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Thomas Jefferson defined *rightful liberty* as “unobstructed action according to our will within limits drawn around us by the equal rights of others—I do not add ‘within the limits of the law,’ because law is often but the tyrant’s will, and always so when it violates the right of an individual.”

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Biden’s Build Back Better Act, Another Fraud on the Public

The lies and the purposeful division of the American people by race and sex, along with a socialist agenda, was exacerbated during the Obama/Biden Administration, which is why former President Donald J. Trump was elected in the first place. As Dr. Arthur B. Robinson rightly stated, Trump was a “celebrity, accomplished entrepreneur, street fighter, and above all, an American patriot.”²

Trump “understood that a country without borders is not a country, so he sought to reestablish our nation’s borders. He understood that endless wars in foreign lands bled our nation of lives and resources without overall benefits to anyone. He sought to end those wars. He understood that energy is the currency of technological progress. He sought to restart nuclear energy construction and to end the attacks on hydrocarbon fuels. He understood that averaging our nation down into the rest of the world was not good for us nor was it good for other nations that sought to rise by our example. He sought to fight the internationalists who seek world government. So, his term began five years ago with formidable enemies.”³

In spite of all the lies and attacks, “President Trump made substantive progress in revitalizing our nation and beginning to cast off the many impediments the socialist left had built to take away American freedom. It was said his personality was too rough. Could any other personality have stood up against the horrific opposition he faced?”⁴

“And those private citizens who had aided [Trump’s] election in the ways that are traditional in American politics? These people and programs were personally attacked in the most egregious and vicious ways. So, for three years the enemies of American freedom devoted their efforts to preventing President Trump’s success as President. Then they turned their attention to preventing his re-election. . . Our nation’s electoral processes were so subverted and torn apart that many Americans believe that free and fair elections will never again be possible in our nation.”⁵

The mainstream media still states that the 2020 election was fair and that there was no fraud; see our newsletter Issue 31-2021, *The 2020 Election was Stolen*, which provides information that refutes what you have read and heard from the mainstream media.

² Dr. Arthur B. Robinson, *Access to Energy*, July 2021 (Vol. 48 no. 12)

³ *Id.*

⁴ *Id.*

⁵ *Id.*

Because of the stolen election, we now have Joe Biden back. But this time as President, one of the most corrupt politicians over the past half-century that has survived scrutiny, and became extremely wealthy, because of his allies in the mainstream media that either ignored or participated in covering up his betrayal of the American people for profit. See Peter Schweizer's, *Profiles in Corruption*, in which he not only discusses the corruption of the Biden family, but also, Vice-President Kamala Harris.

So, what has the Biden/Harris Administration done over the past 10-months? Through executive orders, and directives to the Administrative State for more regulation, they have reversed ALL the progress made by Trump. By cancelling the Keystone Pipeline project and drilling/fracking on federal lands and offshore—in addition to losing hundreds of thousands of high paying jobs—we are no longer energy independent and must rely on oil from the Middle East.

Have you been to a gas station recently and filled up your tank!?! For those of you driving electric cars, the cost of electricity and heating and cooling your home will continue to rise; 74.6% of our electricity is generated by Natural Gas (34.9%), Crude Oil (25.4%), and Coal (14.3%) with another 8.5% from Nuclear and only 2.7% from Wind and less than 1% from Solar. Both Wind and Solar are problematic, i.e., unreliable when it is not windy, and the sun doesn't shine.

The problems with Biden's open border policy will be coming to your town, or a city near you, no matter where you live, e.g., drugs, human trafficking, MS-13 gang members, crime, slavery & extortion of immigrant women and children, not to mention the rising costs for immigrants for housing, healthcare, and education. Who do you think is going to pay for this mess?

Have you been to a grocery store lately? The increased costs of transportation, caused by Biden's policies and desire to get rid of fossil fuels, along with his expansion of the regulatory environment, has increased the cost of every-day products, including food, resulting in inflation, which is an indirect or disguised tax that hurts the poor and middle class.

Biden says his Build Back Better Act (BBBA) will not cost anything; and only those making \$400,000 or more will experience an increase in their taxes. The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) has just estimated the cost to be \$1.7 trillion, adding to the federal deficit \$367 billion over 10 years. Adding to the deficit is inflationary, an indirect tax that impacts the poor and middle class. Therefore, Biden, and most Democrats are lying to the American people, i.e., the BBBA does cost at least \$1.7 trillion, and inflation will result in an indirect tax on the poor and middle class... those making less than \$400,000.

