

Tariffs Can Save America from Socialism



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Anybody with half a brain tied behind his back, as Rush Limbaugh used to say, knows that the United States is going bankrupt and is on the road to socialism. The victory of the “Democratic Socialist” in New York City, America’s largest city, proves the point. He is a liar and a fraud, having sold himself as half-black, but the biggest fraud is the socialist recipe for America’s affordability crisis that he is promoting and winning with. His toxic solution, already responsible for the deaths of 100 million people since the Russian revolution, could easily go national.

President Trump’s “Big Beautiful Bill” promises that we will be able to pay for the socialist state through tax cuts and deregulation, and he may be right, because they will buy us some time. Their hope is that rapid economic expansion will generate enough money for the federal leviathan that we will avoid total “obliteration” financially and somehow come back from the brink.

We know that the bill will at least temporarily add more debt through large federal deficits. Federal entitlement programs remain, and one of the most gruesome outgrowths of Obamacare, the expansion of Medicaid to illegals and deadbeats, has only been slightly whittled down, with a few work requirements.

Republicans are dealing with a poor hand they have been given

by socialist Democrats and they now understand that it is hard to manage a welfare state.

In addition to the “Democratic Socialist” opposition, conservatives must deal with the moralizing from the Catholic priests and bishops, with D.C. Cardinal McElroy [telling CNN](#) that Trump’s policies are morally repugnant. The Vatican he serves is \$90 million in deficit and they were recently asking for donations through the “Peter’s Pence” scam being collected on Sundays.

Much of the money being collected on a local basis covers legal costs associated with child abuse sex cover-ups and settlements.

Please Mr. McElroy, go back to the Bible, for once. “Thou shalt not steal” presupposes private property. McElroy and his “Christians” are addicted to government money that their “charities” used to facilitate the illegal alien invasion.

A new [study](#) finds that one big factor in the rise of the cost of living has been health care, with medical premiums rising an incredible 301 percent from 2001 to 2023. Republicans tried to repeal Obamacare, which was backed by the Catholic Church, but they failed and it led to astronomical expansion of Medicaid under the Democrats. Hence, the recent brouhaha over “cuts” to the program, which is now available to illegal aliens and subsidizes couch potatoes abusing the system.

The major media raised a hue and cry over minor adjustments to the program, hoping to breathe life in the Democratic Party. This is the only issue they have, and their solution is more socialized medicine.

We must face the fact that the federal government is too big and it will continue to grow in power and influence over us. We are beginning to live like the Indians we conquered now on reservations under federal jurisdiction.

We need more and better education. The [Foundation for Economic Education](#) (FEE) is a source I consulted early on in my career and its writers made me aware of how Big Government inevitably leads to socialism and communism. Its [newsletter](#) has great articles about such topics as the New York City Mayoral candidate Zohran Mamdani.

Diogo Acosta, the new president of FEE, notes, “Mamdani’s socialist solutions are actually part of the infection, not the cure. Socialism doesn’t make things affordable. It makes them scarce. Ask any Venezuelans who remember when their country was Latin America’s richest. Ask any Cubans why they risk their lives on makeshift rafts. Ask the American Pilgrims who nearly starved before discovering the miracle of private property.”

Another article examines the failure of DOGE, which is timely in view of how its brain, Elon Musk, has now announced a new political party to deal with the budget mess. He is correct about how the swamp continues to expand and he, like Trump, promotes crypto currency as an alternative to fiat money. For his part, Trump is clearly unsatisfied with how the Federal Reserve is impeding lower interest rates that hold back economic growth, especially in the housing sector, which next to health care is a major affordability problem.

Some of the new spending in President Trump’s Big Beautiful Bill makes complete sense. He gets more money for national defense and border security. These are constitutional obligations of the federal government that Joe Biden, now living behind gated walls with warning signs around his Rehoboth Beach mansion, pretended not to understand. He was a traitor to America’s sovereignty who made this spending necessary.

Where I disagree with FEE, a free market group, is in its fierce opposition to tariffs, the taxing power of the federal government that enabled us to avoid the personal income tax

for decades and financed the rise of our industrial superpower status as a nation. FEE doesn't grasp [the rationale](#) for Karl Marx's support for global free trade, a precondition for communist revolution, and how China and other nations used this weapon to undermine our economy.

President Trump is facing many problems, not the least of which is his Attorney General Pam Bondi's Epstein files cover-up, but his plan for tariffs can once again save America on an economic basis. Through 2034, one [analysis](#) shows, the Trump tariffs currently in effect would [reduce debt](#) by about \$2.7 trillion. But another characteristic of tariffs is the ability to avoid other forms of federal taxation and reduce direct federal involvement in our lives.

Trump's tariffs should remain in effect and even be expanded, especially on communist countries like China. We should not be doing any aid and trade with Russia, a major military threat to Europe and America. His announced [trade deal](#) with Vietnam should be reviewed and rejected, however, since you can only trust communists to be communists. Vietnam's communist rulers, with the support of China and Russia, killed more than 58,000 Americans in the Vietnam War.

I am comforted by the prospect that, while we are on the road to bankruptcy, America's soldiers today represent the same spirit that gave us independence almost 250 years ago. Recruitment is up and there is a new sense of patriotism in America. These young people are smart, strong, and motivated.

That gives us some time to save ourselves.

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