

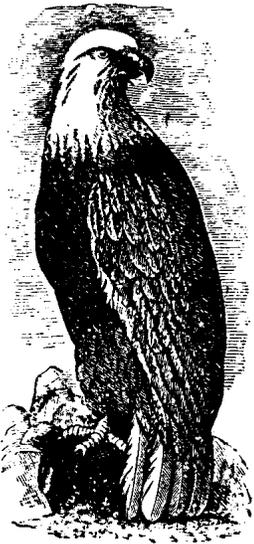
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Witch Hunt

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Throughout the land today, there is a witch hunt. The victims aren't being drowned, or burned at the stake, or pressed under boards, but that doesn't keep it from being a witch hunt.

Who are the targets of this modern witch hunt? These modern pariahs are fathers. Today, a father can be deprived, against his will, of his rights, his liberty, his income, his home, and (if he resists) maybe even his life. The imposition of this punishment is based entirely on an assumption — that a father has an automatic and mandatory obligation to pay for the upkeep of his children.

With regard to this alleged obligation of fathers, I have a different belief. I believe that an obligation follows only from negotiation and agreement, and cannot be unilaterally imposed. If a man agrees to pay for the upkeep of his child, then he has an obligation to pay for that upkeep — not because he's the father but because he made an agreement. If he makes no such agreement then he has no such obligation.

The widely held belief that the obligation is automatic and mandatory is an assumption, and not a law of nature. There is no law of nature that requires a father to hang around. This is why God in his wisdom, or nature in his expediency, put the mammary glands on the only person who could be relied upon to be there when the baby was born — the mother. The sexual equipment given to a man makes him indispensable for only one small part of the process. After that part is accomplished, whether it is the will of God or a fluke of evolution, men have two good feet and a nine month head start. C'est la vie, ladies. I have occasionally heard women whine about why birth control always has to be the woman's responsibility. That should be obvious. It is because the woman is the one who will end up with the child.

There are various non-coercive ways that "unattached" mothers can address the problem of raising children without the support of a man. After all the rhetoric about equality and the capabilities of women, that's exactly what they ought to do. Instead, they're conjuring up a witch hunt. They justify it by casting kids in the role of pathetic victims. Of course,

they can make as many victims as they want. The targets of this hunt are men who can be easily defamed with epithets like "deadbeat dad" or "sexual predator", thereby dehumanizing them into legitimate targets for persecution. However, the loudly lamented plight of "the children" doesn't justify the enslavement of men. If my attitude seems callous, then so be it. I'm no more callous than a woman who contrives to get pregnant without first securing an agreement from the man and then uses the child as a weapon to enslave him.

For several years now, I've been a [target](#) in this witch hunt. I've been threatened with the confiscation of everything that I own, including my home. Recently, I was arrested at gunpoint, placed in a maximum security lock-up, taken to court in chains, and threatened with continuing confinement. I wasn't brave enough to refuse their demands while I was in jail. However, since I have not made any [voluntary](#) agreement and since there is no obligation under duress, I have **no obligation whatsoever** to make the child support payments that they demanded. Since my agreement to pay was extracted under duress, I will pay only what I am forced to pay and only for as long as I am forced to pay it.

When they stop forcing, I will stop paying. Like any other victim of extortion, I have only one obligation — endure my condition until I can find a way to end it.

There's no greater persecution than that imposed by righteous puritans on a holy crusade, and this witch hunt has turned into exactly that. This particular crusade is part of the larger debate about the nature of obligation and the source of authority. Like most such crusades, this one is an attempt to compel people to behave according to a belief system that they do not share. Such a campaign is seldom successful. Instead, it changes perceived evils into something far worse. Whether it's Christian vs Moslem, Hutu vs Tutsi, black vs white, or female vs male, the results are the same — hostility, resentment, and resistance. This kind of holy crusade doesn't win converts. It creates victims, hatred, and enemies.♂

What difference does it make if women rule, or the rulers are ruled by women? The result is the same.

—Aristotle (384-322 B.C.)

And what is that result? It is a matriarchal welfare police state, every time.

—Sam Aurelius Milam III



From the Cloister of Cormier

Don Cormier

On the Legality of the Anarchist Movement in the United States — Anarchism is barely and precariously tolerated in the United States of America. In many ways, it is construed as treason and insanity rather than as a political phenomenon. Even when not condemned as treason per se, anarchists veer into crime if they advocate the forcible overthrow of the United States Government or if they advocate disobedience to laws. About the only anarchists who are “safe” are those who are also pacifists.