Biden and his fellow Democrats insist that many major corporations do not pay any income taxes and should be required to pay a 15% minimum tax on profits, along with other limitations designed to increase corporate income taxes to help pay for some of the BBBA giveaways to the far-left Democratic Socialist's programs and their donors. Like most tax legislation, the government is picking winners and losers, and thereby interfering with the free market economy, which results in higher prices and less high-paying jobs.

However, **the real fraud perpetrated on the public is that Americans are led to believe that corporations pay income taxes in the first place.**

In the February 22, 2014 issue of *The Economist*, far from a conservative or libertarian magazine, they stated: "The big question is whether it makes sense to tax corporate profits at all. A company is a legal entity; if it is taxed, it must pass it on." Corporations do not pay taxes, only individuals pay taxes. When a corporation is taxed, either: (1) the stockholders absorb the tax, through a reduction of dividends and/or company value; (2) employees are penalized, by cancelling raises or bonuses and not hiring new workers; and/or (3) customers pay the tax through an increase in the cost of the products or services purchased from the corporation. Ultimately, all taxes are passed on to the customers of the corporation.

Contrary to what we hear from the media, academia, and the politicians, it is the middle-class and poor that suffer from taxes imposed upon corporate profits.

The Economist has even taken the position that "the rich world needs to cut red tape to encourage business." **The cost of government regulation represents another tax or fee ultimately absorbed by the middle-class and poor.** The regulatory and tax environment that exists today keeps the middle-class and poor from being able to start new businesses; they are unable to compete with the entrenched large corporations who have huge armies of attorneys and accountants, which are necessary in today's over-regulated and over-taxed environment.

Only individuals pay taxes, not corporations. The corporate income tax and regulatory environment is a hidden stealth tax that negatively impacts poor and middle-class Americans, who use the services and buy the products sold by the big corporations.

Biden and many of his fellow Democrats are outright lying; others like Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (AOC) are just plain ignorant, due to their indoctrination through government-controlled compulsory schooling.

The DRIP Strategy

In 2016, we started the DRIP strategy identifying Great Businesses that continue to increase dividend payouts each, and every year through wars, depressions, and recessions. The longer a company has paid and raised its dividends, the stronger the likelihood that it will continue to do so, no matter what happens in the future.

Using this investment strategy, you never have to worry about market corrections or crashes. When the market turns down or crashes, you are reinvesting dividends at higher yields and acquiring a greater number of shares. In addition, when the market turns downward, other Great Businesses become available for purchase based upon our parameters of at least a 3% dividend yield at the time of purchase, among other requirements.

For specific details of this program, why it works, and how to become financially independent in 10-to-15 years, please go to our website, www.jeffersoniangroup.com, or directly to Amazon.com and purchase *The Best Kept Secret to Financial Independence* and *Unlock the 4-Doors to Financial Independence*. **If you want to understand the fraud perpetrated against investors by Wall Street**, supported by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC); **and learn why every 1% in fees paid each year** to brokers, money managers, and financial planners, **will cost you 10 years' worth of retirement income**, you should buy and read both books.

Great Businesses to Buy Now

To become and STAY financially independent, you only need to do three things: (1) Pay yourself first; (2) live below your means; and (3) invest in DRIP's using *Einstein's Theory of Compound Interest*. Even if you became a multi-millionaire speculating in crypto-currencies and other speculative ventures like "blue gas" technology, statistically, you would be bankrupt within 5-years, if you did not follow the three principles outlined above. For further details, please read *The Best Kept Secret to Financial Freedom* and *Unlock The 4-Doors to Financial Independence*; both are available through our website, www.jeffersoniangroup.com and Amazon.com. **For all of you who purchased our books, we thank you; and would appreciate a review!**

In January 2016 we identified twelve Great Businesses (DRIP Stocks) that should be in everyone's portfolio; with the release of *The Best Kept Secret to Financial Freedom* in 2017, we increased our recommendations to twenty-six (26) Great Businesses. Today, we are monitoring a total of 44 Great Businesses (DRIP Stocks), deleting one, adding one, and considering an addition of 5 more.

