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Board: NEWS BB
Subject: FAMILY VALUES
Posted: September 23,1996 20:58:03
To: NICK MARK (SZJU69A)
From: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)

YES! And then we must strip the power that big business has over the little guy. Break the choke hold of McDonalds and Wal-Mart over middle America, and bring back the traditional values of Main Street. Better to have a million folks making 50G a year than 50 making a million!

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Board: NEWS BB
Subject: FAMILY VALUES
Posted: September 23,1996 08:14:39
To: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)
From: NICK MARK (SZJU69A)

<<<We the People need to kill it and replace it with someting a bit more warm-blooded, doncha think?>>>

Yep. And I've told you how to kill it: Strip the power from government to have a choke hold on business and all the Wall Street/government types will slither away leaving those who produce without government favor free to do so.

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Board: NEWS BB
Subject: FAMILY VALUES
Posted: September 21,1996 23:08:42
To: NICK MARK (SZJU69A)
From: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)

The Washington/Wall Street Axis is like a snake eating its tail. Government and business is indistinguishable (for whatever reason.) We the People need to kill it and replace it with someting a bit more warm-blooded, doncha think?

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Board: NEWS BB
Subject: FAMILY VALUES
Posted: September 21,1996 23:00:34

To: RICHARD STACY (NTXG09A)
From: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)

Yeah Prodigy itself is screwed up and it began soon after the new owners took over. I forget the exact date but it happened at exactly 5PM ET. That's when they changed from postings in white lettering on black background to black on white. I was on the fifth page of a writing when it all went down without warning or explanation. When I went back on, my writing lost, the screen was the new color.

It would have been nice (not to mention intelligent) for Prodigy to have warned of this but since when does Prodigy treat its customers with respect? We're just income to them. If you call them up and want to start an account they have lots of clerks standing by to take the order, but if you're already on and they have your CC# you gotta wait 20, 30 minutes to talk to someone who doesn't know the answer anyway.

On the matter of the error message I tried the F6 help chat. Since I've been cut off so many times and lost so many hours I wanted a month of time back. I spent 90 minutes chatting with three different individuals who told me to talk to someone else, and I never did get my refund.

I tried to find out why they keep cutting me off but no-one had any idea what I was talking about. The technical expert kept trying to tell me it was a problem with my modem, but couldn't comprehend that my modem works fine when I'm connected to the net through an Internet access company (\$19.95, unlimited time) and insisted Prodigy cuts me off because of the modem or because I didn't turn a page for 10 minutes. I turn pages plenty and when the new owners took over if I was writing, but not posting for an hour the error message would appear. Those were hours full of page turns, but this last time a few nights ago they cut me off after 35 minutes TWICE.

What really irks me is the error message (which gives a list of possible causes) can't be gotten around. The only hot button is OK which is the exit. All the writing, which can be seen under the message is lost. I'm sure Prodigy can create a message like this that includes a "Return to writing" but won't because they make more \$\$\$\$\$ cutting us off and forcing us to retype everything.

I complained to the board "leader" months ago and he promised to get back to me, but of course, didn't.

Its such an insult to my intelligence the way Prodigy does things now, and they've definitely gone downhill. Now I'm so worried about losing a writing I'm spending a fortune in ink and paper to print up virtually every paragraph. <g>

Don't let the liars at Prodigy tell you its your fault or your modem's. Prodigy just doesn't want to be responsible.

They're incompetent and don't care about their customers beyond our \$\$\$\$\$. Perhaps a class action suit is in their future.

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Board: NEWS BB
Subject: FAMILY VALUES
Posted: September 19,1996 08:15:50
To: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)
From: NICK MARK (SZJU69A)

Every problem you discuss with "Wall Street Capitalism" is a problem of government power. Without that power, there would be NO WAY for any private individual to hold the kind of power to condemn. Wall Street serves a very vital function. There are those on "Wall Street" who are in bed with government, but most would rather not be if they had a choice. Get rid of the government stranglehold and government sleeps alone.

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Board: NEWS BB
Subject: FAMILY VALUES
Posted: September 18,1996 22:05:33
To: NICK MARK (SZJU69A)
From: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)

I know I'm sometimes too subtle for some readers, but for you to claim I said (or believe) that "brute muscular force is above the mind," or that I "separate labor and the mind" is outrageous. I said, (clearly I thought) in note 5 paragraph 6: "I could be a farmer, a rancher, a trapper or a miner and thus wed labor with entrepreneurship just like millions of other successful Americans."

"Entrepreneurship" in my mind, and I thought in everyone else's, MEANS "using the mind." The American Dream means the ability to marry the body with the mind in productive economic activity in a way that enables the individual to be independent and prosperous. That is, to be HIS OWN BOSS, and not a wage slave like his European cousin. This is what Jeffersonian economics envisioned, the dispersal of wealth as well as political power among the People so that no special interest could accumulate unfair economic hegemony that would, inevitably, translate into political tyranny.

In this way an American, this new man, could attain a new spirituality unfettered by superstition or the crass materialism inherent in the hand-to-mouth existence of the

wage system or subsistence farming. There have always been, of course, individuals who needed to accumulate THINGS, (as in keeping up with the Joneses,) and that is the type of materialism I meant, a sixties outlook, certainly not Marxism.

There is certainly nothing wrong with capital as long as its the middle-American/Main Street variety as opposed to the greed inspired Wall Street kind. There can be no doubt that capital=freedom, but ONLY when the economy is free from private control as well as government control.

But lately capital has been increasingly concentrated in ever fewer hands and this effectively shuts out the small entrepreneur who can't afford the luxury of high priced lawyers and politicians to aid him in accumulating ever more wealth and power.

What you've seem to have missed with the end of the Cold War and the discrediting of communism is that the motive force of history is no longer capitalism vs. communism, but rather Wall Street capitalism vs. Main Street capitalism, which basically means European style aristocracy vs. Jeffersonian style democracy. Unfortunately, its a one-sided contest.

I love America, and I'm sure you do too, but AMERICA is a place defined by our traditional values, and our values have always been rugged individualism and economic independence unencumbered by the huge, faceless leviathan from which most Americans were escaping when they left Europe.

They wanted to get ahead ON THEIR OWN without having to compromise with, or rely on, the lord, the employer, the government or whatever undemocratic system happened to be in place.

And can you deny the FACT that even as Adam Smith was extolling the virtues of capitalism the British ruling class was getting filthy rich through outright theft and murder on EVERY inhabited continent on this planet? The Brits certainly were smart, and they had a superb COLLECTIVE mind, and were well organized and willing to kill and enslave, but

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To: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)
From: NICK MARK (SZJU69A)

I know this is hopeless, but I'll give it one last shot. First, you make the mistake of separating labot and the mind. Labor without a mind to guide it is useless. The

settlers of the West had, first and foremost, a mind. Some more, some less. It was the MIND at work that made the physical labor worth more than grubbing for roots in the forest. Apart from allowing the settlers to claim the land, the government did nothing...and that was EXACTLY the right thing to do on both counts.

Capital was CREATED by those settlers...every time they saved more seed for the next planting. Capital, in the form of cash, did follow, but FIRST had to be created the same way as ALL capital has to be created; by producing surplus...and that surplus CAN NOT be produced except with a mind. Without it, we would be like the animals who forage and hunt and when it's all gone, starve. You, a crass materialist, place brute muscular force above the guiding force, the MIND. Just try and do ANYTHING that doesn't have a mind behind it. EVERY move you make, even if it is in imitation of the moves of those who came before, is the result of some mind somewhere that had to discover it for the first time. But, Like Karl Marx, you take the approach that, now since "we have been conditioned by the tools of production" we no longer need the mind (i.e. the capitalist, entrepreneur), we only need to repeat the motions of the past.

<<<Why can't you understand that ideas and actions have CONSEQUENCES that reverberate through history? >>>

But I DO understand it. Do YOU? You extol brute muscular labor and wish to claim that the mind is secondary at best, and then refer to ideas and their consequences. YOUR second-hand idea of the supremacy of brute, mindless muscular labor has been around and HAS produced consequences; the Gulags of Siberia. The entire Marxist catastrophe is bloody evidence of the ideas you espouse. I know that's not your intention, but ideas have consequences.

<<<"interrupted" due to "inactivity" for going 35 minutes. All the back and forth I go and the thinking and even research I do comes to naught as Prodigy cuts me off. >>>

Why not try using your mind...and an off-line reader like most of us? Spend the \$20 and save more than that every month.

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Board: NEWS BB
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Posted: September 18, 1996 00:15:50
To: NICK MARK (SZJU69A)
From: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)

Check out the PBS series "The West" (if you're not opposed

to PBS) for an episode on the Homestead Act of 1862. That's the one where the government GAVE AWAWAland to any settler who would work it.

It was this brute labor that built the West and the MIND that organized it was a government mind. Capital FOLLOWED labor West. And the railroads wouldn't have been built without the labor to carry out the ideas, but at least THAT mind was patriotic in that it invested in America and at least that mind was not evil, like the one that organized the Plantation system.

Why can't you understand that ideas and actions have CONSEQUENCES that reverberate through history? We're all connected in time as well as in space. 1996 is not a vacuum. Your birth did not begin history. There is a constant flow from the past that affects us all and not just in terms of inheritance. Some of the flow is positive and some negative, depending on where you're at, your particulars. Try not to judge someone whose experience is far different than yours. Civilization does not revolve around you.

I'm really shy about continuing this message. This is the THIRD time tonight I've tried and twice my writing was "interrupted" due to "inactivity" for going 35 minutes. All the back and forth I go and the thinking and even research I do comes to naught as Prodigy cuts me off. There is not a darn thing I can do as the error message has only one hot button and that one exits me. My writing gets lost and I get pissed. A few weeks ago this happened only after an hour and before the new owners took over it NEVER happened. Looks like Prodigy is going downhill fast. SCREW Prodigy!

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Board: NEWS BB
Subject: FAMILY VALUES
Posted: September 12,1996 23:34:14
To: CARL LAGRASSA (UJLS09A)
From: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)

So who CREATED the wealth of old King Cotton? The British ruling class which used VIOLENCE to deprive People of their liberty OR the slaves who did the actual hard labor?

It seems the "weak many" were exploited to the hilt by the "strong few."

The wealth of the British ruling class, and the Southern "aristocracy" is the legitimate property of the VICTIMS of the British ruling class and the Southern "aristocracy." The wealth CREATED by the hands of the poor deserves to be in the hands of the poor, NOT the pathetic creatures who resorted to government sanctioned violence and discrimination to achieve and maintain it.

In America the only individuals who DESERVE to be poor are those who forced others to be poor.

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Board: NEWS BB
Subject: FAMILY VALUES
Posted: September 12,1996 23:10:48
To: NICK MARK (SZJU69A)
From: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)

You sound like a materialist, Nick. To you THINGS are important, while non-substantive IDEAS are "nonsense."

Do you really think it is "nonsense" on my part to say that poor slaves and former slaves had everything stolen from them by the slaveowners and former slaveowners? Don't you recall there is a peculiar American institution called FREEDOM? Freedom is what was stolen from these People, for literally hundreds of years. You can't see, feel or taste freedom but it still exists until acted against by an outside force, usually wealth in conjunction with government power.

