

# Fix It, Damn It!

## Preface:

*This short essay is an opinion piece and I take responsibility for what is written here. You may or may not agree with some or all of my thoughts and suggested actions. That's fine. You have as much a right as I do to decide for yourself and to suggest your own actions.*

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Well! We all really allowed it to happen, didn't we? Our country is in decline financially and morally and it is our collective fault, because we have not fulfilled our responsibility as citizens. Instead we have looked the other way and enabled our elected officials to go unchecked as they have failed to be good leaders and shepherds. We have not insisted that they solve problems instead of making them worse, or at best avoiding real solutions and merely "kicking the can down the road". It appears they behave this way in order to not upset any interest group for the express purpose of continuing to make false promises and get re-elected so they can continue feeding at the public trough at taxpayer expense.

This country was founded because so many of our ancestors left England and Europe to find a place where freedom would ring out like a clarion call to all who were oppressed and all who wanted a chance to start over and rely on their own talents and abilities to make a good life for themselves and their progeny. You, yes you the uninformed, low-information, manipulated-by-the liberal-media voter, along with those of us who claim to be informed and politically astute, have f#\*d it up! We all have let 535 self-serving politicians and a corrupt presidential administration lead us by the nose to benefit only themselves and their personal and political interests. It is because of us (that's right, every blasted one of us) that America is in the situation we find it today.

All of us have allowed a media that has been corrupted, or if you choose, indoctrinated, to not perform their journalistic responsibility to present a fact-based report on current events, while the politicians have manipulated the news to keep us all in the dark. The complicity of the lame-stream media has reached a point where they don't even recognize how much they have forsaken their calling.

So, let me summarize. We are being manipulated and led around by the proverbial nose to accept that, and only that, which they **want** us to know. DO WE NOT UNDERSTAND? WE ARE BEING INDOCTRINATED BY THE LAME-STREAM MEDIA, JUST AS THE PEOPLE OF GERMANY WERE UNDER GOEBBELS DURING THE REIGN OF HITLER! Shit! Goebbels would tip his hat to our current journalistic media. Has the term "In the Tank" ever had such relevancy?

Over the past 70 years or more, America has been subjected to the most secretive and stealthy takeover of the values which made this the greatest country in the history of civilization. It began in earnest in the late 50's and 60's with the takeover over our university educational establishments by socialist sympathizers who covered themselves in the cloak of progressivism (these ideologues have alternately use "Liberal" or "Progressive" depending on how negative the other term was viewed in the then current cultural/political climate).

Damn it! We need to study history! As just one example, have you ever looked back at who and what Woodrow Wilson was? If you did, did you get a two-sided view? Or did you just get what the current school texts CHOOSE to tell you. This man in retrospect is considered by some scholars to be one of the most dangerous presidents in our history, and I doubt you will have learned why, if you have not

dug deeper. He is just one of many examples of how our history has been perverted and corrupted by the embedded socialists and progressives. Communists and Socialists went under the radar following the overstepping by the McCarthy hearings and so-called “witch hunts” of the early 50’s; but those hearings did bring to light the clandestine communist activities that were going on back then. And following that those movements became a stealthier endeavor to infiltrate and subvert the American principles of self-determination, self-reliance and a limited republic form of government. The first place they went was our colleges and universities and it was all downhill from there.

The liberal/progressive/socialist elements (yes, I can without second-thoughts, say socialist) in our society, despite the fact that they have historically been very much a small minority of the overall population, have over the years grown significantly. They have taken practically total control over our universities and colleges (especially our Journalism colleges) and have made significant inroads in our public high schools and grammar schools. Damn it! If you would have opened your eyes to many of the stories on the internet about the idiotic policies being mandated in our public schools, you would be as mortified as I am (and I am an ex-teacher). It has gotten to such a point, that you may want to consider home schooling or private schools (oh, and you *have* to be just as careful with a lot of those private schools – I believe that the Roman Catholic Schools have remained among those least invaded by the progressive/socialist mantra, but check them all out ).