Of the 12 Great Businesses that we believe should be in everyone's portfolio, the following *U.S. Dividend Champions/Aristocrats* (paid and raised dividends for at least 25-years) meet our parameters and are current buys:

- Exxon Mobil Corp (XOM) - \$60.75, yield = 5.53%, Paid & Raised Dividends for 38-years
- The Coca-Cola Company (KO) - \$55.75, yield = 3.03%, Paid & Raised Dividends for 58-years

The following additional *U.S. Dividend Champions* are also good buys right now:

1. Weyco Group Inc (WEYS) - \$23.98, yield = 4.13%, Paid & Raised Dividends 39-years
2. Kimberly-Clark Corp (KMB) - \$134.44, yield = 3.43%, Paid & Raised Dividends 49-years
3. **Enbridge, Inc (ENB)** - \$39.72, **yield = 6.61%**, Paid & Raised Dividends 25-years
4. Walgreen Boots Alliance (WBA) - \$46.98, yield = 3.99%, Paid & Raised 45-years
5. **International Business Machines (IBM)** - \$116.05, yield = 5.37%, **Paid & Raised 25-years**
6. **3M Company (MMM)** - \$179.23, yield = 3.31%, **Paid & Raised 62-years**

Enbridge, Inc. (ENB) was just added to our list in June 2021. Over the past 10-years, ENB has increased its annual dividend, on average, by 11.3%.

We first recommended IBM in 2017 when it was a *Contender* and had paid & raised its dividend for 21-years. It continued to pay & raise its dividend throughout 2020 during COVID-19 and became a *U.S. Dividend Champion*!

3M Company (MMM) has been overpriced for awhile but, is now priced right to buy. It has paid and raised its dividend for 62-years; for the past 3-years, the average increase has been 20.2%.

Contenders are companies that have paid and raised their dividends for 10-to-24 years. The following *Contenders* are priced right for acquisition:

1. Omega Healthcare Investors (OHI) - \$29.19, yield = 9.09%, Paid & Raised 18-years
2. Enterprise Products Partners (EPD) - \$21.70, yield = 8.08%, Paid & Raised 24-years
3. Cardinal Health Inc (CAH) - \$48.44, yield = 3.98%, Paid & Raised 24-years
4. Lazard Limited (LAZ) - \$46.26, yield = 4.11%, Paid & Raised 13-years
5. ONEOK Inc (OKE) - \$61.38, yield = 5.89%, Paid & Raised 18-years
6. Prudential Financial Inc (PRU) - \$106.53, yield = 4.21%, Paid & Raised 12-years
7. **Main Street Capital Corp (MAIN)** - \$46.61, yield = 5.54%, **Paid & Raised 10-years**
8. **Lockheed Martin (LMT)** - \$341.44, yield = 3.27%, Paid & Raised 18 years

MAIN became a *Contender*, continuing to pay & raise dividends for 10-years throughout 2020 during the China Virus/COVID-19 lockdowns, as did ALL the other Contenders listed above.

Lockheed Martin (LMT) was overpriced for a while and just met our parameters for acquisition; it has paid and raised its dividend, on average about 18.4% per year over the past 18-years.

The next category of dividend payers are *Challengers*, which have paid and raised their dividends for 5-to-9 years. In today's market, we like the following companies:

- AbbVie Inc (ABBV) - \$116.24, yield = 4.80%, Paid & Raised 9-years on average 15.5%
- NextEra Energy Partners (NEP) - \$87.47, yield = 3.14%, Paid & Raised 8-years; 5-yrs on average 60%; last 3-yrs on average 14.9% per year

ABBV is a spinoff of another company that paid dividends for over 25-years and has continued to pay & raise its dividend since spinoff, now 9-years.

Another important criterion used to select our stocks is the average annual increase in the dividends paid each year, i.e., it is not enough that a Dividend Aristocrat—an S&P 500 Company that has paid and raised its dividend for at least 25-years—has consistently paid and raised its annual dividend, ideally, **it should also have raised it by 8%-to-10% or more per year**. For example, if a Dividend Champion/Aristocrat is paying a current dividend of over 5% but, its average annual increase has only been about 4%, rather than 8%-to-10% or more, we would most likely not recommend the DRIP stock.

Here's why: In 25-years, a stock that yields 3% and increases its dividend by 10% per year, will have an annual dividend greater than the original investment of approximately 350%, whereas a DRIP stock acquired with a yield of 5.42%, which increases by just 4% per year, would only have a dividend payable of much less than the original investment equal to about 21%.