The Carpetbaggers may have made life rough for awhile but the RELATIVE position in society of the Southern upper class was unchanged. They were able to rebuild AND protect their position by keeping down the competition through LEGAL discrimination and segregation and economic warfare.

If you're familiar with the writings of Ayn Rand you may know of "The Comprachios," her updating of a Hugo story. She tells of how modern educators warp the minds of children much as the comprachios warped their bodies. In a similar way the Spirit of Black People was consciously and methodically degraded and twisted over generations simply to keep down the potential competition. And then Blacks were ridiculed for not being able to withstand this assault.

The whole Black experience is a category distinct from the immigrant experience, and unique to America. You can't compare the two. Immigrants came here to escape an oppressive system while Blacks were brought here to propagate an oppressive system. The Europeans were able to get ahead in a system that was friendly to Europeans while the Blacks were victims of a system decidedly unfriendly to Africans. Blacks gained control of Caribbean governments long ago and as the ruling class were able to eliminate barriers to their development. Their advancements in the U.S. is the fruit of enlightened Island policies.

I wouldn't mind living in a country where "brute manual labor" really does create the wealth, say, 19th Century America. I could be a farmer, a rancher, a trapper or a

miner and thus wed labor with entrepreneurship just like millions of other successful Americans. Now, of course, capital has long since weaseled its way into American economic culture to the point where politically protected businessmen can push a few buttons and get rich from the labor of others, simply because someone was once smart enough to be a middleman.

America used to be a place where People earned their position with hard, physical labor. Now we're a country where the "for sale" sign hangs on nearly every Congressional door. Using a process of economic leverage a whole coalition of middle-men has been able to obtain wealth, power and influence far beyond their numbers. If you join this system you prosper. If you refuse to compromise you lose to the concentrated wealth.

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Board: NEWS BB
Subject: FAMILY VALUES
Posted: September 10,1996 15:53:13
To: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)
From: CARL LAGRASSA (UJLS09A)

This concept that the failure to succeed is the result of being "kept down through the generations by discrimination" is the pitiful lament of the lazy loser. "It ain't MY fault!" is the attitude of those who inevitably fail in life, and ignores all evidence to the contrary.

Some discrimination exists, and has always existed throughout all of human history. So what? The fact is that many groups of individuals have faced and overcome discrimination. The methods of doing so are well known-work, responsibility, and initiative.

Slavery ended a long, long time ago. No other group in history has been given the artificial aid to overcome discrimination such as has been done for American Blacks, and to what result? It has been a colossal failure, proving that success is something which cannot be given but which must be achieved.

Italians (like MY family) faced discrimination just as much a barrier to success, but each generation managed to improve on the circumstances for the next. Irish, Jews, and many other groups had similar experiences in America. In the perion following WWII no group was hated or faced discrimination as severe as the Japanese. But look at their economic position as a group in today's society. They are far above the average for other groups. Why? Because they worked hard, supported their families, and earned it!

Why have the Japanese and various other Asian minorities achieved so much success in America in a relatively few years while many Blacks languish after decades? Could it be because their Black leaders have told them that society owes them something? That they don't need to depend on themselves but the government should take care of them? While many Blacks achieve success by rejecting this failed doctrine, it pervades every political and cultural expression of society, and has resulted in an unhealthy and fatal dependency.

"Is this the essence of capitalism, Carl? Is this what you're so proud of? Stealing from the weak many to give to the strong few?"

You obviously have no concept of how wealth is created. Or perhaps even that wealth IS created. It is not FOUND, and hoarded by the lucky few, it is CREATED by the best and the brightest. You do not have to count on anyone else to CREATE wealth- you can go out and CREATE it on your own, as can anyone. And your hatred of the rich is irrational; if those who have CREATED wealth had not done so, that would not make the poor any less poor; they will remain poor until they learn to CREATE wealth. The only relevant situation to your comments on weapons and power is when they are used to deprive the legitimate holders of wealth of the property which they have built and created. That wealth might be a doghouse you built with your own hands in your backyard, or it might be a million dollar corporation promoting the original concepts of your intellect, but it is in either case the legitimate property of the individual who CREATED it- not the shared right of the pathetic creature who envies his success.

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Board: NEWS BB
Subject: FAMILY VALUES
Posted: September 10,1996 12:44:45
To: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)
From: RANDY COUSINS (LNLW64B)

There's an interesting article in today's paper about the ultimate welfare-bashing expepement gone awry. Oprah Winfrey decided to do something about poverty, so she financed a program to drag 100 welfare families out of the mud and set them up in new lives without poverty - out of housing projects, off of public aid. The catch was they had to then pick themselves up and carry on. Families were handpicked by a leading organization for poverty relief, using criteria to guarantee the best chance of success.

18 months after the start of the program, which was

supposed to last 3 years, only 5 families have succeeded.
The poor do not stay poor because someone else makes them.

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Board: NEWS BB
Subject: FAMILY VALUES
Posted: September 10,1996 08:46:32
To: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)
From: NICK MARK (SZJU69A)

The slaveowners of the South lost most of what they had, and that was 130 years ago. So, trying to say the poor had everything stolen from them by the slaveowners is nonsense. Since the civil war, tens of millions came to this country with nothing, i.e. POOR. They didn't continue to have nothing. Tens of millions faced discrimination, but they didn't stay poor because of it. Blacks from the Carribbean, pass their native US born black brothers, on the average, in twelve years in socio-economic status. They face the same discrimination. Cheap labor in other countries is what enables you to buy the computer you type your posts on at less than 1/3 the cost than if it was entirely made in the US. That enables us to be more productive per \$ invested. There are numerous once-upon-a-time rich who are now not rich and many more who were poor who are poor no longer. The socio-economic status of people in this country is more dynamic than in any other. If it weren't for government interference, it would be even moreso. BTW, are you suggesting that those who are rich did NOT earn it? Some may not have, but if you wish to maintain that the brute manual labor creates the wealth while the entrepreneural genius doesn't, then you deserve to be consigned to a society where brute manual labor is all there is. You'll discover soon enough what creates wealth. It is man's mind, not his muscles.

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Board: NEWS BB
Subject: FAMILY VALUES
Posted: September 10,1996 00:55:05
To: CARL LAGRASSA (UJLS09A)
From: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)

"The poor are poor because they deserve to be poor." Carl Lagrassa.

Lets see. About half of America's poor are poor because the fruits of their labor were stolen from them by the slaveowners (Southern-style capitalism) and the British

ruling class which imported the Africans here in the first place. And then they were kept down through the generations by discrimination and by ill advised attempts to correct the monster error. Then it became police brutality, CIA backed drug trading, and the export of jobs to cheap labor third world countries. Wealth was created and passed through the generations staying in the hands of the rich while those who earned it and DESERVE it are left out.

Is this the essence of capitalism, Carl? Is this what you're so proud of? Stealing from the weak many to give to the strong few? Think this would have happened had the Blacks had guns to defend themselves from the British?

Would YOU have the "internal fortitude" to stand up to the slave traders and the "overseers?" The law of probability says that if some WASP (or Italian) were dragged in chains across an ocean to a strange land he would NOT achieve success no matter how productive he was. (But his "owner" sure would.)

This is exploitation, this is the reality of capitalism. Wealth buys government protection and this has been true throughout history.

Capitalism is a system that enables the rich to become so because they are sufficiently dishonest and murderous enough to blatantly steal from those who don't have the protection of a corrupt government bristling with weapons and other means of oppression. Take away the protection and see how well the rich will do.

You say the poor are poor because they lack the initiative to find a path to success. One of the enduring mysteries of history is why the slaves did not rise up and rebel more often. The slaveholders lived in dread and terror this would happen, so at least we know they had a conscience, however dwarfed. But the innate good nature of the Blacks kept violence to a minimum.

But now, after generations of abuse, they are getting the idea of how to succeed. Just imitate the Anglos. Use violence.

Its easy to put together a combination of skills and effort to achieve real liberation and d osperity. The resources are already there, waiting for a finger.

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Board: NEWS BB
Subject: WHAT'S WITH PRODIGY?
Posted: November 04,1996 22:35:55
To: D STUTZENBURG (HPEP35A)

From: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)

I tried member help chat and got the Prodigy equivalent of government bureaucrats who send you from one office to another to another...

No-one knew the answer and neither did the people they told me would know the answer. Try calling Prodigy on the phone and you get a 20+ minute wait for some ignoramus who also doesn't know the answer and who then gets annoyed at you for getting annoyed at Prodigy.

The new Prodigy management just wants to collect our money without making an effort for decent service and folks who defend Prodigy only encourage them to continue to be so arrogant.

Typical knee-jerk conservative. You stand with the faceless monolith against the little individual who just wants what he pays for.

I bet you also defend the computer industry for its \$1.5 TRILLION mistake in not correctly programing in the year 2000. In the next three years nearly every computer has to be re-programmed to accept 2000 and this is \$\$\$ that can better be used elsewhere.

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Board: NEWS BB
Subject: PERSONL RESPONSIBLTY
Posted: October 20,1996 19:15:40
To: GREG FRETWELL (JRFC31A)
From: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)

Why are you crowing about the Earned Income Credit? It does not eliminate the welfare bureaucracy, it does not lower the taxes of the middle-class, and it does not create a cushion between poor families and the poverty line.

Poverty has been institutionalized by the United States government, the same government that is in the export business. DC facilitates the export of jobs and capital to third world dictatorships. This export is at the expense of our Nation.

Poor People pay for this export with their misery. It is their jobs that go South. The middle-class pays for this export with their taxes and with their investment dollars.

The middle-class trusts the fund managers to make wise decisions but the managers make decisions based only on the near-term. Its a transitory wisdom. Billions upon billions of hard-earned dollars should be invested with some coherent

strategy beyond instant-bottom-line-gratification.

The reason many foreign investments earn a high return is the classic reason: RISK! Yet the fund managers willingly gamble the investors' pensions on the single, absurd theory that if it has worked well in the past it will work well forever. Instead of pulling back and consolidating in safe and sane domestic investment, the fund managers continue to "let it ride" willy-nilly in the face of all logic. There is a big crunch coming and the middle-class will feel it most.

If all the mini-Chryslers out there were to be similarly rescued by Washington, and if all the pension and mutual funds were to keep their money here, and if a true negative income tax were in effect, we would not suffer poverty. We would be a great Nation again. But we'll have to get rid of the politicians first.

Politicians stand in the way of American prosperity. It is the politicians who made Washington the country's chief export agent, and best friend of foreign dictators. It is the politicians who have sold out the American worker and turned the poor into welfare state dependents.

The politician is the enemy of the American People.

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Board: NEWS BB
Subject: PERSONL RESPONSIBLTY
Posted: October 18,1996 01:00:13
To: LORI JO SALOMON (MYFX97A)
From: R RK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)

The problem with welfare is that the major portion of it, some 75% of money appropriated, goes to pay those who administer the programs, and other administrative costs.

Welfare is actually an entitlement for middle-class bureaucrats. The welfare lobby is those who make a living off the poor, at taxpayer expense. We've institutionalized poverty to provide careers to political party activists. The poor are not the enemy, no matter how annoying they may be. Think how you'd act if you were a victim of your own government.