I believe Liberalism (and I am talking about the way it is interpreted/presented today) has been usurped by nothing short of the Twentieth century socialistic ideology. Historically (before the rise of the Fabian Society in England and the National Socialist Party in Germany) Liberalism was more aligned with what today we call Libertarianism (read The Road To Serfdom by Frederich Hayek). Unfortunately over the years, politicians and academicians have purposely manipulated and perverted the meaning of words and events to suit their immediate political purposes. They have several times switched between the terms of Liberals and Progressives, depending on when the public began to catch on to the socialist connections to one or the other. So, damn it! We need to wake the hell up!

Do you not remember that it was Southern Democrats who tried to hold onto black slaves and segregation in the 1960’s? Do you not remember that the Democratic Senator from West Virginia, Robert Byrd was once a high member of the KKK? Of course, yes, you were not apprised of this by your educators (or your children’s’ educators) nor any from the lame-stream media. Ah, but we are constantly hammered with the “fact” that it is Republicans who are racists and want to keep the Black man down. Of course we almost never hear that it was Republicans who overcame the Dems to enable the passage of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, or that more Republicans than Dems supported Black Americans. But that does *not* excuse today’s Republicans – they are nearly as complicit as the Dems for the sorry state of the national debt and the loss of individual freedom. To a large extent I blame the Republicans more than the democrats, because they have been less true to their purported principles and have never learned how to negotiate against the “my way or the highway” Democrats, without caving in.

There are many examples of how politicians in both parties and their ass###e lackeys in the media are misrepresenting facts to us and manipulating us into continuing to vote them into office so they can make a financial killing at the expense of the entire populace of America. For me there is only one answer – Term Limits. If these parasites had to survive in the private sector and compete for real jobs, they would either finally (yeah one can hope) understand what the average citizen faces, OR they would at least acknowledge their self-serving corruptibility (I know, that may be asking too much).

I am 72 years on this earth and I am so very concerned for my children, grandchildren and their children, as well as for everyone's progeny. But we need to understand - all of those who are not taking responsibility for themselves and their decisions are pissing away the greatest civilization in the history of Mankind! Why?

We all need to study history – not from the perverted crap that is being fed in schools today, but find the original sources that were less corrupted by a biased viewpoint that has more recently been infiltrated to support the agenda of those who want to take down this greatest of all human experiments. Those like George Soros and other elitists are out to set up an autocratic, one-world society, where they and only those on whom they confer their approval will rule over the masses (unless you are one of the anointed that means you, so don't be a dummy). I am not claiming that America is without its transgressions – there is no such thing as a utopian country - never was and never will be. But neither has there been a country in history other than America that has provided as much good and as much freedom and opportunity for success as has our grand experiment.

Unless we step up and resume our responsibilities as good, participating citizens, there will be no more America as we once proudly sang in “The Star Spangled Banner” and “America the Beautiful”. We need to put leaders in office who will re-establish the private sector as the engine that once made America the world's greatest and most successful experiment in economic and personal freedom, enabling us to grow the largest economically secure middle class in mankind's history.

Instead we have elected and allowed career politicians to build an increasingly large government bureaucracy – one that has perpetuated itself and nearly outgrown the private sector. We now have a government that has taken control over more and more of our lives and limited our freedoms with idiotic, counter-productive regulations, a tax code consisting of so many books that hardly anyone can fully understand, and a growing populace that is almost totally dependent upon government handouts. The whole premise of wealth redistribution and so-called social justice is fallacious and masks the inevitable march toward a socialist/communist society where a small handful of elites control everything and there is no longer any middle class – it is just the elites and everyone else at their mercy.

If we want to stop this march to hell and fix it, we need to take a stand – we need to assert our rights and responsibility as free citizens, before we totally lose those freedoms. In the end the politicians work for us – we must repossess our rightful place as the “boss” and fire all those who have set themselves up in Washington D.C. as beyond our reach and unanswerable to us the taxpayers who pay their bloated salaries and perks (all of which they have voted for themselves without any public forum or approval on our part).