To take full advantage of *Einstein's Theory of Compound Interest* and become financially independent in 10-to-15 years, you must acquire DRIP's that raise their annual dividends by 8%-to-10% or more per year. Our portfolio of DRIP's, on average, increase their annual dividends by more than 10% each year.

How to Implement This Program:

Our recommended portfolio now includes over 40 DRIP stocks. As of November 19, 2021, only 18 meet our criteria, i.e., 3% or greater yield when acquired. If you have investment capital of \$200,000 or more, it would be appropriate to purchase 100 shares of each of these 18 stocks which would cost about \$156,000.

If you have at least 100 shares of the 38-to-44 DRIP stocks recommended prior to this newsletter, you can add any or all the 18 stocks listed above that you may like.

By the time you get this newsletter, the prices will have changed but, you should buy the companies you desire, assuming the dividend yield at the time of your purchase is above or near 3.00%.

Some of you may already own many of these stocks; feel free to add to them. First purchase the stocks you own less of. Some of you may not own any of these great businesses. Some of you may have \$100,000 to invest while others may only have \$1,000. Using a discount broker (e.g., E*TRADE, Schwab, TD Ameritrade, Fidelity, etc.), whether you buy 10 shares or 1,000 shares, the brokerage fees will be less than ten dollars! In addition, **once you acquire any of these DRIP's, you should instruct your discount broker to automatically reinvest the dividends.** The reinvested dividends should be done with no additional cost.

If you are just starting this investment program, focus on the *U.S. Dividend Champions* listed above. The order of our listing has nothing to do with one company being better than the others; they are all great businesses! If you have enough investment capital to purchase 20-to-100 shares of several companies, then you should consider doing so. Your goal might be to acquire 100 shares of each *U.S. Dividend Champion* before moving on to any of the other recommendations.

If, for example, you only have \$1,000 to invest, buy 15-to-40 shares of either The Coca-Cola Company (KO) or Weyco Group Inc (WEYS) or Walgreen Boots Alliance Inc (WBA); then buy more shares the next month until you have at least 100 shares. Then look at another U.S. Dividend Champion/Aristocrat like Exxon Mobil Corp (XOM), McDonald's Corp (MCD), Johnson & Johnson (JNJ).

Another option for younger first-time investors might be to invest \$100 per week or \$400 per month. There is nothing wrong with just buying 5-to-10 shares of several stocks per week. Also, if you can only afford \$50 per week, invest the accumulated amount of \$200 every 4-weeks.

Start investing in these great businesses... NOW!

Remember, the only way to become financially independent—assuming you do not win the lottery or strike it rich speculating in crypto-currencies or blue gas technology (see Issue 23, dated January 31, 2020, regarding The Electric Car Fad – The End of Tesla)—is to acquire assets (e.g., DRIP's) that pay you enough passive income to cover and exceed your lifestyle expenses. Even if you are lucky and become a multi-millionaire overnight, you will need to invest in DRIPs to maintain your financial independence.

When you buy a DRIP, you are buying it for life. At some point in the future, you will no longer reinvest ALL the dividends; you will live off the dividends.

The Crypto Corner

What a ride! When our April 3rd Newsletter came out, Bitcoin was trading around \$58,000 per coin; by April 13th it was up to \$63,041; by May 4th it dropped down to \$54,578; in June, it dropped to \$35,932; on November 7th Bitcoin had risen to \$67,567 and, as of this writing, Bitcoin has lost ground again trading at \$56,712 per coin! By the time you get this Newsletter, it could be either much higher or lower!?!

Practically every newsletter writer is now offering, for an additional annual paid subscription, advice on which coins/tokens will make you a fortune. Many such newsletter writers are treating crypto-currencies as an investment rather than a speculation; they set limits on the amount to pay and want you to get in-and-out of each crypto coin/token with, say, a 500% profit, e.g., \$1,000 paid turns into \$5,000 in several months, maybe a year.

Our approach is different. We believe this to be a speculation and desire a return of at least 14,441%, e.g., \$1,000 paid for, say, XLM turns into \$144,410 as happened back in 2017.

Bitcoin has been around for about a decade. In May of 2010, Bitcoin was under 1-cent, got to 8-cents by July 2010 and its price increased to over \$19,000 per coin in 2017; after dropping back down to \$9,400 and lower about a year ago, today it is trading around \$57,000 per coin. Bitcoin has created many multi-millionaires since its inception; many had to wait years, even a decade to reach their millionaire status.

