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For many years I—along with many of you, I'm sure—have noticed that the various attacks on our freedoms have seemed *coordinated*. Whatever the particular issue—be it the economy, terrorism, the environment, obesity, education, retirement, drug abuse, police brutality, or the novel coronavirus—it always seems like the “answer” is to grow the power of the State and further erode individual liberty.

As someone who's been fighting in the war of ideas since college, I have come to a regrettable conclusion: My side is getting trounced. Even though the defenders of human liberty have the best arguments, both theoretical and empirical, on these various issues, the “front” on the battlefield keeps shifting, while we continually retreat. Even in those arenas where there have been definite improvements, most notably the reduction in marginal income tax rates in the United States (and in many other countries) dating from the Reagan-Thatcher revolution, it seems we are just being softened up before the kill: We've got major economists clamoring for confiscatory rates in the 70%+ range, while political figures like Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez are openly calling to eliminate billionaires. If Biden wins the election, it's anybody's guess how large of a tax hike his administration would push through.

“This Time Is Different”

Besides noting the gradual erosion, I must also highlight the fact that when a crisis strikes, the public *still* rushes to the arms of Big Brother. This happened after the 9/11 attacks, the financial crisis in 2008, and of course earlier this year with Covid-19. On each occasion, I was amazed at how readily the American public trusted whatever information their political leaders spooned out, even though polls show that this same public endorses “conspiracy theories” about the assassination of JFK. In other words, Americans believe that *previous* generations of U.S. officials would implement a coup and then cover it up, but *right now* our government surely wouldn't be lying to us about suchand-such

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Widening the Scope of Combat

What these episodes have taught me is that the battle of ideas is on much broader territory than I had been fighting. It didn't matter how much I, as an economist, could write persuasive essays spelling out, with airtight logic, that interest rates perform a social role and that "easy" Fed policy just sets up another boom-bust cycle. Nope, if the public has been taught in their history classes as kids that the Great Depression was caused by wildcat free market forces, then they are going to fall hook, line, and sinker for the casual claims that Ben Bernanke's massive rounds of Quantitative Easing "prevented another Depression."

More generally, I've come to realize that focusing on economics, or even politics, is not enough. As Andrew Breitbart famously put it: "Politics is downstream from culture." Because I am a trained economist, and frankly had no idea how to "model" or think rigorously about changing cultural values, I resisted this insight.

But, inadequate though I feel in the task, I have decided to embark on a three-part series here in the *LMR*, in order to help shed light on these trends. As I'll explain, it's not a coincidence that the assault on our liberties seems coordinated. On the contrary, this has been a dedicated campaign, particularly coming from avowed socialists.

And lest the reader worry that I'm spinning out "conspiracy theories": No, as I'll document, these people are quite open about their agenda and strategy for political success. There's nothing hidden about it.

An Illustrative Example: Naomi Klein on Climate Change

Later in this essay I'm going to turn the clock back to the formation of the public (i.e. government) school system in the United States, as I start my historical journey in this 3-part series. But let me first take a more recent example that epitomizes the pattern I'm trying to document.

Specifically, let me quote from Naomi Klein's 2015

book, *THIS CHANGES EVERYTHING: Capitalism vs. the Climate*. As you'll see, Klein admits that she only began championing the cause of climate change when she realized how much it advanced with her pre-existing political agenda. You rarely see such frankness, which is why I hope the reader will forgive me for a long excerpt:

I denied climate change for longer than I care to admit. I knew it was happening, sure. Not like Donald Trump and the Tea Partiers going on about how the continued existence of winter proves it's all a hoax. But I stayed pretty hazy on the details and only skimmed most of the news stories, especially the really scary ones. I told myself the science was too complicated and that the environmentalists were dealing with it...

...

I have begun to understand how climate change—if treated as a true planetary emergency akin to those rising flood waters—could become a galvanising force for humanity, leaving us all not just safer from extreme weather, but with societies that are safer and fairer in all kinds of other ways as well. The resources required to rapidly move away from fossil fuels and prepare for the coming heavy weather could pull huge swaths of humanity out of poverty, providing services now sorely lacking, from clean water to electricity, and on a model that is more democratic and less centralized than the models of the past. This is a vision of the future that goes beyond just surviving or enduring climate change, beyond "mitigating" and "adapting" to it in the grim language of the United Nations. It is a vision in which we collectively use the crisis to leap somewhere that seems, frankly, better than where we are right now.

