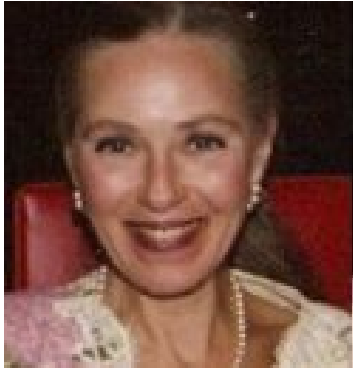


Government Charity: More Loss, Debt and Inflation



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What I'm not saying is that all government spending is bad. It's not – far, far from it, but there is no free lunch, as a former colleague of mine used to say. There is no public tooth fairy. Father Christmas does not work on the Treasury staff this year. You can never bail someone out of trouble without putting someone else into trouble. –Arthur Laffer

I predict future happiness for Americans if they can prevent the government from wasting the labors of the people under the pretense of taking care of them. –Thomas Jefferson

I have never believed in the fallacy that the federal government can buy its way out of economic troubles through needless spending. For that reason, I am proud to oppose 'stimulus' packages and endless corporate bailouts, which will do little but weaken the long-term integrity of the American economy. –John Fleming

The appropriation of public money always is perfectly lovely until someone is asked to pay the bill...the people will have to furnish more revenue by paying more taxes.” –President Calvin Coolidge

There are more instances of the abridgment of the freedom of the people by gradual and silent encroachments of those in

power, than by violent and sudden usurpations. –James Madison

No society can safeguard public health for long at the cost of economic health. Whenever massive government interventions have been tried, they have always ended in poverty, scarcity, and too often, mass death and genocide. The further government takes its power, the harder it will be to wrest it back. And it has already gone way too far.

We need to pull out of this global shutdown as soon as possible, in fact America never should have been shut down, but the socialist politicians will not easily give up all the police powers they have accumulated over these many Covid-19 weeks. They have habituated the sheep of America into a “new normal,” a normal that is causing suicides, drug and alcohol addition, and domestic abuse. The [shutdown](#) is killing the economy and is no good for our health.

This virus and the stimulus will only result in more loss, debt and inflation.

Congressmen Thomas Massie and Andy Biggs

There are two Republican members of Congress who uphold the Constitution on a regular basis. They are not always in good graces with the rest of their party in doing so, but they abide by the U.S. Constitution. I hope they know there are Americans who appreciate their stance and love for country.

Thomas Massie (R-KY) demanded a recorded tally as opposed to a voice vote on the \$2.2 trillion “[Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act](#)” or the “CARES Act.” Rep. Massie tweeted, “I swore an oath to uphold the constitution, and I take that oath seriously. In a few moments I will request a vote on the CARES Act which means members of Congress will vote on it by pushing ‘yes’ or ‘no’ or ‘present.’” Thomas Massie has [repeatedly spoken out against stay-at-home measures and business closures](#) amid the pandemic.

Congressman Andy Biggs (R-AZ) was right there with Massie. Both of them knew it was important for Americans to know how their representatives voted on this bill.



*Congressmen Andy Biggs
and Thomas Massie*

President Trump excoriated Rep. Massie. “He just wants the publicity. He can’t stop it, only delay, which is both dangerous ... and costly,” Trump [tweeted](#) of Massie. “Workers and small businesses need money now in order to survive. Virus wasn’t their fault. It is ‘HELL’ dealing with the Dems, had to give up some stupid things in order to get the ‘big picture’ done. 90 percent GREAT! WIN BACK HOUSE, but throw Massie out of Republican Party!”

Throw Massie out? He and Andy Biggs are two of the finest old right constitutional conservatives in Congress! I’m sorry President Trump, but your words were malicious and defamatory.

This was the first time I was ashamed of what my President said to a representative who has a 98% conservative voting record and consistently relies on and votes for the Constitution of the United States.

Massie ultimately failed when the House approved the package, but his effort was noted by Americans who love their constitution. President Trump responded in a negative way to

Congressman Massie. Trump loves America and her citizens and he is under great stress trying to help us through this horrid communist China inflicted debacle, but a day or two more wouldn't have made a difference. Both of these Congressmen support the president and Tom Massie is owed a public apology and a private phone call.

A yea or nay vote was taken, and we do not know who voted against it other than these two Congressmen. We know that when Speaker Pelosi returned from vacation, she added enough pork into the bill that had nothing to do with rescuing those who lost jobs and businesses thanks to the politicians shutting down the country and destroying the booming economy and stock market.

Former Congressman Ron Paul called the recent measures to control the spread of COVID-19 a "grab bag" for some in government. He said what he is worried about is that some in government have inflated the risk and response for their own political gain. "I think it's blown way out of proportion to the danger. People who want more government power and more control over people and want to get big appropriations and get their special deals passed, that's what's happening now," Paul [said](#) of federal and state government responses to the virus.