As of November 24, 2021, if you had visited CoinMarketCap (<https://coinmarketcap.com/>), there were 14,771 cryptocurrencies, which continues to increase almost daily. A great majority of these coins/tokens can be purchased for less than One Dollar (\$1.00) per coin/token. So, **for \$200-to-\$1,000, an average person can participate in an opportunity that may come around but once in a lifetime.** Such opportunities are normally reserved for accredited investors who are willing to fund such speculative ventures with \$10,000-to-\$100,000 or more; and, once the accredited investors put up the money, they no longer have any control over it, unlike the cryptocurrency market.

In 2017, if you had paid \$1,000 at the beginning of the year for one of the following coins/tokens, here's what you would have made 12-months later as of December 31, 2017:

1. Ripple (XRP) - \$360,180
2. NEM (XEM) - \$298,420
3. Ardor - \$168,090
4. Stellar Lumens (XLM) - \$144,410
5. Dash - \$92,650

6. Ethereum (ETH) - \$91,620
7. Golem - \$84,340
8. Binance Coin - \$80,610
9. Litecoin - \$50,460
10. OmiseGo (OMG) - \$33,150
11. Bitcoin - \$13,180

As one commentator pointed out, Ripple (XRP) gained more in one year than Apple has in its entire existence. This opportunity to get in on the ground floor with minimal financial commitment—money that you normally waste and can afford to lose—just may turn out to be a very monumental success or NOT. Furthermore, it may take years, even a decade before another extraordinary year like 2017 comes along. In addition, we may have selected the wrong coins/tokens and lose everything.

We like the following seven coins/tokens that are reasonably priced and available on the KRAKEN EXCHANGE (www.kraken.com) and/or Coinbase (www.coinbase.com):

1. Stellar Lumens (XLM) - \$0.3294, Market Cap #26
2. Cardano (ADA) - \$1.67, Market Cap #6
3. Polygon (MATIC) - \$1.73, Market Cap #20 (recommended by Stansberry Research)
4. Loopring (LRC) - \$3.01, Market Cap #48 (recommended at \$0.3502, Mkt Cap #118)
5. OmiseGo (OMG) - \$8.73, Market Cap #97
6. OX (ZRX) - \$1.08, Market Cap #115
7. Synthetix (SNX) - \$7.94, Market Cap #116

Cardano (ADA), Synthetix (SNX) and Polygon (MATIC) are also recommended by Weiss Crypto Investor. According to Weiss, “Cardano’s much-anticipated ERC20 convertor is nearing the testnet phase. This is a milestone in Cardano’s grand plan to one day knock Ethereum off its perch as the world’s No. 1 smart-contract platform.”

We still like Ripple (XRP) but, trading on exchanges in the United States (e.g., KRAKEN, Coinbase) has been halted because of the SEC’s lawsuit against the parent company of Ripple. However, word has it that trading may begin in the not-too-distant future, due to a counter lawsuit by an attorney who, like many of us, owns Ripple.

I have six coins/tokens on the BINANCE EXCHANGE, which was closed on September 12, 2019, to all United States based individuals and corporations. For existing accounts at BINANCE, we were able to hold our coins/tokens but, we cannot trade them.

I continue to access my account by clicking-on Verify Identity, enabling me to get to my Dashboard and see my holdings. Three of my six coins/tokens are not available on an exchange that allows U.S. citizens to trade. However, I could transfer the three other coins held with Binance to either KRAKEN or Coinbase but, **until I am ready to take profits and convert to Cash, I intend to leave what I have at Binance.** Other Newsletter Readers have successfully transferred some of their coins/tokens from Binance to other exchanges like Coinbase.

Ultimately, we will have to send our coins/tokens with Binance to another U.S. friendly exchange like KRAKEN and Coinbase; and, for those coins/tokens not available at KRAKEN or Coinbase, we may have to temporarily transfer some to a hardware wallet like the Ledger Nano S; or establish another account that accepts the respective coins/tokens.

By researching the coins/tokens you have on CoinMarketCap, you can find the information about which hardware wallets you need to accept your specific coins/tokens.