In 1980 Ronald Reagan announced his support for a government (taxpayer) bail-out of Chrysler telling his conservative supporters that if government caused the problem then it has the responsibility to fix it.

Once upon a time Milton Friedman had an idea to eliminate poverty by eliminating the poverty bureaucrats. He called it the negative income tax. Folks would fill out a tax form

and if they had inadequate income they would receive a monthly check based on their family size and geographic locale. With no bureaucrats in between the worker and the recipient to sponge up the cash, the tax burden would be lighter AND the welfare benefit greater. The poor would get an adequate income above the poverty line and use the added income to eliminate the sheer stress and strain of poverty and create a safe, secure and stable environment.

This environment would then act as a moderating influence on the poor, much as labor unions helped give workers enough steady employment that they could vote for Nixon.

But the best welfare program is a job. If you really want to eliminate welfare, eliminate the export of jobs and capital to third world dictatorships and give the low skill welfare recipient the opportunity to have the same kind of manufacturing job that previous generations of Americans and poor immigrants had.

Why tolerate poverty and unemployment just so a few wealthy and politically connected Wall Streeters can get richer and more powerful using cheap foreign labor? Our People need the jobs, here, now.

Millions of poor foreigners now subsidize at the expense of the American consumer. But if those millions of jobs were to come home, inflation would heat up and the stock market come down, making the rich less rich. This is America c1996, Lori Jo, miracles don't happen. We're stuck with the poor because we're stuck with the rich.

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Board: NEWS BB
Subject: PEROT & PRES.DEBATES
Posted: September 30,1996 08:06:25
To: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)
From: BARBARA GRADISHER (PDNV14A)

I was quoting co-chair of the Debate Commission, Frank Fahrenkopf, who I watched say on 9/17 that it was 'a non-partisan commission.' I thank you for the correction anyway, as I could have been in error.
Yes, the League of Women Voters was in charge of the debate until '88. I have a press release from their president dated 10/3/88. I quote-

"It has become clear that the candidates and their >
organizations aim to add debates to their list of campaign trail charades devoid of substance, spontaneity, and honest answers to tough questions," Nancy Newman (League Pres) said.

"The League has no intention of becoming an accessory to the

hoodwinking of the American public."

This press release said that "...the campaigns 'outrageous demands that they control the selection of the questioners, and the COMPOSITION of the AUDIENCE (my emphasis)."

I would also bet that the campaigns control what questions are asked, so they all can 'prepare' their answers.

AP On line -Washington-, today "Sunday's Political Briefs' > @ 5:44 p.m on 9/29 states that the CT debate has 1000 tickets.

None are for sale, they'll be distributed BY THE POLITICAL PARTIES, DEBATE ORGANIZERS, AND CORPORATE SPONSORS. (my emphasis.)Typical.

We truly do deserve everything we have and will continue to get if we voters do not get off our collective mental weakness-programming by the powers that be, and realize 'for the people' means less than spit. Actions speak volumes.

BG in OH and there are several Ref. Party candidates running for House seats. MN, PA, and VA are a few I know about.

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Board: NEWS BB
Subject: PEROT & PRES.DEBATES
Posted: September 29,1996 21:37:32
To: BARBARA GRADISHER (PDNV14A)
From: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)

Barb,

I'm afraid you erred in calling the debate commission "non-partisan." In fact it is BI-partisan, made up mostly of hacks from the two major parties. One of the Democrats on the commission is a former national party chairman, and so too is one of the Republicans. Another of the commission members who voted to squelch Perot is Caroline Kennedy Schl-oshberg, whose presense on the commission must be some kind of an attempt to seduce the American voter with a People Magazine type personality who has high name recognition and lots of glamour, but, as far as I can recall, has never said anything intelligent. What's she doing there? Pure window dressing, surely not anything of substance. Her main job in life was an auctioneer; she sold to the highest bidder.

But that's the way in American politics today. They ALL sell to the highest bidder, which nowadays is Wall Street. BOTH parties. Good question...WHY was this commission formed (used to be the League of Women Voters took care of the debates) if not to exclude outside candidates?

Both parties have a vested interest in keeping the

competition down. They can deal with each other because through long experience they learned to predict each other's moves and so can anticipate and prepare the strategy and tactics to keep the two party system on an even keel and prevent an unknown quantity from rocking the boat and perhaps swamping it.

All they want is to stay in power and they know that if outside parties can get a fair hearing from the public the public will desert the corrupt parties for an honest and rational alternative. So they engineered the debate commission to maintain their two-headed monopoly. The two party system is a derelict that OUGHT to be sunk and this outrage has just lit the fuse.

Perot was asleep at the switch for not watching and anticipating this move. Maybe he's not so paranoid after all.

Don't let anybody fool you that the Democrats WANT Perot in the debate to help drain votes from Dole. Once Clinton's lead became obvious they switched to the end game, which, of course, is to protect Democrat incumbents down the road. Reform Party foolishly didn't run candidates for the Senate and House this year, but two years from now can deal major punishment to the corrupt "labor union" Democrats who sold out to Wall Street by supporting Clinton's NAFTA and GATT deals. Running candidates to drain votes from incumbent democrats would have been a great tool to whip 'em back in line, but Perot apparently doesn't have the killer instinct.

So, the commission excluded Perot in a quid pro quo to help Dole this year, and by marginalizing Perot's Party, aiding Democrats in '98. It sure helps the two parties, and Wall Street, to keep this stranglehold on the American electoral process. Dictatorships stuff the ballot boxes; here we stack the debate. Time for Revolution.

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Board: NEWS BB
Subject: IS THIS A CLUB?
Posted: September 12,1996 01:15:42
To: GREG MANCO (PWUA61B)
From: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)

That's a BIG "(supposedly)" you used there.

I'm sure you're AWARE, though it probably doesn't register, that America is the land of the loop hole and with all the fine print out here we ought to be issued magnifying glasses with our diplomas.

In a truly free country we could trust one another to not

take advantage of situations in which one is a master and the other a newcomer. A used car salesman, say, knows all the tricks of the trade, and the foibles of an auto, while the customer relies on the social contract to assure he's being treated fairly. But there's the little matter of the fine print in the contract he signs. The customer is not a lawyer, but the fine print was written by a lawyer FOR THE SALESMAN'S BENEFIT. The businessman hires the lawyer to help him steal legally.

No-one can REASONABLY be expected to have enough knowledge in enough fields to make "caveat emptor" a REASONABLE justification for the actions of economic man. There MUST be an element of trust in our financial relationships, but in reality those with the power, the knowledge, the wealth and the law on their side can take advantage to their greedy little heart's content.

All these little contracts we sign virtually every day are, technically, voluntary and a matter of choice, but if you don't sign you don't get what you want. And if you try to amend the contract they look at you like you're crazy. Its just not done. Americans have been conditioned to conform to what's expected in these matters and precious few break out the magnifying glass. We're "supposed" to sign, no questions asked.

This is not freedom, this is tyranny under law. It is not practicable to oppose it. The "rules and traditions" say "sign on the dotted line."

Socrates committed suicide. You may say this was a voluntary act as he did it by his own hand. I say he was under a death sentence anyway and would not have done so were he not compelled by the law's verdict.

As long as the State, or the businessman's contract, has the power to compel we are not free. Most People are not free because they don't have the proper "legal" enlightenment. They are like putty in the hands of an evil artist. The law allows them to be shaped however the artist desires. They didn't write the contract and so they have no recourse.

All perfectly legal and all perfectly wrong.

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Board: NEWS BB
Subject: DECLARATION OF WAR?
Posted: October 01,1996 02:04:44
To: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)
From: EDWARD WAGNER (WUXD56A)

>> But do you think the enemy will blow up a city block?

Hit-and-run will be the method of success.

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Are you hoping for such as you describe? It seems it worked in Bosnia and many other places in recent memory? I hope it never happens in this great nation .

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Board: NEWS BB
Subject: DECLARATION OF WAR?
Posted: September 29,1996 22:50:53
To: EDWARD WAGNER (WUXD56A)
From: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)

Running around in the woods and playing soldier is not the way to overthrow or practice overthrowing the government. The action will be in the cities. What with tanks and gunships and heat seeing weapons, our camouflaged patriots will be sitting ducks. The enemy is concentrated in the cities so we must bring the War to him. Having a mountain-side blown up will kill patriots and no-one else. But do you think the enemy will blow up a city block? Hit-and-run will be the method of success.

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Board: NEWS BB
Subject: FAMILY VALUES
Posted: September 06,1996 10:28:14
To: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)
From: CARL LAGRASSA (UJLS09A)

"he FACT that the rich ALWAYS get richer and the poor poorer is PROOF the ruling class DOES exist. Without their finger on the scale the law of probability would kick in and the rich would get poorer and the poor richer at an even rate. "

Once again you show your fundamental confusion over these issues. When you attempt to apply the law of probability to economic result, you are suggesting that it is pouerly a matter of chance whether someone\$achieves success or fails to do so.

In a capitalist society, this is false. Success is achieved by productive work (productive means work applied successfully to achieve a desired result and is not to be confused with the level of difficulty or physical labor required), and requires a combination of effort, resources, and skills.

Those who attain superior results do so under whatever economic system they may labor, and it is quite fitting that they should do so. They are the best and the brightest. Capitalism is a system that recognizes that the rich become so because they deserve to be rich.

The poor are poor because they deserve to be poor. They are people who lack the initiative to find a path to success. Under many economic systems the poor have no chance to succeed, but under capitalism there is no excuse for poverty other than the lack of internal fortitude.

Everyone makes decisions in life. For some it may be deciding whether to major in Nuclear Physics or English Literature. For others it may be a question of whether to do their Arithmetic homework or go out and shoot a few hoops. Those who succeed are the one who made the best decisions, while those who fail are the ones who made a lifetime of incorrect choices, and wound up in circumstances they just don't want to accept are the result of their own personal failures.

And probability don't have a damn thing to do with it.

Carl

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Board: NEWS BB
Subject: FAMILY VALUES
Posted: September 06,1996 08:17:36
To: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)
From: NICK MARK (SZJU69A)

Why do the rich get richer and the poor "poorer?"

because the rich keep doing the things that got them there and so do the poor. BTW, the above adage is true ONLY in a statist society. In a free country, BOTH get richer as long as they work. Return this country to freedom and we all benefit...except for those who need to use government power to enrich themselves. BTW, that's EXACTLY HOW Ross got his. Him for the working man? That's a joke. Karl Marx also was "for the working man." Had Ross answered Mr. Pony Tail in the '92 debates (you know the one...he asked what each of the candidates, as father figures, would do for him) answered "I'm NOT your father and you, as an

adult, should be ashamed to ask such a question," I MIGHT believe that Ross is for freedom instead of more statism. He's not. Everything he says, when it comes to solutions, smacks of "making the trains run on time."