Pelosi Pork

The Covid-19 relief aid gave \$25 million to the Kennedy Center, \$350 million to refugee resettlement, \$75 million to PBS, \$25 million went to congressional salaries and expenses, a \$10 billion loan to the post office, and \$150 million in funding to the National Endowment of the Arts and National Endowment of the Humanities. Her additions are amoral.

Critically, that \$150 million comes in the form of grants with no expectation of being paid back. Meanwhile, much of the funding afforded to small businesses in the bill comes in the form of loans, which the companies will have to reimburse.

The word “sunscreen” [appears dozens of times](#), 49 to be exact, in the CARES Act, and it’s thanks to the [Treatment of Sunscreen Innovation Act](#) (SIA) being placed into the bill. The **Act** requires FDA to provide a streamlined approach to approving new over-the-counter **sunscreen** ingredients, including evaluating applications that an ingredient is safe and effective on an expedited timeline.

What in heaven’s name does this Act have to do with rescuing workers and families in this ungodly crisis – except to say that powerful members of Congress are skilled in never letting a crisis go to waste. Even the *New York Times* editorial board [wailed](#) that “the urgency of the moment does not justify the egregious misuse of public resources.” Someone should tell Nancy Pelosi the news.

Art Laffer on Stimulus

Several weeks ago, Art Laffer was on Stuart Varney’s program. Varney was discussing how the “rescue plan” was stalled and that it needed to be passed to save the people. Varney has obviously banned Art from his program even though Art was telling the truth. Laffer was dead set against the stimulus and called the bill “a helicopter money proposal” of handouts that has a bad track record historically. “It never works, it just causes the problem to get worse and worse,” said Laffer, known for his “Laffer curve.” “You don’t tax people who work and pay people who don’t work and expect more work,” he said. Laffer believes the stimulus is extending the self-induced recession.

Laffer noted he’s “been on all of these crises on the inside, from Nixon in 71-72 ... through Jerry Ford, up to the present.”

He proposes, instead, cutting the payroll tax for the next seven to eight months “to make sure that it’s more attractive for people to work and more attractive for companies to hire.” I agree with him.

And he suggests guaranteeing or granting liquidity loans to businesses to help them stay afloat. “Just the payroll tax cut and liquidity lending,” he said.

Laffer took a shot at Congress. “Whenever politicians make decisions, whether they are panicked or drunk, the consequences are rarely attractive,” he said. [Link](#)

And now, we are printing trillions of dollars that we don't have...hello to massive inflation.

The Davy Crockett Charity Story

There are a number of stories about Davy Crockett voting against charitable donations that should not come out of the largesse of the U.S. treasury. However, none of them are historically authentic. [Here are the true facts](#). Nowhere in the U.S. Constitution does it avail monies from the treasury to be given to anyone, including American citizens. It is to be used to run the federal government.

Article 1, Section 8, gives the **enumerated powers** of the federal government delegated to Congress. The first is the **power** to tax and to spend the money raised by taxes, to provide for the nation's defense and general welfare. These were terms transferred from the Articles of Confederation and understood by the men at the 1787 Constitutional Convention, but obviously not by today's congressional creatures.

This **section** was supplemented by the 16th amendment, which permitted Congress to levy an income tax, which would not have been approved of by our founders.

Although the Spending Clause is the source of congressional authority to levy taxes, it permits the levying of taxes for two purposes only: to pay the debts of the United States, and to provide for the common defense and general welfare of the United States. Taken together, these purposes have traditionally been held to imply and constitute the “Spending

Power.”

Unfortunately, Alexander Hamilton’s broad reading of Art. 1, Sec. 8, met with opposition from many of the other Founders. James Madison repeatedly argued that the power to tax and spend did not confer upon Congress the right to do whatever it thought to be in the best interest of the nation, but only to further the ends specifically enumerated elsewhere in the Constitution, a position supported by Thomas Jefferson.

Nevertheless, today, the term “general welfare” is gravely overused to the nation’s demise. Thus, we see this unconstitutional welfare giveaway that should never have happened, and neither should the shutdown of this nation ever have happened.

Conclusion

Oh, how I wish to write about something other than the virus and America’s police state, but every day more comes to the fore to counter the lies of “experts” and the mainstream media.

The real threat is not the virus, but the spirit of fear spread by federal, state and local governments with the help of the democratic socialists in mainstream media.

Fear is not from the Almighty, it is from the enemy. **God** actually commands us **not** to **fear**, or worry. The phrase “**fear not**” is used at least 80 times in the Bible, most likely because He knows the enemy uses **fear** to decrease our hope and limit our victories.

Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the Lord thy God, he it is that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee. Deuteronomy 31:6

But who so hearkeneth unto me shall dwell safely, and shall be quiet from fear of evil. Proverbs1:33

For I the Lord thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee. Isaiah 41:13

For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind. II Timothy 1:7

This is Holy Week for both Jews and Christians as we celebrate Passover and Easter. May the Lord give us all a spirit of peace, love, and joy in Him.

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