However, the state tolerates pacifists because they offer little or no threat to the smooth functioning of the state. As soon as any anarchists, pacifist or other-

False Alternatives

Dante DeAmicis

Time for another chapter in the continuing story of why the libertarian political movement has been such a flop. Of course, if you believe its purpose all along was to talk to itself for 25 years, then it has been a success.

I suggest a key glitch in the liberty communication department has been their “Them vs Us” dichotomy. (Good Guys, us — Yah!) — (Bad Guys, them — Bool!)

Oh, there’s nothing wrong with an “Us vs Them” split. We just drew the line in the wrong place for the pure liberty message to be clear.

Tired old Not-Quite-Libertarian Dichotomy

Bad — Anything Government at any level plus the Federal Reserve (a private cabal).

Good — Anything else private.

My Brand New Spiffy Dichotomy

Bad — Most government, Public Corporations, other companies that do 51% or more of their business with the government, land not held in context, decreed privileges (AMA, BAR, Eminent Domain, Patents), and the Federal Reserve.

Good — Everything else private.

Neutral — Government bodies with easy and clear opt-out provisions, Chartered cities.

(Whoops! How about that, an honest to goodness gray area). [A Trichotomy? Gadzooks! —editor]

The contradiction in the old line-up is in the assumption that everything private is good (except the Federal Reserve) no matter how much contamination and cooption by government there has been. Whereas, everything government is bad, even though large chunks of it exist only because of the mechanizations of those private elements.

I suspect the reason this error persists is because modern libertarians have allowed themselves to become dependent on these state-private partnerships while professing a totally independent lifestyle.∞

wise, begin to threaten the security of the state, the state will “crack down”. Note the current blurring of the distinction in the media between “anarchists” and “terrorists”.

Some Thoughts on the Viper Militia — It seems that they made the mistake of going too far too fast. They should have spent more time educating people about the “facts” as they saw them, and less time worrying about how to fight the government. If enough people understood and believed in this militia’s ideas, then they wouldn’t have to use force against the government. It would dissolve itself.∞

I think it’s dissolving itself anyway. editor

Letter to the Editor

Sam. Your examples of disastrously dysfunctional communities are in stark contrast to your statement [[July 1996 Frontiersman, page 3](#)] that “any effective intentional community will become a target of government intervention”.

Effective communities cannot ignore the state but their existence is more complicated than huddling together waiting to be torched by the minions of law and order. If we carefully examine the relationship of intentional communities to the state, we see a low profile brinksmanship at work. The state has reasons to both leave intentional communities alone and to repress them. Functional communities are aware of these dynamics.

Obviously our stalwart communards cannot just assume they will be safely ensconced in their redoubts. Nobody likes being shown up by the power of a good example, least of all the state. So don’t give them an easy shot. Pay your bills or fight them legally. Make sure you are more upstanding than the amorphous peasants in the “hot” areas of drugs, children, and questionable firearms. The sheep will tolerate more storm-trooping in these areas. If you give dictocrats a clear opportunity to play savior they may take it.

However, on a day-to-day basis government doesn’t operate this way. Mostly they exist and expand by giving us stuff, primarily order and security. And as anyone in business knows, the last thing you want to do is call attention to your competition unless your good or service is clearly superior.

Remember, to be free is to deal with all the forces of nature as they are, not as we would like them to be. And the government impulse, like cockroaches and tornadoes, is a part of nature.....Dante
.....San Jose, California

A Revolutionary Proposal, below, is an excerpt from *The New American Man: A Call To Arms*, by John Bruce Campbell. The book was originally published by The Press, Box 7136, Carmel, CA 93921, copyright 1983, 1988 by J.B. Campbell. My copy of the book is a reprint by *The American's Bulletin* and is accompanied by the following statement:

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A Revolutionary Proposal

John Bruce Campbell

A revolution without a revolutionary proposal for change would also be of little value beyond the fighting phase. Therefore, the following proposals are made