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Board: NEWS BB
Subject: FAMILY VALUES
Posted: September 05,1996 22:35:16
To: KATHLEEN CONLEY (DJHJ39A)
From: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)

Don't confuse politicians with rulers. Politicians are just the tools of the ruling class. In some cases like Bush they are interchangeable but mostly politicians are guns hired by the low profiled ruling class to do the dirty work. There are plenty of people like those you mentioned willing to sell out their class for power, wealth and prestige, and this is where America went wrong. Politicians are allowed to rise as long as they are reliable, but if they oppose the ruling class, the all important sources of mega-cash needed to buy these offices dry up and they're left begging for scraps with all the other principled politicians. Look at Ross Perot. His foray into the ruling class at GM was so up-setting they had to pay him \$750,000,000 to go away. Why? He's on the side of the People and wouldn't toe the ruling class line.

The FACT that the rich ALWAYS get richer and the poor poorer is PROOF the ruling class DOES exist. Without their fingers on the scale the law of probability would kick in and the rich would get poorer and the poor richer at an even rate.

The fact is the rich have accumulated wealth and power and use same to consolidate, expand and protect their position to everyone else's exclusion. Its reality. Admit it.

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Board: NEWS BB
Subject: FAMILY VALUES
Posted: September 05,1996 22:15:38
To: NICK MARK (SZJU69A)
From: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)

Whatsit matter which came first, the chicken or the egg? The fact is we have a chickensh t economy and we need to have a nice fried chicken feast and start over again by breeding a new, incorruptible species.

When we take the ax to the chickens on the block which end of the Axis do you think will squawk the loudest- Washington or Wall Street? Both oxes will get gored but Wall Street is the one that profits most from the barnyard arrangement.

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Board: NEWS BB
Subject: FAMILY VALUES
Posted: September 04,1996 18:09:20
To: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)
From: NICK MARK (SZJU69A)

<<<The rules were written by politicians, yes, but politicians in service toWall Street. The rules were written and the game playedaccording to the wants and needs of Wall Street.>>>

You continue to reverse cause and effect. Without government power, Wall Street, or anyone else for that matter, would have any need for politicians. Those in business who would use government power for their own ends would dissappear from business unless they can survive by producing. End government power over business and those who use that power crawl back under the rock they came from. It is government power that CREATED those on "Wall Street" you object to. They THEN bought the politicians you object to. However, it is the power in the hands of government that holds the mess together.

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Board: NEWS BB
Subject: FAMILY VALUES
Posted: September 02,1996 23:04:52
To: CARL LAGRASSA (UJLS09A)
From: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)

Looks like you fell for Red propaganda. Those old coots in the Kremlin couldn't care less about dialectic materialism. All the Marxist mumbo jumbo was just a clever way to impress and confuse the masses and amass power for the old coots.

Just like here. (Except here its not Marx, but Smith, and its not the Kremlin, but Wall Street, and its not dialectic materialsim, but supply and demand.) (But old coots is always old coots and the masses is always the masses.)

And like communism capitalism has pretty much rejected God. How many of the seven deadly sins does Wall Street practice? Is the Golden Rule or the rule of gold graven on the Stock

Exchange? Does the scene of Jesus in the temple remind you of a proto-capitalist?

Stalin didn't seek Hitler's destruction, Germany invaded Russia first. Stalin won because he had the WILL to win, as did his long suffering People, and because he had the aid of the American People.

Churchill and Reagan had the same will but Bush was like Neville Chamberlain in backing down from the Chinese communists and Hussein. Bush hadn't the nerve to finish the job in Iraq and he didn't have the nerve or the vision to start the job in China.

China is going up and going up fast. They are modernizing and expanding their military at breakneck speed. And dialectic materialism is still their organizing principle and they have the WILL to march forward right over US if necessary. The non-nuclear threat from Russia was reduced but the new threat from China increased. We traded up from the Bear to the Dragon.

Reagan's big victory was in peace through strength, not in accomodation. By giving Beijing free rein in so many areas we're facing a future with a Dragon beserk. It might be a hybrid Dragon, a capitalist/communist Dragaon, but a Dragon none-the-less. A Dragon on steroids, our creation.

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Board: NEWS BB
Subject: FAMILY VALUES
Posted: September 02,1996 22:31:47
To: KATHLEEN CONLEY (DJHJ39A)
From: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)

Powell is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations. Truman's ties were through Dean Acheson, Sec. of State and Reagan had Bush, Baker, Regan etc etc ad nauseum.

Did you mean the US has no class differences or no classes? The sociologists and demographers have been grading such things for generations. Classes exist AND the differences between them exist. How can there be an argument to this?

At the bottom there is no wealth or power but as you follow the flow upward there is increasing wealth and power at each level. It continues to flow and concentrate upward until the top where it forms the organizing principle of the ruling class.

The amount of wealth and power one has determines his social class. What's so difficult about this concept, Kathleen?

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Board: NEWS BB
Subject: FAMILY VALUES
Posted: September 02,1996 22:17:14
To: NICK MARK (SZJU69A)
From: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)

The "way they play the game" by the "rules written in Washington" is an example of circular logic. The rules were written by politicians, yes, but politicians in service to Wall Street. The rules were written and the game played according to the wants and needs of Wall Street. The fix is in.

The only way we'll see fair rules in play is through Revolutionary action. Luckily, Wall Street has already sold us the rope...er, the guns with which we'll shoot them.

GOOD SHOT! ya hit the bull's eye with Yalta. But, to be fair, we need to recognize that FDR wasn't at his best during this time. The Yalaa Treaty was designed and recommended by a young diplomat by the name of...let's see if I can recall...oh, yes! Hiss is his name, Alger Hiss. The progenitor of a long line of like minded State Department patriots AND the scion of a very good family AND a Wall Street lawyer!

Thank's for the set-up, Nick.

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Board: NEWS BB
Subject: FAMILY VALUES
Posted: August 30,1996 21:36:49
To: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)
From: CARL LAGRASSA (UJLS09A)

I disagree with your assessment of geopolitical affairs of the post WWII era. OuOuopposition to the USSR was firmly founded on the motivating principle of the Capitalist system; enlightened self-interest.

The Soviet Union brand of Communism held as a firm tenet the necessity to spread the system of dialectical materialism across the globe BY WHATEVER MEANS NECESSARY. Along with the rejection of any religious influence this caused a fundamental Russian foreign policy that resulted from a basic moral redefinition; anything that resulted in the advancement of the communist revolution was 'good' and anything which was opposed, or counter-revolutionary, was

'bad'.

Thus, Stalin could ally with Hitler, and then seek his destruction. And brutally murder millions of his countrymen. Russia had no interest in the War against Japan, until it became evident that they were beaten, and War was declared seeking to share in the spoils. Russia kept all conquered territory in WWII, and embarked upon a long-term quest to dominate the world. Nikita's promise to "bury" us was not a momentary lapse, but the public proclamation of the goal of the Soviet State.

Against such an inplacable foe, the US suffered the affliction common to a free society- attention deficit disorder. For forty years the mechanizations of the Soviet Union were resisted, if sometimes half-heartedly. Despite the clear and potentially overwhelming advantages of our system economically, and the technological advantage we always maintained, it was difficult to summon the WILL to resist communist moves around the world.

The true-believers of communism thought the eventual triumph of their side was inevitable, and for much of the twentieth century they seemed correct. But along came an American President- Ronald Reagan- who furnished the WILL to defeat communism, at a time when the conflux of historical influences made that possible.

Whatever failing George Bush may have had as President, they were not in his foreign policy as he solidified the victory and adopted policies to remove the threat, hopefully forever.

All of which brings us to China. The Chinese are not the Russians, and a foreign policy based upon self-interest does not automatically assume they should be treated the same. The cultural heritage of China is far different from the USSR, resulting in the lack of a threat from a non-expansionist state. It is not the concern of the United States to determine the nature of the government of every country around the world. That is an internal matter.

The foreign policy of the United States should only be antagonistic towards those nations who seek to export a system which may be antithetical to our own. There are quite enough of those to keep our foreign department busy, without trying to pick a fight with the Chinese, who are quite adept at minding their own business.

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Board: NEWS BB
Subject: FAMILY VALUES
Posted: August 30,1996 08:51:40

To: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)
From: NICK MARK (SZJU69A)

Agree completely re: Bush.

<<<Since when has the U.S. government ever sided with
communist dictators against freedom?>>>

Try Roosevelt at Yalta! A complete sellout of millions of
people to Uncle Joe Stalin, one of the worst butchers in
history...perhaps exceeded only by Mao.

Wall Street isn't the problem, but the result. Most of
Wall Street is a positive, but also mostly pragmatic. They
play the game by the rules written in Washington. Change
the rules, and they'll change the way they play the game.

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Board: NEWS BB
Subject: FAMILY VALUES
Posted: August 30, 1996 00:22:34
To: KATHLEEN CONLEY (DJHJ39A)
From: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)

Do you believe there are ruling classes in Britain, Germany
and Japan? (Both now and in the past.) Do you believe there
are ruling classes in Mexico and China and Nigeria?

Or is it just America that is blessedly free of such an
albatross?

Sure, anybody from any background can ASPIRE to power, but
when was the last time anyone actually got it without
"working for" the Wall Street establishment? Who was the
last President who didn't have these internationalist snakes
dripping from the White House rafters?

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Board: NEWS BB
Subject: FAMILY VALUES
Posted: August 30, 1996 00:09:39
To: NICK MARK (SZJU69A)
From: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)

I'm glad you brought up Kenneth's reply. One day he hit me
with 18 pages and I used 6 just to reply to two paragraphs.
The part I especially wanted to use as a jumping off point
was #13.

I greatly admired Reagan for his uncompromising anti-communism, his policies of containment of the Soviet and peace through strength. Then Bush got in.

During the early seventies, as Bush flitted from job to job padding his resume, something must have happened to him while "serving" in Beijing that later infected the whole party.

At the time he became President he abandoned the proven success of the Reagan strategy and sold out America's ideals to the Chinese Communist Party. No longer would our foreign policy be one based on containment and eventual liberation. Bush brought in the notion of "constructive engagement," which flat out repudiates the Reagan Doctrine.

Bush never called for the CCP to tear down anything. Not a single brick in the edifice of tyranny erected by the Communist government was threatened during the four long years of the wimpolicy of the Bush Administration. Where Reagan glowered, Bush cowered. Less than two months after the butchery in Tiananmen Square Bush SECRETLY sent two top national security advisers to Beijing to assure the dictators that all remained well in the relationship.

SECRETLY. Bush didn't have the nerve or the honesty or the common decency to inform the American public of such a drastic change in American foreign policy. Do you think Reagan would have acted this way?

Reagan was never a member of the elitist Council on Foreign Relations. Reagan never believed corporate profits should take precedence over Human Freedom. But Bush sure did.

Bush was a willing tool of Wall Street. Wall Street wanted into the Chinese "market" and if the streets there were slippery with blood, Bush provided boots for Wall Street. Wall Street wanted to make a killing in China and what better way to do so than in partnership with a friendly communist government.

Since when has the U.S. government ever sided with communist dictators against freedom? Since when has the U.S. government SOLD OUT a free People to communist tyranny? Since George Bush was President!! His guiding principle was: if it profits Wall Street, ANYTHING GOES!

Any whiff of freedom in China born of the Reagan doctrine has vanished into the Bush/Clinton miasma. We won the Cold War one day and surrendered freedom to Chinese Communism the next.

George Bush did the dirty deed in October 1992 when he signed the U.S.- Hong Kong Act of 1992 (S1731) which gives America's blessing to the sell-out of six million freedom loving capitalists of Hong Kong next July.