Once the lens shifted from one of crisis to possibility, I discovered that I no longer feared immersing myself in the scientific reality of the climate threat. And like many others, I have begun to see all kinds of ways that climate change could become a catalysing force for positive change—how it could be the best argument progressives

have ever had to demand the rebuilding and reviving of local economies; to re-claim our democracies from corrosive corporate influence; to block harmful new free trade deals and rewrite old ones; to invest in starving public infrastructure like mass transit and affordable housing; and to take back ownership of essential services like energy and water. All of which would help to end grotesque levels of inequality within our nations and between them.

There is a rich populist history of winning big victories for social and economic justice in the midst of large-scale crises. These include, most notably, the policies of the New Deal after the market crash of 1929 and the birth of countless social programs after the second world war...

I am convinced that climate change represents a historic opportunity on an even greater scale. [Naomi Klein, bold added.]¹

Now to be sure, Klein didn't actually say, "I don't think climate change is a threat, I'm just making it up in order to push through my progressive agenda." But surely we can see the incentive to exaggerate the threat—even to fool one's self, as it were—when it is admittedly "the best argument progressives have ever had."

This is the general phenomenon that I am going to document during this 3-part series. Going back to the 1800s, we can find example after example of the enemies of capitalism openly admitting that their support for some seemingly innocuous tenet of "social justice" is actually tied to the achievement of their political ends.

To reiterate, the overall purpose of this investigation is to shed light on why it is that the defenders of capitalism always seem to be under a coordinated assault on multiple fronts. The answer is: because they are.

The Origins of the Public School in the U.S.

I went to Hillsdale College because it taught Austrian Economics—indeed, it was the home of the personal book collection of Ludwig von Mises. For one of my

classes, I wrote a paper on the origins of the public school (in the United States). My professor (Gary Wolfram) liked it so much that he told me to submit it to the Foundation for Economic Education (FEE), where it was published in the Freeman.²

Although the ostensible justifications for establishing public (i.e. government) schools was to educate the poor, one of the more specific motivations was the conflict between Catholics and Protestants. Yet beyond these religious disputes, in my research I discovered that the undisputed father of the U.S. public school—Horace Mann—wrote some pretty shocking things about his pet project.

For example, in his 1891 annual report to the Boston authorities in his capacity as the Secretary of the Board of Education in Massachusetts,³ Mann said:

Our common schools are a system of unsurpassable grandeur and efficiency. Their influences reach, with more or less directness and intensity, all the children belonging to the State,—children who are soon to be the State. They act upon these children at the most impressible period of their existence, — imparting qualities of mind and heart which will be magnified by diffusion, and deepened by time, until they will be evolved into national character...and, at last, will tamp their ineffaceable seal upon our history. [Mann, bold added.]

In my paper I also quoted from Henry Barnard, arguably the second most important figure behind the drive for U.S. public schools, who wrote:

No one at all familiar with the deficient household arrangements and deranged machinery of domestic life, of the extreme poor, and ignorant, to say nothing of the intemperate—of the examples of rude manners, impure and profane language, and all the vicious habits of low bred idleness—can doubt, that it is better for children to be removed as early and as long as possible from such scenes and examples.

Thus we see that from its very inception, the U.S. public school system wasn't merely an innocuous program for teaching poor kids how to read and multiply. It was quite consciously a tool for

progressives to instill each generation of children with civic values and modes of thought that they weren't going to get from their parents.

The Fabian Society

I will close out this first article with a discussion of the famous Fabian Society, which was founded by a group of British socialist intellectuals in 1884, most notably including Sidney and Beatrice Webb. The Society was named in honor of the Roman general Quintus Fabius Maximus Verrucosus, who was tasked with defending Rome from the Carthaginian army led by Hannibal.

