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Can't Quit the Game

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Most criticism of corporations doesn't address their most dangerous aspects. That is, each corporation exists by virtue of a government charter, is an agency of the government, and acts accordingly. Corporations collect information and taxes for the IRS and enforce ID requirements for the INS. They enforce the social security number as a national ID system. They conduct drug surveillance for the drug agencies. There isn't a clear boundary between the government and the corporations. Together, they form a regulatory complex that controls the people.

If you'd like to oppose this but you're not ready to join the "revolution", one low-risk option is abandonment. You simply refrain from doing voluntary things. This option also has the advantage of being incremental. That is, you can do it to the extent that you wish. The further you go the more good you do. Here are some suggestions.

Cancel your credit accounts. The interest you pay on them is money in the pocket for the regulatory complex, and gives the regulatory complex a legitimate reason for compiling a lot of personal information about you.

Sell your stocks. They represent money that you have loaned to the regulatory complex on its terms and, worse yet, they give you a vested interest in the regulatory

complex. You'll never be able to oppose it so long as you hope to benefit from it. Remember, "...where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." (Matthew 6:21)

Close your savings accounts. Banks are like casinos. They make money from the manipulation of numbers. They **must** get more money from their transactions than they pay into them. On the average, the customers **must** lose money when dealing with banks. Otherwise, the banks would be out of business. If you think you're winning because you end up with a larger number of dollars, consider that the Federal Reserve System is in charge of the factors that control the value of those dollars. You may end up with more dollars when you deal with the banks, but eventually everybody ends up with less value.

Close all your checking accounts. You have no need for checks because money orders work just as well. You can get a money order anonymously — no ID — for a fraction of a dollar.

Pay off your bills. Your freedom increases when you get out of debt.

There are dozens of other things that you can do, but you might be surprised how difficult it is to do just these five simple things. If you persist, you might begin to suspect that the "system" is arranged in such a way that you aren't permitted to disengage from it. That is an accurate suspicion. If you try to do it anyway, that suspicion will become the first of many harsh lessons.

Welcome to the revolution.

News

Soldiers To Be Searched for Tattoos

TACOMA, Wash. (AP) - All 19,000 soldiers at Fort Lewis will be subjected to body searches for tattoos that indicate membership in gangs or extremist groups, the second Army base in the nation to take such a step. The searches come in the wake of a 1995 slaying in which a white soldier was accused of murdering a black couple to earn a spider web tattoo, a sign among skinheads at the base that the wearer had killed a black person.

—AP NewsBrief by MARCO LEAVITT, Friday, August 1, 1997

FBI May Have Violated Jewell Rights

WASHINGTON (AP) - FBI Director Louis Freeh said agents probably violated Richard Jewell's constitutional rights while questioning him about the 1996 bombing at the Atlanta Olympic Games. Freeh told a Senate judiciary subcommittee that any incriminating information Jewell might have provided likely would not have been allowed in court because the FBI tried to trick him into giving up his right to a lawyer.

—AP NewsBrief by HOWARD SINER, Monday, July 28, 1997

Editorial Reprint from The Post-Crescent, Appleton, Wis., Aug. 1, on House pin-up calendar:

We're not against having fun, and we fully support

enjoying your work.

Furthermore, we think you should enjoy your co-workers.

But sometimes, we wonder.

For example, take the story of the "Hunks of the House" pin-up calendar given to U.S. Rep. Susan Molinari by fellow U.S. Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen as a going-away present. ...

The calendar portrays 12 congressmen posing in various ways, in various stages of dress.

There are no nudes, according to The Associated Press story, but "there's a bare chest here, a wet look there." ...

The calendar idea was Ros-Lehtinen's, who acknowledged that she and Molinari have spent time "between late-night votes by evaluating the physical attributes of their male colleagues." ...

All in good fun.

We appreciate that.

But we also know that if any such "all in fun" project had been undertaken by male congressmen, a House Ethics Committee hearing would have been launched before the first photo was snapped. ...

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Anarchist Icons

In popular culture, there are two images or icons of “the anarchist”, one positive and one negative. The negative image is promoted by the forces of “law and order” and is openly identified as anarchist. The positive image is widespread in popular fiction, but is seldom openly identified as anarchist.

The overt, negative stereotype of “the anarchist” arose around the turn of the century, when real-life anarchists were associated with a series of bombings and assassinations. The stereotype of the “Bad Anarchist” pictured a seedy, bearded individual wearing a sinister, broadbrimmed hat, and carrying a large bomb. More recently, the punk movement has given a modern wardrobe to the stereotyped anarchist, but the linkage of anarchy and terrorism has persisted. The self-proclaimed anarchism of the Unabomber has reinforced the terrorist image.