58,000 Americans died in Vietnam trying to save Asia from communism and Bush has cheapened their sacrifice by kow-

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Board: NEWS BB
Subject: FAMILY VALUES
Posted: August 29,1996 21:58:40
To: BETTY COLEMAN (DFLJ12A)
From: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)

Peer pressure appears to be the key. If their immediate peer group is limited and causes the things you describe, widen the scope of it to bring them into the mainstream. Folks who are rejected and ignored and even abused by the larger society are not likely to want to join in. Invite them in.

You may argue how this state of affairs came to pass, but the FACT is it exists. We need to break the cycle, to move things ahead into the future that is inevitably coming. Try getting someone to teach you Spanish so you may enjoy Don Quixote m` the original and maybe you can return the favor. A poor American of Mexican descent probably doesn't like the current ruling class of Mexico but will support it in the face of what he perceives to be hostility against it by Americans. Show him you don't like the thievery and murder and corruption down there and want to help change it so all Mexicans can live in freedom and prosperity. Show that you are not hostile to the Mexican People and their history, just their corrupt ruling class that is manipulated by our own corrupt ruling class. Show that you are opposed tp the looting of the Mexican People by the ruling classes on BOTH sides of the border. Break the ice, break the vicious cycle and break the tyranny!

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Board: NEWS BB
Subject: FAMILY VALUES
Posted: August 29,1996 16:57:24
To: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)
From: KATHLEEN CONLEY (DJHJ39A)

I never said that power doesn't count. I said that power is within the reach of any American who chooses to work to attain it. There is no "ruling class". There are people of all backgrounds who aspire to positions of power, and the ones who work for it get it. If you're not willing to work for it, then you really have no reason to whine about the people who do.

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Board: NEWS BB
Subject: FAMILY VALUES
Posted: August 29,1996 10:11:02
To: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)
From: NICK MARK (SZJU69A)

I copied this from a post by Ken to save me typing. I'm sure he won't mind.

{{here are some of the FACTS regarding the Reagan years:
1. The economy grew by 31 percent in real terms.
2. Although our population grew by 28 million, per capita gross national product still grew by 18 percent. More wealth for more people.
3. Real median family income rose from \$34,390 to \$38,710 -- a 13 percent increase.
4. Every income group gained. The lowest quintile rose 12.2 percent, the second lowest gained 10.1 percent, the middle rose 10.7 percent, the second highest gained 11.6 percent, and the highest gained 18.8 percent.
5. 85.8 percent of people in the lowest quintile moved up into a higher quintile, 60 percent of the people in the second lowest quintile moved up into a higher quintile, and 47 percent in the middle moved up into the second-highest quintile. 35 percent of people in the richest quintile moved DOWN.
6. Four million new businesses were created
7. By 1989, unemployment had fallen to 5.4 percent, the lowest level since 1973.
8. 82 percent of the new jobs were in higher-skilled, higher-paying occupations, with service jobs accounting for only 12 percent of the total (but with an average 6.8 percent rise in hourly pay).
9. Interest rates -- a key component in the cost of capital -- fell from 21.5 in 1981 to 6.5 percent in 1992. But for the deficit spending, mostly forced on Reagan by Tip O'Neill and his cohorts, this number might have been even lower, or the same amount of capital would have financed even more growth.
10. Manufacturing productivity grew at an average of 3.4 percent per year.
11. Exports nearly doubled, from \$213 billion in 1985 to \$394 billion by the end of the decade.
12. Productive output rose by 38 percent between 1981 and 1989 -- the biggest surge in manufacturing since WW II
13. Oh, lest I forget: "Mr. Gorbachev, TEAR DOWN THIS WALL!" And that's the way it was regards, Ken "The full power of centralized government -- this was the very thing the founding fathers sought to minimize. They knew that governments don't control things. A government can't control the economy without controlling people. And they

knew when a government sets out to do that, it must use force and coercion to achieve its purpose."

Ronald Reagan}}}} END OF QUOTE FROM KEKES POST. >>>>

RE:

<<<If the Irish were the "people we want here," why aren't the Mexicans?>>>

Like so many liberals, you have a nasty habit of "package-dealing." By that I mean that you assume, and attribute to me what YOU perceive as a general characteristic. The Irish weren't wanted either when they started coming over. Neither were the Poles, the Germans, or anybody else...by those narrow minded and short sighted. BTW, I am an IMMIGRANT MYSELF!

<<<I don't agree with your "quintile" argument at all, I don't have the statistics in front of me, but I know yours are WRONG!>>> Oh, you do, do you? Read the FACTS above again and again.

<<NEWS BB

Subject: FAMILY VALUES

Posted: August 28,1996 23:23:39

To: KATHLEEN CONLEY (DJHJ39A)

From: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)

Just take a look at the list of members of the elitist Council on Foreign Relations. You may recognize a few names but most will draw only a blank expression. Because YOU don't know these people doesn't mean they're not influential nor does it mean that YOU are not negatively affected by their low profiled policies. They're not all rich, but almost every one of them works against the interests and the well being of average Americans.

Power is what counts, not a good publicity agent.

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Board: NEWS BB

Subject: FAMILY VALUES

Posted: August 28,1996 23:10:39

To: BETTY COLEMAN (DFLJ12A)

From: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)

Americans of Mexican heritage are and have been victims of a whole array of prejudice and deprivation extending into the remote past. Your parents may have raised you to be free of bigotry but not all Americans are that lucky. Hatred all too often gets passed down through the generations like a mishappen gene and many succumb to its simplistic allure.

In the same way People who are victims of this hatred form "walls" around their communities and their hearts, a kind of psychic self protection, to try to maintain their dignity and achieve en masse what cannot be accomplished individual-

ly. In many ways Hispanics of the Southwest have been mistreated like Blacks in the South.

What you describe is learned behavior. If circumstances had been different these People would have integrated into society years ago, like other immigrants, but the forces arrayed against them sent them into this blind alley.

Did you see the 60 Minutes report on your area some months ago? If third world conditions are replicated North of the border it cannot be blamed on the corrupt Mexican ruling class. It must be blamed on the somnambulant and corrupt American ruling class. Billions are spent to dig a 50 mile ditch to collide charged particles, while children squat in filth because they don't have lobbyists to bribe the politicians.

Spanish is a lovely language. So are the hundreds of other languages brought here over the years by People equally proud of their original culture. People who feel welcome are more likely to want to learn the ways and means of their new land, but "welcome" is a two way street. I'm sure if you were to ask some of these People if they have encountered any rudeness from Americans their stories will open your eyes.

P.S. How do the Christians in your town act toward Muslim shopkeepers?

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Board: NEWS BB
Subject: FAMILY VALUES
Posted: Auguwt 28,1996 22:35:00
To: CHARLES GILPIN (FDGR26A)
From: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)

It seems so strange to see it in stark black and white, but what you say is true: "You had to know more to compete..." back in the old days when our economy was healthy and our leaders were blessed with simple, common sense.

How did it come to pass that knowing less is a virtue? Why are we more ignorant? Does it have to do with there is just too darn much information, especially trivial information, floating around distracting us from what is truly important? We've sacrificed breadth for depth. We burrow into our professions searching for some mythic "perfection" while becoming essentially illiterate in other fields. Our education establishment has affixed blinders to our eyes enabling each of us to know and perform in a strictly delineated area, leaving other fields to other blinded "experts."

We know a particular tree all right, but the greater wood around us is unseen and untemplated. There are few

intellectual jacks-of-all-trades nowadays who can see the big picture, who can put things in proper perspective.

That's the way the rulers of society want it. They want to clear cut the forest for their own benefit without anyone comprehending what is really going on.

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Board: NEWS BB
Subject: FAMILY VALUES
Posted: August 27,1996 22:02:57
To: KATHLEEN CONLEY (DJHJ39A)
From: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)

Rich people lists are just trivia. Lots of folks get on those lists who have no economic power like entertainers. There is ALWAYS going to be people like that going up and down and creating an IMPRESSION there is mobility between the classes. But the truly wealthy and powerful don't care about anything as crass as these lists. They like to keep a low profile and do their thing behind the scenes. They have money in Mexico and soul-mates in Mexico so the PEOPLE's money goes there and Clinton reaps the benefits in the form of BIG contributions from the moneyed interests.

The more things change, the more they stay the same.

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Board: NEWS BB
Subject: FAMILY VALUES
Posted: August 27,1996 21:54:27
To: NICK MARK (SZJU69A)
From: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)

If the Irish were the "people we want here," why aren't the Mexicans? Mexicans have long demonstrated an EXTREME willingness to endure all manner of hardships in order to get here and work hard at menial jobs all the while subjected to hostility and bigotry.

I don't agree with your "quintile" argument at all, I don't have the statistics in front of me, but I know yours are WRONG! An article in the NY Times a few days ago shows how two thirds of workers downsized in recent years have FALLEN into a lower class due to an inability to find a job with pay similar to what they had. Not their fault, they have competitors in the third world desperate for ANY income.

In any event, the wealth of the eighties you crow about is

utterly illusory. It was borrowed (stolen) from the future, not CREATED. Anyone can put up a facade of well being by going into debt, and then create statistics to back up that facade, but that doesn't make it true.

Wealth is only wealth when it is paid for. Handing the bill to the future is totally reprehensible, and should be called by its correct name: THEFT.

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Board: NEWS BB
Subject: FAMILY VALUES
Posted: August 27,1996 17:11:47
To: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)
From: CHARLES GILPIN (FDGR26A)

Times were tougher then. You had to know more to compete in any skilled job.

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Board: NEWS BB
Subject: FAMILY VALUES
Posted: August 25,1996 00:25:43
To: KATHLEEN CONLEY (DJHJ39A)
From: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)

I'm not seeing gremlins in the closet, Kathleen, I see the rats in the Predidential Palace. The Palace currently occupied by PRI Zedillo and prior incarnations of PRI looters. A PRI decried by Jack Kemp in a recent speech as 15 families hogging most of the wealth. You recall Clinton, unable to take a Congressional "NO" for an answer, by-passed Congress' wishes and arranged for 50 Billion dollars, including 20 Billion TAXPAYER dollars, to travel South to shore up a government so unpopular that millions try to flee it every year!

And now Clinton's sending them helicopter gun ships. They claim these are for a war on drugs, but I have a feeling they are aiming for a war on dissent.

I guess a government famous for getting on the wrong side in Vietnam and Iran, can be trusted to get on the wrong side in Mexico. Putting all of ones eggs in a single basket is never sound foreign policy. There'll be lots of fireworks coming from this one. Stay tuned.

Think. If this \$50,000,000,000 bailout was meant to shore e up the Mexican ruling class and protect wealthy Wall Street-

ers, as Pat Buchanan pointed out, just who is going to bail US out when those gunships begin spewing massacres and the Mexican economy self destructs? That giant sucking sound will be OUR wealth feeding THEIR implosion.

Are a few rich families REALLY worth the risk?

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Board: NEWS BB
Subject: FAMILY VALUES
Posted: August 24,1996 23:25:35
To: KENNETH GARDNER (ZCPH93A)
From: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)

My essential complaint is with the LACK of economic freedom. I see that America has veered violently away from the way our economy was originally organized. The Constitution was created to give full sway to the ideas and ideals then current and to usher in a true, lasting, Liberty.