Fabius knew that if he tried a direct assault on Hannibal, he would be routed and Rome would fall. Therefore Fabius used delaying tactics to wage a war of attrition. For example, Fabius might engage in quick raids against Hannibal's supply lines, which would stall the Carthaginian invasion while avoiding exposing the Roman soldiers to attack.

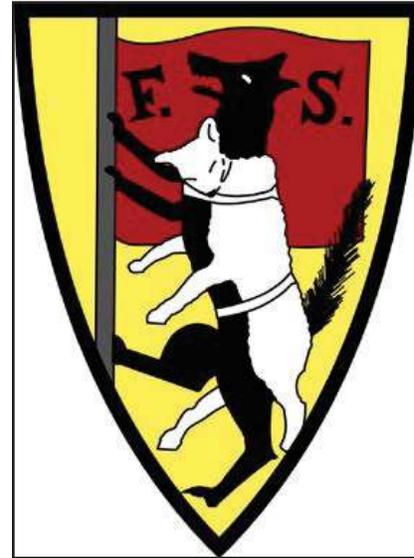
In the context of British politics, the Fabians knew that the masses were not yet ready for socialism. If they tried to implement it directly, it would be voted down. Therefore, the Fabians advocated gradual measures. In their initial pamphlets they called for a minimum wage, universal health care, and a welfare state along the Prussian model. The Fabians literally founded the British Labour Party in 1900. (The Fabian Society also founded the London School of Economics in 1895. The existence of trained economists who were also "coincidentally" socialists should therefore be less of a surprise.)

As the example of the Fabian Society showcases, there is no mystery when it comes to the constant expansion of State power. We shouldn't wonder why it is, that whenever you give the government an inch, it takes a mile. *That's the plan.*

As Jon Perdue reports, "The logo of the Fabian Society, a tortoise, represented the group's predilection for a slow, imperceptible transition to socialism..." This seems pretty harmless, right? But wait, there's more: "...while its coat of arms, a 'wolf in sheep's clothing', represented its preferred methodology for

achieving its goal."⁴

Yes, you read that right. *The actual coat of arms for the Fabian Society was a wolf in sheep's clothing.* We've included a photo of it.



Quotes from Famous Fabians

Again, one of the themes in this series is that I am not spinning out a "conspiracy theory," because these people aren't really hiding what they're doing. Even with the Fabians, they're not taking great pains to keep their socialist

agenda a secret—after all, a true wolf in sheep's clothing doesn't adopt that as his coat of arms!

Let me end the article by quoting from three of the most famous intellectuals who were members of the Fabian Society. The first is from Bertrand Russell, the famous British mathematical logician and philosopher, who admittedly was only briefly a member of the Society. (He left when he was concerned that the Fabian stance on foreign policy would lead to war with Germany.) In his renowned 1952 booklet, *The Impact of Science on Society*, Russell (in)famously wrote:

I think the subject which will be of most importance politically is mass psychology...Its importance has been enormously increased by the growth of modern methods of propoganda. Of these the most influential is what is called "education." Religion plays a part, though a diminishing one; the Press, the cinema and the radio play an increasing part...

...It may be hoped that in time anybody will be able to persuade anybody of anything if he can catch the patient young and is provided by the State with money and equipment.

The subject will make great strides when it is taken up by scientists under a scientific dictatorship... The social psychologists of the future will have a number of classes of school children on whom they will try different methods of producing an unshakable conviction that snow is black. Various results will soon be arrived at. First, that the influence of home is obstructive. Second, that not much can be done unless indoctrination begins before the age of ten. Third, that verses set to music and repeatedly intoned are very effective. Fourth, that the opinion that snow is white must be held to show a morbid taste for eccentricity. But I anticipate. It is for future scientists to make these maxims precise and discover exactly how much it costs per head to make children believe that snow is black, and how much less it would cost to make them believe it is dark grey.

Although this science will be diligently studied, it will be rigidly confined to the governing class. The populace will not be allowed to know how its convictions were generated. When the technique has been perfected, every government that has been in charge of education for a generation will be able to control its subjects securely without the need of armies or policemen. [Russell, bold added.]⁵

Although the above quotation is real—I even bought a copy of Russell’s booklet myself, just to make sure that people on the internet weren’t misquoting him—I do hasten to add that in context, it’s not as bad as it sounds (even though it’s still pretty bad). Although it sounds as if he’s endorsing these trends in the block quotation, if you sit down and read his essays, you’ll see that that’s not quite what he’s doing. In his very British style, Russell is mostly just telling the reader what to expect, but admittedly he doesn’t seem too alarmed by it, does he?