One newsletter reader purchased and downloaded a VPN, which disguised the location of his computer, showing that it was outside the United States; he was able to convert his coins/tokens on Binance to ETH and download the ETH to a hard wallet.

If you have not already done so, we would encourage everyone to take advantage of one of the greatest opportunities that has come around in our lifetime, which can be done with as little as \$200-to-\$1,000 by opening an account with the KRAKEN EXCHANGE (www.kraken.com) or Coinbase (www.coinbase.com). Although not as easy as opening an online brokerage account, it has become much easier to open and fund a cryptocurrency account; just follow the instructions at KRAKEN or Coinbase.

I recently opened an account with Coinbase because I did not want to go to the Bank and send a wire transfer to KRAKEN, i.e., Coinbase allows you to provide your Bank information and accepts ACH-type transfers without requiring a wire transfer. In the future, KRAKEN may do the same since it recently chartered a Bank in Wyoming, which is not yet operational.

Please understand that a purchase of one or more cryptocurrencies is not an investment; it is pure speculation. Therefore, you should only pursue this opportunity with funds that you are willing to lose. However, nothing ventured, nothing gained...

COVID Update

On October 26, 2021, we wrote a Blog directing everyone to a YouTube video entitled “8 prominent doctors & scientists engage in a remarkable exchange.” It was about COVID-19 and ALL eight agreed that the mass COVID-19 vaccination program should be immediately halted.

When I tried to access this video, here’s what came up, “This video has been removed for violating YouTube’s Community Guidelines.” What happened to free speech, especially among credentialled Doctors and Scientists!?! This is a violation of the U.S. Constitution—a private monopolist company doing the bidding of the U.S. government—and at least one Supreme Court Justice, Clarence Thomas, is waiting for a chance to address this first Amendment issue but, I digress...

Here's a video that won't be removed, titled, *‘Finally! Medical Proof the COVID Jab is ‘Murder’:*” [Finally! Medical Proof the Covid Jab is ‘Murder’; \(brandnewtube.com\)](https://brandnewtube.com); and, for Dr. Coleman’s latest article, *UPDATED: How Many People Are the Vaccines Killing?*, go to <https://vernoncoleman.org> and scroll down to Latest Articles.

Under the VAERS reporting system, as of November 12, 2021, there were 18,853 deaths and 894,143 adverse side effects from the COVID Jab in the United States. “It is estimated that in the U.S., only 1 in 100 vaccine side effects is reported.” Even if we assumed these deaths and adverse side effects were not under-reported, the COVID-19 vaccines should be pulled from the market; in the past, it only required 50 deaths for a vaccine or drug to be pulled from the market.

The FDA has published a draft working paper listing thirty-two (32) possible side effects, including Death, that could result from taking the COVID Jab. If you have been vaccinated for COVID, it would behoove you to keep a lookout for the possible symptoms of all the diseases on the FDA’s list; and, of course, consult your own Doctor.

Everyone should go to www.flccc.net and under Protocols, download the I-MASK+ PREVENTION & EARLY OUTPATIENT TREATMENT PROTOCOL FOR COVID-19. We know many doctors and other healthcare practitioners that are following these protocols.

Anyone who tells you the COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective is lying, especially President Joe Biden, who has stated numerous times that the vaccines are safe, effective, and there is no risk.

Choose Freedom Not Slavery

There are two predominant belief systems regarding the conduct and organization of human society. The first is derived from the “Old World” which stems from the conviction that government is the grantor and protector of human rights; and is responsible for protecting and providing for the poor and down-trodden subjects. Most of the “Old World” governments were dictatorships. The consequences of this philosophy resulted in compulsion, slavery, and poverty throughout the “Old World.”

The ancient Celts and Scots were the first to challenge this “Old World” belief system. In 1320, Scotland’s major clergy and great barons sent a letter to the Pope, the Declaration of Arbroath. This Declaration was revolutionary in that it expressed the people of Scotland’s “desire for freedom and the right to choose their own government.”

Inspired by the ancient Celts, Irish and Scots, and the teachings of the “Scottish Enlightenment,” this “Old World” belief system was successfully challenged by early American colonists and a new belief system emerged. In 1776, the Founders, in particular Thomas Jefferson, changed this “Old World” view with the conviction that individuals had certain pre-existing inalienable rights that were the basis of legitimate government; that any government, to be legitimate, cannot infringe on these pre-existing inalienable rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness or property. They enshrined this belief system, a belief in individual freedom, in the Declaration of Independence, the U.S. Constitution and The Bill of Rights, the first ten amendments.