Somehow we need to elect senators and representatives who will pass a law instituting term limits (2 terms for senators and 4 terms for representatives) with a sunset provision after 18 years at which time a vote by the public citizenry can determine whether to extend term limit provisions or return to no limits. This law has to be limited solely to term limits – we do not want a constitutional convention where there are no limits placed on the conferees, because that could well result in a re-write of our constitution making it into something our founding fathers never envisioned and something that would further lead us down the wrong path we have been on, hurtling us to the demise of America.

We also need to place limitations on lobbyists. One possible idea is to insist that our lawmakers pass a law that prohibits them from working for a lobbying firm until they have been out of political

office for some period of time, say 10 years. The objective is to encourage them to get a real job in the private sector so they will have an appreciation for what average citizens do.

Another possible idea is to insist our lawmakers pass a law requiring all special interest groups to make an annual pitch for their pet projects to both houses (before the budget is passed for the next fiscal year) – this would be done on public TV with the ability of registered voters to email in their yeas/nays to their congressmen. In addition it should be unlawful (with a significant penalty) for any special interest group to meet individually outside of this annual public presentation (privately or publically) with any member of congress or to provide any perks or benefits.

But that isn't all we must do to fix what we have allowed to go wrong. There is nothing more important from a long-term strategic view than to fix the problems with our national, state and local education system. Most of our parents cannot afford to do home-schooling or avail themselves of private schools (given that instructors and educators at these institutions are less indoctrinated in socialist and progressive ideologies).

Somehow we must find a way to reverse the damage that has been done over the past 60 years or so. I am not suggesting that we need to swing the pendulum all the way in the opposite direction and totally dismiss/outlaw the ideological pap that has up to now been crammed down our throats without any comparison to opposing ideologies, financial, moral, political and philosophical ideas. What I am suggesting is that our youth needs to be presented with ALL sides of issues, and taught how to make judgments based upon facts, how to research and unearth facts and how to distinguish facts and truth from ideological claptrap and bullshit; in short how to *think* for themselves and make up their own minds without being indoctrinated in a one-sided view of ideological thought.

So, where to begin? Since this indoctrination in thought originated in our universities and colleges, and permeated down from there to our high schools and elementary schools, it would seem obvious that we should start where it originated. We need to find ways to incentivize and bring on campuses educators who can adequately present conservative and libertarian thought in contrempts to liberal/progressive/socialist ideas and get them employed at our higher education facilities. We have to be careful here – hiring anyone that is so closed-minded (whether liberal, conservative or libertarian) is not what I am suggesting. We do not want to replace one indoctrinating ideologue with one of a different stripe, rather we want educators that can present pros and cons of all ideological, economic and journalistic viewpoints, and who can invest our students with the ability to make rational, logical conclusions by exercising their god-given mental capabilities.

But that can't be the only strategic line of attack. We must incentivize our parents to take an active role in the schooling of their children in high school and grammar school. Parents need to attend board of education meetings and voice concerns about any politically correct policies or non-educationally appropriate policies that are not conducive to educating their children to examine facts and think for themselves. Anything that smacks of indoctrination should be fought and campaigned against. School administrators and teachers should be held accountable to educate children, NOT to shape them all into a one-size fits all socialized view of the world.

Bad behaviors on the part of students should be disciplined by the parents, not the school (yes, some parents fail at this and the school has no option in some cases; but the school should never accept the role of parents when it comes to behavioral modification/correction). This leads me to suggest that there should be parental training courses offered for all parents who will have children about to enter

the schools. I don't think such training courses should be the responsibility of the school systems, nor the local politicians. Rather I suggest such courses be offered by private businesses that staff the courses with properly trained child psychologists, family planners, educational consultants, physicians, and nurses. Getting these professionals to volunteer a few hours of their time each August before the school year starts would help keep costs to a minimum, and yes, parents should be required to pay a nominal fee to ensure they will attend and take seriously their responsibility as parents and for properly interacting with the school.

Perhaps you think those are crackpot ideas, or overkill. Well, then how about you come up with proposals? One way or another it is up to us to address and remove the rot that has permeated our culture and to clean up the political establishment in Washington D.C. This goes for the President and the administration and federal bureaucracy, as well as both houses of congress. We are the only ones who can fix it! We are the only ones who can reverse the damage done in our educational system and culture. Let's take our country back!