As for the famous author H.G. Wells, he too was a member of the Fabian Society, and for longer than Russell. (Even Wells eventually split with the group.) As I say folks, this stuff is all in the open. Wells was a supporter of one-world government. He wrote a book in 1928 called *The Open Conspiracy: Blue Prints for a World Revolution* and another in 1940 called *The New*

World Order. His overall strategy—like the Fabians in general—was to achieve one-world government with baby steps.

But perhaps the most quintessential member of the Fabian Society was the playwright George Bernard Shaw. Far from being a sweet old socialist who just wants everybody to get enough to eat, Shaw—like many progressives of his time—was an open advocate of eugenics. Here are some choice quotations from Shaw,⁶ demonstrating his value system:

Mussolini, Kemal, Pilsudski, Hitler and the rest can all depend on me to judge them by their ability to deliver the goods and not by ... comfortable notions of freedom. Stalin has delivered the goods to an extent that seemed impossible ten years ago; and I take off my hat to him accordingly. (1934)

I don’t want to punish anybody, but there are an extraordinary number of people who I might want to kill...I think it would be a good thing to make everybody come before a properly appointed board just as he might come before the income tax commissioner and say every 5 years or every 7 years...Just put them there and say: ‘Sir,’ –or ‘madam,’ – ‘will you be kind enough to justify your existence? If you’re not producing as much as you consume or perhaps a little bit more then clearly we cannot use the big organisation of our society for the purpose of keeping you alive. Because your life does not benefit us and it can’t be of very much use to yourself.’ (1931)

We ought to tackle the Jewish question by admitting the right of States to make eugenic experiments by weeding out any strains that they think undesirable, but insisting that they should do it as humanely as they can afford to, and not shock civilization by such misdemeanors as the expulsion and robbery of Einstein. (Letter to Beatrice Webb, 1938)

Now take Stalin himself. He is ‘neither duke nor peer’, not a king, not a chancellor, not a dictator, not a Prime Minister, not an archbishop, not entitled to salutes enforced by youths in coloured shirts, but simply secretary of the supreme controlling organ of the hierarchy, subject to dismissal at five minutes’

notice if he does not give satisfaction. This position he has attained through the survival of the fittest, and has held through the years of the most appalling vicissitudes that ever attended the birth pangs of a new civilisation. (1934)

Conclusion

The defender of economic and civil liberties needs to realize that the forces on the Left seeking to overthrow capitalism are not fighting fairly. Some of their leading intellectuals—going back more than a century—have quite openly advocated taking control of various institutions—most notably the schools—in order to transform public opinion and gradually introduce socialism. Although some Fabians publicly profess a desire to achieve their goals democratically, it is clear from some of their leading members that violence isn't verboten per se; it's just sometimes not tactically wise.

In the next installment I will focus on the Italian communist Antonio Gramsci and the Frankfurt School, home of the so-called cultural Marxists. These were the master theorists of achieving socialism through conquering social and cultural institutions first, rather than directly putting the matter up to a vote.

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The Global "Lock Step Scenario." The Kennedys - Part One

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It was after reading the works of Augustine of Hippo that I was able to more accurately comprehend the depravity of man and how far his violence can actually extend. Prior to this I was always asking, what many of us lately are asking, "what's wrong with people these days?" The answer quite simply is that man's fundamental problem is *sin*. Although God created man and all of creation and then declared them to be good, when sin entered the world, all of creation became broken. The fall of creation now declares all of us to be sinners. Consequently, we are all guilty and under a divine curse. This is why judging another person can be difficult, and it should be.

And, yes. You assess me correctly. I am Christian. So, I naturally think this way.

But, wait just a minute, it is precisely because Augustine's landmark writings, most notably "*The City of God*" and "*Confessions*," were the books that actually influenced the development of Western philosophy and Western Christianity for the entire world, and has done so for centuries. You must admit that this is a monumental phenomenon.