This new belief system—that, human beings were free and not born into slavery—reached a fork in the road in 1913 with the passage of the Federal Reserve Act, creating a central bank; the ratification of the 16th Amendment, granting Congress the power to tax incomes; and, the ratification of the 17th Amendment, taking power away from the State Legislatures by providing for the popular election of U.S. Senators. The stage was set to replace the American Constitutional Republic, which guaranteed the protection of individual rights, with a Democratic Society, controlled and manipulated by the power-elites within government and academia. By 1917, all States required compulsory schooling. Government-controlled compulsory schooling became the propaganda machine used to dumb-down the masses.

According to Dr. Walter E. Williams: “During earlier periods, Congress and the Supreme Court had far greater respect for the Constitution. They understood that if the federal government was to have a power not delegated, or expressly forbidden, by the Constitution, they had to use the provisions of Article V to gain power by amendment. . . Today, it’s an entirely different

story. Congress, the White House and the Supreme Court have abiding contempt for the Constitution and . . . Americans are left with a constitutional carcass.”

For the past 80-to-100 years, the U.S. Constitution has been reinterpreted and/or ignored when convenient, granting greater power to Government and trampling on individual freedom. As a result, the Constitution is no longer a Doctrine for Freedom. The Constitution has been converted to a Doctrine supporting Slavery.

As stated by Dr. Robert Higgs, “One need only open one’s eyes to the clear historical trend. The United States verges ever closer to totalitarianism, yet at every moment the bulk of America’s people and most of its intellectuals insist we live in a free country. . . For a very long time, [Americans] have rested content with the Myth of the Land of the Free; they have accepted creature comforts, lavish entertainments, and the illusion of security as good substitutes for living in a free country. Such disregard of reality allows them to drift steadily toward a whirlpool of tyranny from which they will be unable to escape.”

Thomas Jefferson stated, “the natural progress of things is for liberty to yield and government to gain ground. . . I hold it, that a little rebellion, now and then, is a good thing, and as necessary in the political world as storms in the physical. . . It is a medicine necessary for the sound health of government. . . God forbid we should ever be twenty years without such a rebellion. . . And what country can preserve its liberties, if its rulers are not warned from time to time, that the people preserve the spirit of resistance? Let them take arms. . . The tree of liberty must be refreshed from time to time, with the blood of patriots and tyrants. It is its natural manure.” “If [the people] remain quiet . . . it is a lethargy, the forerunner of death to the public liberty.”

Unfortunately, it has been a long time since the American people have rebelled against the encroachment of individual liberty and private property rights by the legislative and executive branches, aided and supported by the Supreme Court of the United States.

Right now, the masses have been convinced that the Constitution is a document that allows for the majority to decide the fate of all Americans. What they do not realize is this interpretation allows the power-elites in control of government to enslave their fellow Americans; and ultimately, themselves. As Thomas Jefferson stated, **“A democracy is nothing more than mob rule, where fifty-one percent of the people may take away the rights of the other forty-nine.”**

There is no middle ground, you either believe in freedom or you believe in slavery. Today, **Americans by-and-large have unwittingly chosen slavery.** Our only hope is to remove power from Washington DC by repealing the 16th Amendment; separating Education from the State or

getting rid of government-controlled compulsory schooling; change the rules of the Supreme Court regarding standing, unanimity and interpretation (*Take Politics Out of the Supreme Court and Restore Freedom*, available through our website); repeal Sovereign Immunity; repeal the 17th Amendment; and reduce the appeal of a career in politics and government service as a way to make a living and become wealthy.

Ben Franklin warned us about the corruption and growth of government that we have today because we let it become profitable to seek public office. We were too busy trying to make a living and raising our families, trusting that our elected officials would do the right thing. As a result, our Constitutional Republic has been turned into a democracy with an entrenched ruling class that continues to crave power and money, resulting in an increasing decline of individual freedom and private property rights.

Throughout recorded history, the average life of an Empire has been 250 years before its collapse; the greatest Empire the World has ever known, the United States of America, celebrates its 250-year anniversary on July 4, 2026.

Will we survive our historical destiny and continue the experiment in individual freedom by restoring the American Republic?

Dum Spiro Spero—While I breathe, I hope.

Slainte mhath,

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