- 1) A revised and strengthened Bill of Rights be regarded as our supreme law;
- 2) The Articles of Confederation and Perpetual Union (modified) be reinstated as an outline for our limited national government, replacing the present Constitution, the provisions of which have broken down;
- 3) Discard all amendments to the Constitution after the Bill of Rights;
- 4) Abolish the Federal Reserve System, fractional reserve banking, usury and the lending of credit;
- 5) Abolish all taxes--the power to tax being the power to destroy--except tariffs on foreign goods;
- 6) Abolish all redistribution of wealth including foreign aid;
- 7) The new, limited government shall be supported by tariffs on foreign goods. Those who support foreign producers shall also support the government;
- 8) Shut down the prisons and release all current prisoners. We must keep our violence and brutality against public enemies in the open, not hidden away from view. The threat of imprisonment shall no longer be used as an instrument to intimidate the public into submissive attitudes;
- 9) There shall be no crime without a victim. Only Treason cases shall be entitled "The People v. _____" Victims of crimes will retaliate without fear of becoming criminals themselves. Jails will be maintained to hold non-bailable defendants for trial;
- 10) Those convicted in courts will be allowed to give restitution to their victims ranging from money payments for minor crimes to life servitude. Survivors of murdered victims may kill the convicted murderers or agree to restitution. Rape victims may kill the convicted rapists or agree to restitution. Should the convict not comply with restitution, he shall forfeit all rights and have no access to the courts if consequently damaged by another. The problems of society shall be settled in the streets rather than in prisons--we shall be responsible for ourselves in all ways;
- 11) Lawyers have proved so dangerous that they must be prohibited from seeking political office or public employment. Lawyers must not be allowed to make law--it is a conflict of interest;
- 12) All charity shall be voluntary and all schools shall be privately supported by parents and voluntary contributions;
- 13) America's policy with regard to foreign affairs shall be isolationist. Businesses will continue to trade overseas but will not be bolstered by the armed forces;
- 14) Abolish all trade with all countries in the Sino-Soviet empire;
- 15) Abolish the army and distribute all weapons to the militia;
- 16) Abolish the navy and distribute all ships and equipment to the Coast Guard;
- 17) Abolish the air force and distribute all equipment to the militia;
- 18) Deliver all foreign military bases to the native peoples;
- 19) The militia shall patrol our national borders and prevent illegal immigration. Illegal aliens shall have no rights or access to the courts. Illegals may be executed or deported at the discretion of local militia;
- 20) Sell all federal property to American citizens. Henceforth, all private property shall belong to Americans. All private property currently owned by foreigners shall be sold to Americans at market value.

I think it would be better to give all federal land to the native tribes. editor

Americans put safety above sense of freedom Survey: Majority of respondents are willing to cede liberties to curb terrorism.

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — After the crash of TWA Flight 800 and the bombing at Olympic Centennial Park in Atlanta, a majority of Americans are willing to give up some civil liberties to fight terrorism, a new Los Angeles Times Poll has found....

This is an excerpt from an article that appeared in the San Jose Mercury News on August 8, 1996

"There's this feeling of resignation," said Susan Pinkus, who directed the poll. "I don't think they feel as secure as they once did. Their naivete has gone away."

Yet as the sense of security has eroded, the nation has grudgingly begun to believe it will have to relinquish some freedoms in the name of safety.... ∞

They that can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety. Benjamin Franklin

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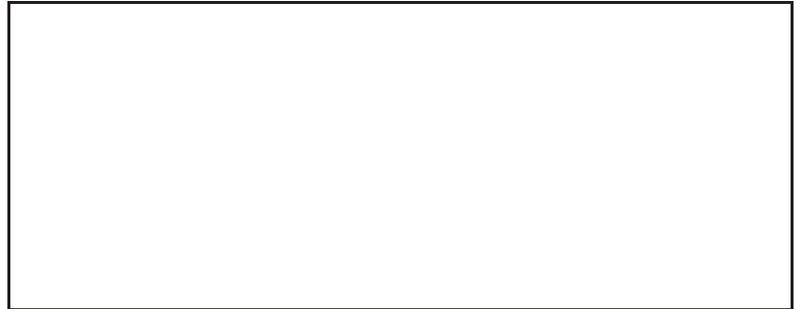


Nation in Distress

Age doesn't
matter
anymore.



Today, they
can all be
jailbait.



On the Road with Buffalo Hunter

Buff was recently having lunch at a deli in Pennsylvania where he overheard a woman ranting and raving about farmers.

"Why," she wanted to know, "are we all so sympathetic with the damned farmers? Let 'em go out of business! We don't need 'em anyway!"

Buff couldn't help but lean across toward her table and ask her where she intended to get food, if there were no farmers.

"Well," she exclaimed, "I'm gonna get it down at the Safeway, just like I always do!"

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Sesame Suite

Bernie: Hey Burt!

Burt: Yah, what do you want?

Bernie: What color is a belch?

Burt: I don't want to know!

Bernie: Burple.

Burt: Ahhhgh!

Buck Hunter Shoots Off His Mouth

Dear Buck

What does DNC stand for?.....Visiting Chicago

Dear Visiting Chicago

I had to check with Mildred on this one. She says it's D&C and it stands for dilation and curettage. She wouldn't tell me what it means. I think it has to do with feminists.

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