This is why I have searched his books and his reasoning once again in an effort to make sense of what, or who, is the invisible culprit to our current coronavirus madness that has engulfed the world and brought about all other forms of recent violence. Although many of us can guess the who and the why, because it's perfectly human, broken as we all are, to want to know what evil looks like. More importantly, to know that our assessment is accurate.

The world, we all know, has been coming undone for millennia and many of us have eventually become

aware of it even during our own lifetimes. Still, it's very hard for us to believe what has recently happened to our country, indeed all nations, and in just a matter of a few short months. Please remember that this is just July 2020.

So, my burning question is this: Will we remain passive and silent forever, until all of what is meaningful in life is completely destroyed? Or, will we be moved to act now before it is too late? But then again, exactly, how do we actually do it?

When we witness the repeated injustices to our liberties and continuing violence, and loss of safety for our children and grandchildren, that is the moment when many of us are eventually moved to look further and deeper for answers. Eventually, when we find the answers, we are motivated to speak out. But, we must be careful and thoughtful in pointing fingers.

Readers of our issue know that I have written about "so called" conspiracy theories in the past because, as we all know, sometimes they prove to be true. I will do it again in this *LMR* article. I want to show you what my research has uncovered. And, since I intend to name names, I will be extra careful about my facts and information. I will let you, our *LMR* readers, be the judge and jury of what I will report.

Assassinations, Like Conspiracies, Are Real

When I was 16 years old living in Texas at the time when John F. Kennedy was assassinated, I was absolutely too young to understand politics, much less anything about how governments worked. I barely knew what constituted an assassination. The murder of an individual was rarely talked about in my home or neighborhood. This is one reason why years later we refer to that period in time as the age of innocence. We were the "baby boomers" of that era, and basically, we were all just children.

But, although widespread, this young innocent view of the world certainly did not apply to every age group. The older generation of that time had already experienced world wars and the death of innocent men, women, and children. They had witnessed the atomic bomb, the Jewish Holocaust, and the death

of camps of Russia's Joseph Stalin. So, as you can see, the broken world, as Christianity describes it, keeps marching on.

But this is precisely why we, now the older generation, need to be vigilant and protective, of especially, our own children. Children love the beauty and wonder of the world, but are very susceptible to falling prey to all kinds of evil forces within it. Even grown adults many times remain childlike and lack wisdom, which makes them fall into snares. This is why Augustine, in all his writings, never tired of reminding us that the prince of this world was Satan, "who, like a roaring lion, seeks whom he may devour."¹ The gullible, we must remember, are always his easiest kill. Today, during the time of this pandemic, we are living among people of immense gullibility.

Speaking of President Kennedy, in fact his entire family, they certainly were an elite group of individuals. They were immensely wealthy, physically attractive, and brilliant. Apparently, they were blessed by God in every humanly way, "but then again, were they really?"

For sure, the Kennedy's personas have been with us for over 50 years and many of us have read countless books on, especially, John and Robert Kennedy, the history of their lives, their terrible assassinations, and of course, even their affairs. Many of these stories were not mere theories.

Ted Kennedy, their youngest brother, was not murdered, but is memorialized by the events of his Chappaquiddick incident. This event forevermore hindered his opportunity of ever becoming president of the United States. We have grown up knowing them well, and their stories are a thoughtful reminder of our fallen humanity, even and especially among, the rich and powerful like their own family.

But, the one Kennedy we know the least about is the senior Kennedy, and that would be, Joseph P. Kennedy. It is this particular Kennedy who will lead off this *LMR* narrative, and here's why. There is an old saying you may find helpful when reading what I have to say in "part one" of this rendering. It goes something like this — "the fish stinks from the head

down.” So, we will start with the head first, the father.

The Sins of the Father

When President Franklin D. Roosevelt appointed Joseph P. Kennedy as chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission in 1934, a colleague asked Roosevelt “why he had appointed such a crook. Roosevelt replied: it takes one to catch one.”² Here, in one statement, this unflattering comment from Roosevelt describes the life of Joseph P. Kennedy and what several sources claim the elder Kennedy was really like.