That is, the type of economy we had in 1789, and the kind of attitudes People held at that time, determined the shape of our Government. The examples of Tyranny practiced by various European and Historical despots, combined with a healthy cynicism regarding human motives, demanded the inclusion of the Bill of Rights.

The Founders believed a "New Constellation among the stars" was emerging on this happy continent, one that would consign forever the old Aristocracy to the ash heap of history. The way they did this was to make the government and the economy mutually supportive. A broad middle-class was to emerge levelling the peaks and chasms of wealth and poverty inherent in the European economy.

Jefferson and the others boosted the average man. The Yeoman farmer, the small manufacturer or trader or shipper, the shopkeeper and artisan, were to form a new aristocracy of equality. Everyone did his little thing. By taking care of himself and his family, and watching out for his neighbor, the citizens melded into a community, which melded into a State, which melded into the Nation, naturally, without conscious plan. The idea, the system that developed, allowed the Country to grow and prosper beyond government fiat.

Comb through the writings of Thomas Jefferson and all the others. You will not find a single mention of the word "agri-business," or "multi-national." Indeed, you won't even find "corporation" in the Revolutionary vocabulary. These were alien concepts to the Founders; they went against the ideas that were designed to permit a great prosperity for ALL the People. The Revolution was to overthrow the

whole idea of a NEED for a central ruling class. A free and prosperous America would be protected from the encroachment of a government tyranny by literally millions of individuals participating in a de-centralized, democratic economy.

This is not the way it is today. It is the People, not Tyranny, that is alienated. People feel small and exposed against huge monoliths of wealth and power. They don't identify with one another as fellow citizens but instead find reasons to exclude others. Wealth, and those who attain it are worshipped and held up for emulation. This kind of materialism was not extant in the early Republic.

Over the years wealth congealed, and, given the reality of human nature, found its way into the pockets of politicians who then wrote laws that benefitted concentrated wealth. Now the point has been reached that the current culture bears no resemblance to our early Nationalist ideas. American culture has been bent off course and out of shape by wealth accumulated European style. Democracy is just another word for "voluntary association." But beggars can't be choosers. When we as a Nation owe FIVE TRILLION dollars, and TRILLIONS more as businesses and individuals, we are not free. Our economic movements are constricted by our debt. We cannot voluntarily do anything

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Board: NEWS BB
Subject: FAMILY VALUES
Posted: August 24,1996 07:44:57
To: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)
From: NICK MARK (SZJU69A)

I did not misread your metaphor. Cutting off the head of big business does nothing except put others in their place...put there by government favor as it was in the 1860s, 70s, etc. It is government power that creates the monster and nothing else. Cut that power and those who would use it hit a dry hole.

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Board: NEWS BB
Subject: FAMILY VALUES
Posted: August 24,1996 07:44:56
To: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)
From: NICK MARK (SZJU69A)

During the 19th century, there were no immigration laws and communication was not adequate to inform the Irish farmer

that "there were no jobs." They came with hope and made their dreams come true. They took what menial jobs they could and tried to do better...and they did. Immigrants of every decade brought with them first and foremost a desire to better themselves. Those are the people we want here. the ones who were satisfied to wallow in their misery stayed home.

In the eighties, the wealth of EVERY socio-economic strata was increased dramatically. Furthermore, the people who were in the lowest quintile in 1980 were NOT there in 1990. Some actually made it into the highest quintile while most moved up at least one rank, the largest percentage into the middle quintile. At the same time, the largest group that moved DOWN into a lower quintile came from the top group.

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Board: NEWS BB
Subject: FAMILY VALUES
Posted: August 23,1996 23:00:02
To: KATHLEEN CONLEY (DJHJ39A)
From: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)

I forgot to mention that the figures you cite re jobless rates are a farce in that they ONLY count those actively looking for work in connection with unemployment benefits. Folks who give up trying, or whose benefits run out are no longer counted. The black and gray economies exist but the government has no way to track the particulars. Barter flourishes. The REAL jobless rate is much higher because it includes those who are otherwise unknown to government.

Immigration is high today because of a "deal" brokered by Wall Street to relieve the pressure on the Mexican ruling class and stave off Revolution there by allowing in their oppressed and poverty stricken People. This is meant to protect the investments of American corporations and banks in Mexico. Send jobs there and give those still left out jobs here.

My "scary idea" wasn't an idea at all, just an example of how to better use increased wealth. Those ten thousand families, relieved of the need to pay mortgages or rent, would then use their extra income to, GUESS WHAT, invest in the economy and promote growth!

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Board: NEWS BB
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Posted: August 23,1996 22:43:28
To: BETTY COLEMAN (DFLJ12A)
From: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)

Your grandfather was a sensible man, as were most in his generation. But time marches on and with it common wisdom dissipates. Today we know lots of trivia, but we ignore the truly important. The politicians will "take care" of us, we are assured. But the day will come when We the People will "take care" of the politicians.

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Board: NEWS BB
Subject: FAMILY VALUES
Posted: August 23,1996 22:36:46
To: KENNETH GARDNER (ZCPH93A)
From: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)

New York Times, today, front page, lots of statistics, charts and graphs, quoting Labor Department figures:

"A total of 8.4 million people were pushed out of their jobs involuntarily from 1993 through 1995...one out of every 14 jobholders...but those who were laid off for good from their job showed little progress in trying to match their old wages. Only 33% earned as much or more than they had before"

But when an executive gets pushed, he has a golden parachute for a soft landing. A regular worker, however, who doesn't have the perks, contacts and wealth to protect him, gets hurt by these layoffs, especially in company towns where hundreds of direct jobs and hundreds of secondary jobs are lost so the company and the executives can squeeze out the last possible cent of profit by exporting jobs to third world dictatorships.

These People are not "free to leave and seek employment elsewhere, or even go into business for himself." There is such a thing as economic reality, Kenneth. An unmarried person with no debt is indeed free in that respect, but how many Americans are actually in that situation? Most folks just want to have a normal life, get married, buy a house. But when their job is pulled from under them as a ploy to make a corporation even more profitable where does he go? When a hundred People are laid off that means there are a hundred mortgages to be paid. That means economic dislocation and loss, a hundred houses hitting the market simultaneously, a hundred bankruptcies, a hundred broken families. Where is the benefit in this misery? A handful of executives reaping windfalls as a result of such dislocation is not sound economics.

People with power must be responsible for their actions, and

be aware of the consequences. Greedily grasping all they can grab simply because they have the means to do so and then telling the displaced families to "go get another job or start a business" is the modern equivalent of "let them eat cake."

The camel's back is about to break. You listed "at least four reasons," well here's a fifth: The government is taking our Rights, slowly and surely, to take the fight out of the People, to make us sullen and depressed and less likely to revolt. The current fascism is a psychological ploy to do to the American People from within what the Redcoats and Nazis and communists couldn't do from without. The ruling class wants to control us for their own benefit and uses whatever tactics will advance that end. Its easy for Americans to respond to an obvious military threat from abroad, but an economic threat perpetrated by other "Americans" is so wrapped up in the sinews of the body politic that we can't even see it, much less develop a strategy to combat it.

The People are being stripped of their economic power and independence; their freedom is next. You can rail on about government being the culprit, but the ominous parallels point to the business community as well. The road to serfdom has a right lane as well as a left lane. Closing one just move the traffic to the other. A person whose economic fate is at someone else's mercy is not free. Jefferson wanted to assure a free Nation by creating a system in which all had

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Posted: August 23,1996 01:59:26
To: CHARLES GILPIN (FDGR26A)
From: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)

Wow! They taught business law in trade schools years ago? Seems the more we know, the less we teach. People are less rounded today. The portals of trades schools today carry a graven message: "Abandon all humanities ye who enter here."

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Board: NEWS BB
Subject: FAMILY VALUES
Posted: August 23,1996 01:50:45
To: NICK MARK (SZJU69A)
From: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)

You misread my Siamese metaphor. They both die. Aim for either target and you get two for the price of one. What you're talking about is Hydra. Cut off one head and two will grow back. In 1776 we got rid of the Brutish Aristocracy and now there's a two headed viper, the Washington/Wall Street Axis.

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To: KENNENE GARDNER (ZCPH93A)
From: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)

So you agree, government DOES bend the economy by its mere presence. Next step: Government is part of a BINARY SYSTEM and revolves around Wall Street even as Wall Street revolves around it. But this other star in our economic firmament has the gravity (money) needed to bend the economy too. Wealth is power just as the power to tax is a power to destroy.

You're well aware that government issues taxes of various kinds on business, but since when does business EVER pay these taxes? Business merely raises prices and passes the tax along to its customers. Business has always warned the consumer that any new tax on business, no matter how popular to the public, will always be passed along in the form of higher prices. (Which also makes state and local government happy as it increases revenue from sales taxes.) Business is a way station in the economy. It facilitates the collection of taxes.

Not only is big business capable of manipulating supply and demand, it does so constantly. Just think of the demand for the current supply of capital. (That capital which is still in the USA.) Two guys in a town each want to start up a business, a restaurant. They're competing for the same loan dollars. One guy wants to buy a franchise from a successful chain. The other wants to start from scratch and be his own boss, perhaps has a new idea. Who gets the loan? The bank has to be hard headed, not soft hearted, so it chooses the sure thing and the would be entrepreneur is shut out.

This is how big business manipulates the market: It simply uses its concentrated wealth to use subtle psychological tactics and heavily advertise its product. The ads aren't very logical, but they are memorable, and create certain impressions in the consumer's mind about a product or store. A clown enticing the kiddies is a good example of how to create a demand out of thin air. Advertising is what builds market share, not some rational faculty operating through the market. Many totally unknown products, using a generous

advertising budget, have carved out a niche in the economy simply because enough people were persuaded to buy a product by the machinations of a Madison Avenue ad campaign.

Where is the market in this? Do people buy the product because it is of superior quality, or less expensive? Not in Capitalism circa 1996! They buy because the box is brighter, or the jingle merrier of the commercial funnier. This is smoke and mirrors, not supply and demand. Of the thirty million new jobs, how many offered the same real compensation that our economy provided in the 50's and 60's? That is, how many allowed a solid, secure, middle-class lifestyle on a SINGLE income, with one parent able to stay home and raise the next generation?

Compare crap with crap and it looks perfectly normal. Compare it with gold and you can see its shortcomings. Flipping hamburgers may technically qualify as a "job" but it is not a good job compared with the standards of our era of greatest prosperity. Plus, many of these new jobs were the product of the normal increase in population. More people, more jobs. Are we better off than we were 30 years ago? Its the quality of jobs, not the numbers, that is most important.

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Posted: August 22,1996 23:35:10
To: KATHLEEN CONLEY (DJHJ39A)
From: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)

We don't need government statistics and unemployment claims to figure out the jobless rate was low. Economic market forces determine immigration just as climate and food availability sent other populations packing. If jobs weren't to be had they would not have come, or been let in. America was being built, the economy expanding, opportunities knocking and social services nil. Millions a year came to find, and found, work.