Let’s imagine, as an experiment, what a person would be like if that person really conformed to the “Bad Anarchist” stereotype, as depicted and promulgated by the forces of “law and order”. The place to start would be to imagine what ideas such a person would hold. Obviously, the first idea would be a total rejection of government and law. The second idea would be that it was good to engage in the direct, physical removal of anyone and anything that stood in the way of happiness. Another “Bad Anarchist” idea would be that spontaneity is a supreme value, and that obedience to impulse is the path of self-fulfillment.

A person holding all of these ideas in real life would have a rather difficult time balancing them. An utterly impulsive person probably couldn’t do anything that required consistent behavior over time, yet a person who was dedicated to removing government would probably have to avoid impulsive behavior. A person who was concerned with doing something illegal might have to concentrate on evading the law rather than overthrowing laws.

It can be seen that someone who wanted to live up to the “Bad Anarchist” stereotype would have to exercise some selectivity and imagination. Assuming that someone really wanted to live out the stereotype of a self-willed, anti-government life-style, what would be their options in the USA of today?

One option might be to become a skid-row alcoholic or drug addict. This option would allow one to live a highly impulsive life, to forget about working for a living, to forget about the abusiveness of government, and to live off of other people, which would have the effect of weakening the over-all social order. Of course, one’s life expectancy might be reduced, and one would be sacrificing a large number comforts, but it would be at least somewhat consistent with the “Bad Anarchist” stereotype.

Another option might be that of following the example of the Unabomber. One might learn how to make bombs, or any other physical means of neutralizing government activities.

Another option might be for the “Bad Anarchist” wannabe to become a wealthy criminal a la John Gotto.

Almost any crime you name in some way undermines the government by negating it’s imposed social order.

The most dramatic option is the “Kamikaze” option. The “Bad Anarchist” might try to die in such a way as to take down as many politicians as possible, secure in the knowledge that death can write the most indelible moral and political statements.

It must be mentioned that the stereotype of the “Bad Anarchist” calls for failure. After the crazed “Bad Anarchist” has assassinated a number of people and destroyed a certain amount of property, the forces of reason, order, and justice triumph — or so the story goes. It has to be this way, because it’s the forces of authority who propagate the story in the first place.

However, as mentioned above, there exists in pop culture another, more positive image of the anarchist which is not openly identified as anarchist. This image or figure is that of the hero who “takes the law into his own hands.” There are numerous examples of this type of hero in melodramatic fiction, but in my opinion, the purest example of this type is “Conan the Barbarian”.

Most of my readers are probably familiar with the figure of Conan the barbarian. Created by Robert Howard back in the thirties, Conan has enjoyed a long fictional career as the hero of short stories, novels, comic books, two feature films, an animated cartoon series, and arcade games.

To help any memories in need of refreshing, Conan is a warrior of immense strength, skill, and cunning. He lives in a barbarian world of vast wildernesses, scattered tribes, petty kingdoms, and glittering empires. In Conan’s world, magic and sorcery are real things and the gods are real and dangerous entities.

Conan drifts from occupation to occupation, but his real occupation is adventure — a life of action and danger. Sometimes he lives on the “wrong” side of the law as a thief, bandit, or pirate. Sometimes he works as a mercenary soldier, and sometimes he is a ruler. He is not a philosopher or psychologist, but he knows himself. He knows what he wants and he will pay any price to achieve his goals. He refuses to be controlled. He is sometimes taken prisoner or enslaved, but those conditions never last for long! Conan is strong and self-disciplined and in many ways his strength comes from self-discipline. In his world, power and wisdom are needed to triumph in the constant struggle with the natural world and with other people.

Conan’s only “law” is his own will, yet he usually deals honestly with the honest and peacefully with the peaceful. He seldom infringes on the liberty of others.

If many people began to emulate Conan the Barbarian in real life, our current herd oriented social order would fall, just as it would fall if enough people began to emulate the “Bad Anarchist” stereotype. Conan and the “Bad Anarchist” are both the enemies of contentment, cowardice, and conformity. ∞

Chaos is lack of order. Government is order enforced coercively. Anarchy is order achieved without coercion. Order is good. *Bad Anarchist* is a contradiction in terms. — editor

Letters to the Editor

Dear Frontiersman

I've come up with an exercise which may be useful to your readers. I believe that many people who are "for freedom" have not deeply thought about what it might mean for them, personally.

Therefore, I suggest an experiment for all of you who think of yourselves as freedom activists: When alone, take a blank piece of paper, and list anything and everything you would like to do, which you are currently deterred from doing because it is against the law.

No one else need ever see this paper, and you don't have to do any of the things you write down.

The point is to see where you specifically, are being repressed by the government. Once you are clear about that, you will have both an emotional foundation and a focus of attack.

—Sir Donald the Elusive

Here's a suggestion for those who think of themselves as "against repression". List the things you're afraid other people might enjoy, if those things were not against the law. Are you willing to repeal those laws and let other people have the freedom to do those things? —editor

The most potent weapon in the hands of the oppressor is the mind of the oppressed.