Nevertheless, Joseph Kennedy was industrious, ambitious, and smart. John Simkin, a writer of educational books on the life of the senior Kennedy, tells us that all of Kennedy’s grandparents, who were of Irish descent, were active members of the Democratic Party and they did very well financially in the United States. They had immigrated to Massachusetts in the 1840s to escape the Irish famine. Wikipedia tells us that this famine was a period of starvation in Ireland which took the lives of one million people, and a million more people emigrated.

Relying on Simkins’s publication again, he tells us that “Kennedy studied at Harvard University and in 1914 married Rose Fitzgerald, the daughter of John Francis Fitzgerald, the mayor of Boston. The couple had nine children: Joseph (25th July, 1915), John (29th May, 1917), Rose (13th September, 1918), Kathleen (20th February, 1920), Eunice (10th July, 1921), Patricia (16th May, 1924), Robert (20th November, 1925), Jean (20th February, 1928), and Edward (22th September, 1932).”³

Joseph Kennedy started his career as the manager of a commercial bank and later became its president at the age of 25. *The Encyclopedia Britannica* and *Wikipedia* both mention this fact and that friends often heard Kennedy brag to the press that he was the youngest bank president in America. As his wealth continued to increase he did prove to be an astute businessman, who many would say, did not mind cheating if he had to.

By 1919 Kennedy had left the bank and had

become an expert in the *stock market*. He managed the investment firm of Hayden, Stone and Company and by using insider trading tricks that today are illegal, he became a multi-millionaire retiring from the investment business just before the Wall Street Crash of 1929. (Later, as head of the Securities and Exchange Commission, he criminalized the very same tricks that made him wealthy, making them officially illegal for anyone else.)

Kennedy was a strong supporter of Franklin D. Roosevelt and he donated and raised a substantial amount of money to help Roosevelt during the 1932 presidential election. In response to Kennedy’s efforts, Roosevelt appointed Kennedy as United States Ambassador to Britain.

Simkins’ publication says that Joseph E. Persico, the author of *Roosevelt’s Secret War* (2001) argued that:

“The President may have had an ulterior motive. Joseph Kennedy had proved something of a misguided missile in Washington. The right wing saw him as a renegade, a businessman who attacked his own kind. The left painted him as a man who could be troublesome for labor. Within the administration, he was counted a power-hungry publicity hound, a harsh critic of the administration when it suited him, and a man whose business dealings might not stand up to close scrutiny.”⁴

One such financial incident in Joseph Kennedy’s past was a 1928 hostile buyout of Pantages Theatre Chain where Alexander Pantages refused to sell out to Kennedy. When Pantages was later charged and tried for rape, his reputation was ruined and he was forced to sell to Kennedy at a much-reduced price. At a second trial Pantages claimed that Kennedy had set him up. According to some accounts, the girl who had accused Pantages of rape, Eunice Pringle, confessed on her deathbed that Kennedy was the mastermind of the plot to frame Pantages.

Henry Morgenthau, Secretary of the Treasury under Roosevelt and a close friend, claimed that Roosevelt had told him that “Kennedy is too dangerous to have around here (meaning Washington) ...I have made arrangements to have Joe Kennedy watched hourly

and the first time he opens his mouth and criticizes me, I will fire him.”⁵ As Ambassador to Britain, Kennedy was so vocal as a sympathizer to Adolf Hitler and his views on the Jews, that the British government saw him as an enemy and traitor.

William Donovan, a close advisor to the White House and friend of President Roosevelt, reported that Ambassador Kennedy had been placed under electronic surveillance by the British government. In his report to Roosevelt he argued several reasons why Kennedy should be dismissed, chief among them was that Kennedy was very critical of Winston Churchill, and of openly stating that Britain would lose the war. Roosevelt took Donovan’s counsel. In November, 1940, Kennedy was forced to resign.

Legendary Adulterers

This apparent fall from political grace did not seem to abate the Kennedys’ pride, nor to subdue their ambitions, nor their pursuits to amass even more wealth and power. During the Great Depression, Kennedy vastly increased his fortune which in 1929 was estimated at \$59.6 million in today’s money. By 1935, just six years later, his wealth had increased to the equivalent sum of \$3.36 billion in today’s money.

