additional money flowing in every month to cover its ongoing costs of running the nation. I realize that the ongoing revenue from loans is really just like a ponzi scheme, -- but it can't be any worse than the function of the fiat money system, printing endless money when Americans never really see any positive results other than huge, unmanageable debt.

Should a person require a new vehicle or any non-essential items, then they would seek funding at the domestic banks and pay whatever interest rate was marketed at the time. Local banks would no longer be involved in the housing market but only in the chattel marketplace. Removing or disenfranchising the banks from the mortgage-lending business would help provide Canadians and Americans with a better opportunity to acquire wealth and would reduce the high percentage of debt load.

At the risk of sounding like a broken record, as a Canadian or an American, remember that you are a

person that owns this country, and you should have the right to all the benefits of the country. Who the hell and what the hell are we waiting for? When will mankind be smart enough to say, This is enough. Stop feeding all of our countries' wealth to the very few super elites while depriving the masses of their rights and freedoms. Life is not about who is rich and who is poor, who is better and who is worse. The question is, Were people intended to be born on the Earth and enslaved in a system of debt, control, and regulation? I don't think so, as the world is biologically a free democracy in action. People are a biological organism born from the very soul of our chance existence to be free and without borders. The fact that we are even here on Earth is an exceptional biological achievement, one that we rarely stop to recognize.

How much is too much? The question is, How much wealth and/or power does one family need? Anyone that is capable of allowing the children of the world to go hungry, loved ones to die because of lack of shelter, water, or healthcare, must be an inbred. It completely eludes my mind how people with this much power and money do nothing but collect the cash and say, Fuck the rest of mankind. At what point will this insanity end? The concept of the rat race is very real. It isn't simply a concept, but more our reality. We are all living in the same cage, running the same wheel. The solution is fundamentally simple: Americans must take control of their money by restructuring the banking

system and place it in the hands of the country and not the wealthy. Unfortunately the process of wealth distribution will require several generations of rethinking and new young minds to understand how we must treat and respect our own species and the world at large. It will also require courage and leadership to challenge the system. For you religious folk, the crimes against humanity that have been perpetrated in our countries over the past 100 years from the banking cartel is biblical in proportion, to say the least. Mankind, who is apparently the smartest creature on Earth, is truly the farthest from intelligent. Before we ever see change, we must recognize the value of humanity and our special circumstances within the cosmos. Recognizing our value is the only way we can begin to develop a stable, prosperous society, because without it, there is no hope for our future.