—South African activist Steve Biko

Letter from the Editor

Dear Readers

For many years, I've been trying to find some way to resolve the problems that I see in America. I've tried a lot of things. When something didn't work, I quit trying it and tried something else. This newsletter is my most recent effort. It is intended to educate people and motivate them to oppose the government.

I don't get much feedback, but so far I haven't seen much indication that the newsletter has influenced anyone to change his behavior. So far as I can tell, the readers of this newsletter still use their driver's licenses as a national ID system and get Social Security numbers for their children. They still register their cars and license their businesses. They still submit to pre-employment drug tests. They still get government licenses to get married. They still submit tax returns. They still use the banks and "invest" in the stock market. So far as I can tell, the few people who aren't doing those things weren't motivated by this newsletter. They wouldn't have done those things anyway. Apparently, everybody

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Editor,

Your article, "The Very Definition of Tyranny" [August] is an excellent argument to a problem that has existed almost from the beginning. Executive bureaucracies (for example) tend to think of themselves as internally autonomous and extend that to their clients by unconstitutionally usurping the legislative and judicial powers of government. The autonomous actions that include the usurped functions of government have never been challenged and now have the added power of years of precedence. Should the matter of this abuse of power be challenged, this "house of cards" must fall. If it does not, then this government shall have proved itself to be an unconstitutional tyranny beyond any doubt.

This only adds to my conviction that one of the duties of the Supreme Court of the United States of America must be to pronounce every federal law constitutional before it can be enforced. Why should the citizens effected, businesses effected, or special interest groups need to take the time, trouble, and expense to challenge unconstitutional or unfair laws passed by a failed democratic republic (oligarchy)?

—James; United States of America

else is continuing to behave just like they would have behaved if the newsletter had never existed.

I can't afford to waste my dwindling resources on something that isn't working. Because of my efforts to resist outrageous government policies and behavior, I'm in a difficult situation. I'm unemployed. I can't get medical insurance. I can't own a car, a house, or a piece of land. I'll never have access to the so-called courts. I can't even sell my fiction. If I were an obedient slave, I could have anything. Since I'm not, I'm effectively excluded from just about everything except maybe jail. I'm about one friend away from living under a bridge and we're both jobless. If we don't acquire a source of cash before our savings are depleted, then we'll both be prime candidates for admission to the ranks of the bridge dwellers. In the meantime, I need some feedback. I need to know if this newsletter has motivated any of my readers to oppose the government even a little. If so, then the newsletter is doing its job. Otherwise....

I'll be hoping to hear from you.

—editor

- My thanks to Lady Helen the Gracious for her generous contribution to this newsletter. —editor

Buck Hunter Shoots Off His Mouth

Dear Buck

What do you think of Ravel's Bolero? —Music Lover

Dear Music Lover

I've never shopped at Ravel's — never even heard of the place, but I do cut quite a figure in a bolero.



Nation in Distress

Guns are the ballot of last resort.



⚡ < Net Watcher's News > ⚡

PHILADELPHIA, Pa. - A woman is suing the pharmacy that sold her a popular contraceptive jelly - because she ate the stuff on toast and got pregnant anyway. And, incredibly, many legal experts are saying she's got an excellent chance of collecting!

"The woman is a complete idiot," said one attorney who asked that we not use his name. "How bright can you be if you think eating a vaginal gel will prevent conception?"

"But certain aspects of the case involve truth in labeling and false advertising issues. She may not collect but she'll make a lot of noise and trouble. People are down on lawyers anyway. They think we waste time and money on frivolous lawsuits. This isn't going to help our public relations any."

A spokesman for the unnamed mom-and-pop drugstore says he's shocked and angry that such a case could ever be taken seriously. "All she has to do is open the box and read the directions," says the spokesman. "Next thing you know someone will come after us because they couldn't stick things together with their toothpaste. I can just imagine some moron saying: 'It's paste, isn't it?"

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Why can't I glue these papers onto my bulletin board?" "But attorneys for Mrs. Chyton say she was swindled and lied to by implication and they intend to make the pharmacy pay \$500,000 for the hardship the woman will have to endure.

"It says right on it 'jelly,'" says Mrs. Chyton, a former model who was once a cheerleader for a popular professional basketball team. "And they kept it on the shelf just two aisles from the food section. I know, now, that the directions say it should be used vaginally with a condom. But who has time to sit around reading directions these days - especially when you're sexually aroused? The company should call it something else and the pharmacy shouldn't sell it without telling each and every customer who buys it that eating it won't prevent you from getting pregnant."

As bizarre as it sounds, the pharmacy could wind up losing the lawsuit.

"It's hard for businesses to avoid troublesome lawsuits," said another attorney. "With the courts bending over backwards to please consumer groups, the temper of the times is perfect for these crackpots to bring legal action against businesses - even a moronic legal action like this."

—John Harrah

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—Sam Aurelius Milam III, editor