There are lots of ways to define "wealth," and often these definitions are colored by ideology, or political need. Some may trumpet the eighties as being the period of the largest creation of wealth in history. And indeed it was, BUT the wealth created was packed into a relatively small number of porfolios. For example, it is meaningless to use the FACT that, say, a billion dollars was created IF we do not know just how this wealth was distributed. A billion dollars split ten ways means ten folks each got \$100,000,000 a huge amount of wealth created but with a very narrow base. The same billion spread out among a thousand people simply

makes a thousand millionaires. A thousand happy people is fine, but it is still JUST a thousand people in a Nation of a quarter billion. That same billion of new wealth going into the pockets of ten thousand people means each and every one of them can buy a nice new house and pay CASH!

This same billion can improve the happiness of any number of people, but the MAXIMUM happiness occurs when larger numbers of people are involved. Here are ten thousands people relieved of financial headaches forever. What better recommendation can there be for the traditional American notion of the pursuit of happiness?

There is a kind of a curve, much like the Laffer Curve, that shows a greatest good for the greatest number. The same new wealth held by fewer hands alters the equation in a negative way: Greater wealth/fewer hands = less general happiness

Greater wealth/more hands = greater general happiness

In any event, a definition of wealth that relies on number of goods produced is wholly inaccurate. The ONLY true definition of wealth is simply the difference between the amount owned and the amount owed. The NET is where economic reality is found. By this criteria America is a pauper Nation. Any fool can produce or purchase goods on BORROWED money, its who owns the MONEY who is wealthy. All this new wealth is based on a sweet illusion created by a narcotic of debt and EZ credit. The day of cold turkey is coming.

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To: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)
From: CHARLES GILPIN (FDGR26A)

The mercantile revolution in the middle ages would not have been possible with out a framework of business laws governing business ownership, trade and other items involved in a business economy. The process continues. I have several old texts on business law in my library on this subject which was taught in high school and trade schools many years ago. Does anyone hear remember "Blackwell"?

A modern economy would in no way be possible with out a strong partnership between business and an active central government. So much for getting the government out of our hair. The impetus for growth in laws and various incentives by government for business has been from the business community itself who need such interference to protect the members of the business community from each other and the non business community and to promote specific areas of

business that business is not capable of promoting themselves or not willing to do as individual businesses.

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Board: NEWS BB
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Posted: August 22,1996 08:05:09
To: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)
From: NICK MARK (SZJU69A)

<<<How can such an unstable and ever changing mix of administrations have thekind of deletrious effect you claim WITHOUT there being somesort of organizing principle from those who have ACCESS toALL administrations?>>>

Easy. As Willy Sutton said when asked why he robbed banks: "That's where the money is." The politicians, in their quest for ever more power 'go where the money is' because they need money! The public is duped too easily by the sloganeering of "for the public good." They are too easily convinced that the rich are a threat and that they need government "to level the playing field." While talking about the plight of the poor, the statist s government (nearly 100% of politicians and bureaucrats) wink at their rich friends and play all sides against each other. The moeneyed power brokers get richer and more powerful and the politicians' power grows. Take the power away from politicians and the muzzle of power will be plugged. Have the government fulfill its proper function of protecting individual rights, and all honest people will be served. Those who would use government for their personal ends will be as hapless as wet gunpowder and, unless they deserver their position of wealth in the first place with their productivity, will lose it quickly.

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ard: NEWS BB
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Posted: August 22,1996 08:05:07
To: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)
From: NICK MARK (SZJU69A)

<<<Kill one and you get the other as a bonus.>>>

Wrong. If you kill big business and leave the government power, more businessmen who play the political game will come along and grow big by government favor. Government power is the viper's nest that must be rooted out and the

fascist alliance will die.

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Board: NEWS BB
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Posted: August 22,1996 08:05:06
To: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)
From: NICK MARK (SZJU69A)

<<<Keep your mind open and give him another look.>>>

I have. In the beginning, I liked Ross. Only after listening to him time and time again and reading his books, did I perceive that he was the quintessential lobbyist himself. He got rich by lobbying to get the SS contract from the government. He wants to "fix it." His airport in Dallas was obtained through lobbying. He talks out of both sides of his mouth.

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Board: NEWS BB
Subject: FAMILY VALUES
Posted: August 22,1996 01:32:11
To: KENNETH GARDNER (ZCPH93A)
From: RICKcGOMBAS (CHHL71A)

Governments come and go. In this century we've had "liberal" administrations of T Roosevelt, Wilson, FDR, Truman, LBJ, Carter and Clinton. We've had "conservative" administrations of Taft, Harding, Coolidge, Hoover, Nixon, and Reagan. We've had "middle" administrations of Eisenhower, Kennedy and Bush

Enough fluctuations to make the head spin. How can such an unstable and ever changing mix of administrations have the kind of deleterious effect you claim WITHOUT there being some sort of organizing principle from those who have ACCESS to ALL administrations? These administrations ALL have in okmmon connections to Wall Street. Wall Street money gets them elected. Wall Street money has their ear. The ruling class is the source of power for politicians because the ruling class enjoys the broadest range of knowledge and information with which to make decisions and plan ahead and influence politics, and has the cash to make it all happen.

How can "employment relationships" be voluntary when so many are so squeezed that they MUST (are forced by economic conditions) to take virtually ANY job. Desperation cannot be the basis for anything voluntary. Desperation distorts any individual's actions.

Think of it this way. The American Revolution "rendered obsolete" the aristocracy, the ruling class of the time, and ushered in democracy/meritocracy. Such is the history of capitalism in this country that those folks displaced adapted over the years and figured out a way to get back in power by supplanting the huddled masses. As wealth and power is again concentrated in the hands of the "new" aristocracy, the average American has fallen under the iron heel of the "new" oligarchy.

Lets get back to Jefferson's ideas of equality and decentralization of wealth and power. That's the American Way

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Board: NEWS BB
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Posted: August 22,1996 01:03:01
To: KENNETH GARDNER (ZCPH93A)
From: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)

The law of supply and demand is meaningless when someone manipulates one or the other or both. Its supposed to be natural and independent of conscious influence.

As in physics where the performance of any phenomenon is altered by the mere presence of an observer, lobbyists and other such characters distort the economy. INFORMATION has replaced gold as king.

The KNOWLEDGE that third world countries have cheap labor draws investment there, away from our own labor pool. With fewer jobs available wages go down. Its that simple. This situation didn't occur naturally, it was planned and conjured by the wealthy, part of the perks of their position.

They exploit every little opportunity, not for societal benefit, or even common patriotism, but for their own selfish interest. They have the intellectuals and lobbyists and media figures turning toward their side much like a star bends light toward itself. As long as there is a stro~g center of gravity (wealth) the ruling class knows it will pull many into its orbit. But if wealth were dispersed, the light of economics could proceed, straight and unimpeded.

OF COURSE, if you use the last 16 years as a base, the economic losses we have suffered are not visible. But we're still in the post-war era. The current economy started after the 15 year interegnum of the Depression and WW 2. The economy of the 50's and 60's is what we fought and died for, not the broken down wreck with the shiny veneer we have now. Here, I am only stating a fact: In the past 50 years we have

switched from a manufacturing based, labor intensive economy to a service based capital intensive economy. Capital fluctuates due to conditions (see 1929) but the People remain. Too much capital in one basket is not smart. We survived a 25% unemployment in the Depression because we still needed THINGS but the next crash will bring 75% unemployment and will finish us off because we don't need SERVICES. Our capital will have evaporated and what's left will be owned by banks, foreign and domestic.

Our throats are being cut by foreign competition. Why sharpen the blade, Kenneth?

You come off sounding a bit like Joseph McCarthy with your insistence I name names. Why not accept that if it looks like a pig, walks like a pig, smells like a pig, and consumes like a pig, its a member of the ruling class. (Check out my note tonight in New World Order: New World Order to see more on this.)

Any demagogue can appeal to the fear and racism of the masses. One of the best in this category was Nixon.

I'm sure glad I'm a Jeffersonian, not a Marxist. But I do think its really cool the way they BOTH openly declared that their ends could best be attained by the forcible overthrow of the existing social conditions. Revolution now!

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Board: NEWS BB
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Posted: August 22,1996 00:02:44
To: NICK MARK (SZJU69A)
From: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)

Please don't get the wrong idea, I don't support government. But government and big business are like Siamese twins. Kill one and you get the other as a bonus. ANY kind of concentration of wealth and power is harmful to the vast majority and what we need to do is get rid of the unholy alliance so the People may prosper.

As for the minimum wage increase, if you're already dying of cancer, what difference does another cigarette make?

Its all coming down anyway, so until that happy day, we may as well make the lives of the MOST victimized comfortable.

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Board: NEWS BB
Subject: FAMILY VALUES
Posted: August 21,1996 23:53:16
To: KATHLEEN CONLEY (DJHJ39A)
From: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)

Kathleen, I didn't say "many wealthy people come from modest circumstances." I said: "MOST rich people WHO come from modest circumstances..." (Emphasis MINE.) Most, (not all) rich people from modest circumstance sell-out. Most, (not all) rich people had a head start of some sort.

Yankee personel turns over just like Congressmen turn over. Party leaders are the equivalent of Steinbrenner. Cross 'em or disappoint 'em, you're OUT! The rich get richer, generally. And the middle-class get downsized, increasingly. No matter how hard they work, or loyal their career, if they stand in the way of bigger profits, they're OUT! A 5% unemployment rate is 100% too much. Even in the great age of immigration the rate was much lower. We were an expanding, manufacturing based economy. Today its contracting, (that's what "downsizing means.) The increase certain quarters trumpet is merely a result of increasing population, not wealth. Hundreds of billions of dollars of wealth leave this country every year, never to return. But the pay of the executives sure increases.

And what do we do about illiteracy? We complain our property taxes are too high and vote for opportunist politicians who promise not to raise them, while society declines before our very eyes.

Don't you think the skill-less People with "no interest in working" might be that way due to a clinical depression induced by years of misery and hardship and lack of hope? People at the bottom have always had very limited options, especially when police dogs are nipping at their heels.

Perot is from a generation and a background, and possesses a temperament that is not your typical, slick, blow dried modern politician that we've grown used to. He sticks out. And because he doesn't/won't conform, and because he is NOT a career politician, and because he is sincere and honest, and thus so UNUSUAL in today's politics, some folks get the idea he's crazy. I get the idea he's spent many an afternoon in his local barbershop soaking up the wisdom of Wright Patman. His business acumen is thoroughly modern, but his thought process is deep in the tradition of good 'ol American common sense. Keep your mind open and give him another look.