As for his boys, John, Robert and Ted—the eldest son, Joe Jr., died in action during World War 2—they went on to become wealthy influential politicians as well as, (at least in the case of President John Kennedy), notorious womanizers, just like their father who approved of the practice. It’s an odd relationship that Joseph Kennedy established with his sons. But one of the most bizarre examples of marriage in the Kennedy households is displayed by Rose Kennedy, and then later by the wives of all the Kennedy men.

According to one of Joseph Kennedy’s affair partner, Gloria Swanson (a famous movie actress), it didn’t matter to Rose Kennedy and she knew all about Joseph Kennedy’s infidelities. So long as she retained the wealth, privilege and status that were afforded to members of the Kennedy clan, Rose was able to carry on. Of course, the secrecy and protection from the public, press and other media that the government afforded important members of the White House at

that time, assisted the existence of this lifestyle.

Joseph and all three of his boys were plagued right up to their adult lives with rumors and scandals of affairs with other women. Even Robert Kennedy, the one most believed to be completely loyal to his wife, was also blamed in cases of sexual dishonesty.

Kennedy Senior and John Kennedy, the President, in particular, have the most exhausting list of verifiable sexual improprieties in the family. In examining this evidence, I have selected two of the most recognized and documented accounts attributable to President Kennedy. One is the case of Marilyn Monroe and the accounts of her death. The other is Judith Exner, her illegal abortion, and her and the President’s connections to the mafia boss, Sam Giancana. Both can be found on the YouTube links in the resource list of this article.⁶

With regards to Ted Kennedy, the Chappaquiddick incident where Mary Jo Kopechne was drowned is by far the most inciteful and condemning. According to Kennedy, his only crime was leaving the scene of the accident and not reporting to the police until the next day at which point her dead body had already been fished out of the water. Ted Kennedy was a U.S. senator at this time, but escaped any sanctions for the unconfirmed accident, other than Kennedy’s own word. Consequently, rumors of foul play lingered for years afterward up to the time of his death.⁷

Although these scandalous stories of the Kennedy family are tragically immoral, they in no way impair their brilliant minds and cunning abilities to navigate effectively as leaders in this world. Just the same, they are fallen creatures like the rest of us. When God ultimately decides to roll back the scrolls of time, they must, like everyone else, give an account of each one of their deeds.

But, I have written this entire Kennedy chapter in order to introduce to you the next, and, in my opinion, the most important of the Kennedys living in our time. As a Kennedy he is by no means a saint, but surprisingly he admits his wrong doings, and is remorseful about them.

Like all Kennedys before him, he is a Democrat, but he is currently upset with his party, especially in the midst of government enforced lockdowns. Many refer to him as a true hero. But, you be the judge. As for me, this particular Kennedy has uncovered some revealing truths that expose the evil being we have been seeking to hold accountable for the radical measures being forced upon much of the world's population.

Robert F. Kennedy, Jr

Son of the late Senator Robert F. Kennedy (assassinated in 1968) and nephew of the late President John F. Kennedy (assassinated in 1963), Robert F. Kennedy, Jr, is an environmental lawyer. He is also the president of Waterkeeper Alliance, and the chairman of Children's Health Defense. He has spent the last 15 years advocating for proper safety testing of vaccines.

Kennedy, an Irish Catholic, has taken on the unenviable roll of David fighting the pharmaceutical and big business Goliaths, and has achieved an enormous \$2 billion victory against Bayer's Monsanto and its popular weed killer, Round Up, for causing terminal Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma in consumers.

His recent appeal, dated May 4, 2020, and addressed to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), was signed by 80 people, including theologians, journalists, prelates, doctors, lawyers, and associations. It is a call to action summarized in the following statements:

"The facts have shown that, under the pretext of the COVID-19 epidemic, the inalienable rights of citizens have, in many cases, been violated and their fundamental freedoms, including their exercise of freedom of worship, and movement, have been disproportionate and unjustifiably restricted. Public health must not, and cannot, become an alibi for infringing on the rights of millions of people around the world, let alone for depriving the civil authorities of its duty to act wisely for the common good."⁸

Signed by Robert F. Kennedy, Jr, this Appeal for dignity to the Church and for the world is in six languages and reminds all Christians among all other things already mentioned, that it is morally

unacceptable to develop or use vaccines derived from material from aborted fetuses. The entire Appeal can be read here: <https://veritasliberabitvos.info/appeal/>

Next Month in the *LMR*: In Part Two of The Global "Lock Step Scenario," the World Health Organization, Dr. Anthony Fauci, Bill Gates, and The Rockefeller Foundation.

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PART II Lesson 2 Willie Sutton's Law

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If you can overcome Parkinson's Law, rest assured, you must now face "Willie Sutton's Law" – Wherever wealth is accumulated, someone will try to steal it. For those too young to remember him, Willie Sutton was a notorious bank robber who was born around 1900. When asked why he kept robbing banks he replied, "Why, that's where they keep the money!"

Willie didn't invent this idea – he was just a stellar practitioner of the art as an individual. Theft was the very first labor-saving device – don't bother to produce anything, just steal from those who do.

Frederic Bastiat, a French economist and statesman who, in 1850, wrote an essay entitled *The Law*, describes it this way:

"The law perverted! And the police powers of the state perverted along with it! The law, I say, not only turned from its proper purpose but made to follow an entirely contrary purpose! The law become the weapon of every kind of greed! Instead of checking crime, the law itself guilty of the evils it is supposed to punish! If this is true, it is a serious fact, and moral duty requires me to call the attention of my fellow-citizens to it."

What Bastiat saw in France in the mid-1800s – and which we have in abundance in the U.S. today – he correctly identified as legal plunder.

He goes on to explain, "But how is this legal plunder to be identified? Quite simply: See if the law takes from some persons what belongs to them and gives it

to other persons to whom it does not belong. See if the law benefits one citizen at the expense of another by doing what the citizen himself cannot do without committing a crime."

So, the question of the moment is: Who is the biggest thief in the world?

If you answered, "The Internal Revenue Service," then go to the head of the class! You are absolutely correct!

As a result of the above bit of history you will find yourself engulfed in confiscatory taxation if you are the least bit effective in producing and accumulating wealth. You can count on it! Willis Sutton's Law is active! At this point there are many who resort to despair – "Woe is me, I am productive, I whip Parkinson's Law, and those dirty rotten tax collectors steal my wealth!" Why be surprised? They can't steal from the poor – they have nothing to steal! For more insight on this matter, go to my website, www.infinitebanking.org and when the home page comes up, click on the *BankNotes* button. That's my quarterly newsletter. Now go to the left side of that page, under the LINKS button, and click on the April 2001 issue and download it. Now scroll down to my article entitled *Lies! Lies! Lies!* and give it a thorough study.

There is no need for despair. The government lawmakers and bureaucrats who carry out these perversions of law fully understand that they are dealing with a parasite-host relationship. Government is incapable of producing anything – it gets all its sustenance from the productive element of society. Government is a parasite and lives off the productive taxpayers, the host. It is self evident that if the parasite takes all the produce of the host, then both parties die! Government officials may be cunning, but they are not stupid! They want to keep you producing so that they will have a place from which to steal.

We all need to protect ourselves from the devastating effects of this monstrous idea outlined above. It just can't work. Yet, generation after generation keeps trying the same old nonsense. Economic problems are best solved by people freely contracting with one

another and with government limited to enforcing those contracts. The best way to do so is through the magnificent idea of dividend-paying whole life insurance! It has been around for over 200 years. It has stood the test of time. It is not compulsory. It is not a government sponsored idea. It preceded the income tax idea by a long time and is not a creature of the IRS code. It is private property. Only the people who care about others that are dear to them participate in the idea. What a great group of people to be associated with in business!

There's more homework to do. Buy a copy of *The Law* by Frederic Bastiat. Study this little book intensively. Then buy 100 copies of it and give it to others. Bought in large quantities, it is very inexpensive, and it will be one of the best things you can do for your fellow man! The world has always needed this knowledge.



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