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Board: NEWS BB

Subject: FAMILY VALUES
Posted: August 21,1996 10:25:13
To: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)
From: NICK MARK (SZJU69A)

<<<When the government issues regulations, or the Congress passes a law that affects ALL business, BigBusiness comes out ahead simply because it can AFFORD to implement the new requirements.>>>

Exactly correct. The minimum wage is a perfect example of this. When a mom and pop store has to increase its wages by nearly 20% (\$4.35 to \$5.15), it is a huge chunk out of their capital. If they have ten part time employees, each working 20 hours a week, that's \$180.00 per week that comes out of the owner's pocket...PLUS the added FICA, etc. In a small town, where that mom and pop may make only about \$40,000 per year, that cuts their income by \$10,000 or threatens their customer base. In the meantime, Walmart continues to put more and more moms and pops out of business. That's the disappearing middle class. INstead of being owners of small businesses, they are forced to go to work at \$ 8.00 an hour. I'm not opposed to big business as such, and if they win market share by being better, fine. But when it is done with the unholy alliance with government, it becomes fascism. The ONLY solution is to strip economic/business power from government. Then, the unholy alliance is gone and so is the political power that makes the vermin that would use government in that way crawl back under their rocks. It is the government power that has created that vermin and the vermin, in a symbiotic relationship with government, furthers that power. In the meantime, the truly productive, those who EARN their position among the large companies, are forced to play the game or go under. Sometimes they are the unwilling beneficiaries of the unholy alliance. Because the situation exists, companies, more and more, hire those men adept at the "game" and not those who are good at production. Everyone loses except those who play the game of power-brokering best. The ramifications of this are so wide and huge, the average person hasn't a clue and usually rail against "big business" without the slightest idea how and why the "game" came into being and keep asking for ever more government intervention, which just excacerbates the problem.

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Board: NEWS BB
Subject: FAMILY VALUES
Posted: August 20,1996 22:34:06
To: KENNETH GARDNER (ZCPH93A)
From: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)

As for the Kennedy tax cuts... you may recall that the LAST balanced budget in history was the one LBJ left to Nixon in '69. At the heights of BOTH the Vietnam War AND the Great Society we managed to balance the budget. Reagan merely paid for the "prosperity" by loading the debt on the backs of future generations. That's not an economic policy, its insanity.

If you go out and borrow all that you can you can live well FOR AWHILE. You can impress your friends and neighbors and family, but sooner or later the bills come due! The Reagan prosperity is an illusion and the bubble is about to burst. Wealth indeed was re-distributed in the 80's. It went from the middle class to the upper class. Those million dollar executive salaries will be paid for by our grandchildren.

Anyone can borrow and put on a show and claim to be prosperous, but if they have more debt than savings they are poor.

The Savings and Loan debacle of the Reagan years is just a foretaste of what's to come when it comes time to pay the piper. The rich will have their next egg and the rest of us will be broke.

Hank Rearden didn't have lobbyists in Washington but Jim Taggart did. Tell me ONE Wall Street corporation that doesn't have a lobbyist.

"Upper classes are a nation's past; the middle class is its future." Ayn Rand

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Board: NEWS BB
Subject: FAMILY VALUES
Posted: August 20,1996 22:19:49
To: KENNETH GARDNER (ZCPH93A)
From: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)

The military protects us from foreign invaders, but who protects us from domestic privateers? A politician takes an oath to protect us from "all threats, foreign and domestic" but when was the last time ANY politician did anything against the monied interests in America, especially considering these interests have consistently gotten richer and stronger over the last 16 years while two out of every three small businesses go under? Individual rights apply to small businesses too, but when large corporations pay huge fortunes to corrupt politicians to look out for their interests, the rights of small businesses get trampled. And since when does "foreign invasion" mean only a military attack? It seems Japan has benefitted a lot more from our lax trade laws than she ever would have had Asia fallen under her rule. Now we're being invaded by cheap Chinese

goods, (last month China surpassed Japan in exports to us,) and where's the military? They're over in China as a trade delegation demonstrating American weapons on behalf of American corporations, weapons that will likely be used to KILL Americans in the not-too-distant-future! An invasion by any other name is still an invasion.

Laissez faire capitalism has gone too far when it begins to harm Americans. The standard of living you claim is still the world's highest began going down the tubes back in Nixon's first term. The money we should be spending to keep up our #1 position instead goes to third world countries resulting in a real decline in our standards to the point that Japan, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, France, Germany, Holland, Denmark, Norway and Sweden all have surged ahead in many quality of life categories. ALL third world countries have improved, due largely to our "investments" while we decline. How can this possibly be good? The role of the government is to serve the AMERICAN People, NOT those willing to sweat for a buck a day and make the corporate executives richer.

During the 80's there was indeed substantial foreign investment in America and this was also true in the 70's and the 60's and the 50's and even today. But the NET effect is still NEGATIVE for the American economy. MUCH more wealth leaves this country than ever comes back. No matter how you look at it we are getting poorer, month by month, year by year and decade by decade. A few individuals come out ahead but most of us stagnate or decline. According to your argument this is good because it is the governments job to promote individualism, but according to common sense the Nation is getting poorer. The government has acted irresponsibly and needs to be removed.

re "as these other countries become more prosperous they will be able to buy more American goods." In theory, sure. But why should they even want to buy more American goods when other goods are available, cheaper, from other third world countries? After all, if Americans don't buy American goods, why should anyone else?

We're in competition with 200 other countries most of which have cheap labor, lax environmental rules and high tariffs. Where's the "free trade" in this?

re having wealth of productive people seized and re-distributed to non-productive people...What about when productive People lose their jobs so the wealthy can make even more: Used to be Big Business employed many People to answer the phone. Then voice mail was invented. These jobs were

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Board: NEWS BB
Subject: FAMILY VALUES

Posted: August 20,1996 21:28:57
To: NICK MARK (SZJU69A)
From: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)

That "air we breathe" quote has a chilling amount of truth to it. Some years ago the Federal government got a small business in New Jersey in its sights and sought to go after it for some reason. The business at first prevailed by proving the Feds had no jurisdiction as it did no interstate business at all. None of its customers or suppliers were from out of state. The Feds won in the Supreme Court because the BUILDING where the business was headquartered had OTHER tenants which engaged in interstate commerce, and since the business shared space, elevators etc the Court deemed it too was engaged in interstate commerce. Brennan wrote the decision.

The problem is with how Big Business uses its influence over the government to go after its traditional competition, Small Business. When the government issues regulations, or the Congress passes a law that affects ALL business, Big Business comes out ahead simply because it can AFFORD to implement the new requirements. A large corporation can simply hire a new worker to fill out the forms, and get a loan to pay the added costs, but a Small Business gets hurt. It can't afford to hire another worker, the bank may not extend a loan. The small firm is weakened or even ruined by this government action while the large corporation sails along and picks up the slack and easily passes along the costs to its many customers.

Large corporations aren't stupid (or decent.) They'll do whatever they can to improve their position and damage the competition. Its one of the perks they get from all those bribes -er, "contributions" they pay the politicians. The little guy doesn't have that luxury.

The ONLY solution is to eliminate the link between the large corporations and the politicians. (Or else ELIMINATE the politicians.)

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Board: NEWS BB
Subject: FAMILY VALUES
Posted: August 20,1996 21:04:28
To: BETTY COLEMAN (DFLJ12A)
From: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)

Human beings are an untidy commodity. Business knows this. If People have freedom and prosperity their wages rise and business makes fewer profits. But if there is a glut of labor, with People forced to compete with each other just to keep a roof, real wages stagnate or decline. If there are plenty of employment opportunities People will tend to leave

jobs for something better, but if things are tight they'll stick with their current employer and accept whatever he offers.

When jobs are exported it only creates a tight job market and working People suffer while the greedy rich prosper. That's one of the reasons why we see jobs and capital leaving this country; it helps keep the majority in line. A prosperous economy gives freedom to the People to choose from various options, but when the options are sent to the third world, Americans are at the mercy of the ruling class.

Politicians have been making promises about improving the economy for decades, but its still gone downhill. They'll say whatever lie their bosses order them to. Your tomatoe example is good. Both Dole and Clinton promised American farmers wouldn't be hurt by NAFTA and that in any event we'd export a lot more to Mexico. What a laugh. NAFTA passed but nobody was smart enough to put in a poison pill that would cancel the treaty if the promises didn't pan out. That's because BOTH parties are corrupt and are just playing an elaborate charade to keep up appearances of partisanship. They BOTH favor Wall Street (because of the money) and they both know the People are too dis-united to pose any real threat to Wall Street's bi-partisan power.

Wall Street is so blinded by greed it cannot see how the endgame will look. Like you say, nobody will have any cash to buy anything. (But there will ALWAYS be plenty of bullets to go around.)

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Board: NEWSWSB
Subject: FAMILY VALUES
Posted: August 20,1996 08:33:03
To: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)
From: NICK MARK (SZJU69A)

<<<so they hire politicians to stand exposed and do their dirty work. Thestranglehold you refer to goes the other way:>>>

Lots of truth in that. I've often referred to the business-government symbiotic relationship as an unholy alliance. For the first hundred years of this cou try, that was a minimal problem and then the 'commerce clause' of the Constitution received ever broader interpretations, almost to the point that "since the air we breathe goes across state lines, and we need to breathe to do business, the federal government has a right to regulate it." Recent SC decisions have watered that power down a bit, but it is still there.

Certainly, businessmen, especially those who can't compete with productivity, have always attempted to use government to give them an edge they can't earn. Politicians have only been too willing to accomodate and wrest ever more power to themselves, also reaping where they have not sowed. It's a sick and corrupt setup and the ONLY solution is to get the power OUT of the hands of government. Without that power, the businessmen who court the politicians have not incentive to do so. >>>>>>
The Constitution should have, as the first amendement, "Congress shall make no law abridging the freedom of trade."

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Board: NEWS BB
Subject: FAMILY VALUES
Posted: August 19,1996 23:52:18
To: KENNETH GARDNER (ZCPH93A)
From: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)

In1787 America had around 3 million individuals. Today we have 250,000,000 individuals. Both are large numbers and both refer to society en masse. In America the individual is (or should be) responsible for himself, and left alone to pursue his life, but it is the MASS of People the government was meant to serve and protect. The Bill of Rights was added to the Constitution to protect individual rights, but the Constitution itself, the shape of the government, was meant to deal with large numbers and assure the masses would prosper.

The military's role shows this well. It is to protect cities and large areas of land, not individuals (no matter how rich.) That's what "provide for the common defence" means in the Preamble.

Focus on the word "common." It means everyone.
Focus on the word "general." It means everyone.
Focus on the idea "general welfare." It means the prosperity of everyone. That's what Nations are for.
Everyone working for each other's mutual benefit.

Under "pure laissez faire capitalism" there is a greatly reduced National benefit from the economy. Investment capital leaves the country in search of greater profit, but where does this capital come from? It comes in a large part from savings accounts and mutual funds and pension funds, money owned by the average American, but exploited by the executives who make the financial decisions.

Under laissez faire WE provide the capital, THEY reap the benefits. Hundreds of billions of dollars leaving our shores every year can't be good for the masses but the People have no say. The government doesn't protect the

People's interest, as it is charged to do by the Constitution, it facilitates the financial hemorrhage by forcing GATT and NAFTA down our collective throat.

Re: "return it back to its rightful owners, (the producers), then sit back and wait. It won't take long." We've been waiting for 15 years, don't you think that's kinda long? Reagan came in promising to do this very thing you mentioned and cut taxes while increasing spending. All it achieved was stealing from the future to enrich the ruling class.

In the 12 years of this voodoo our National Debt exploded from \$500,000,000,000 to over FOUR TRILLION! I don't think our economy can stand much more of this sitting back and waiting. We need to get real. All this "borrowing" (stealing) from the future only creates a false prosperity. We're using tomorrow's income to pay today's bills when true prosperity is pay-as-you-go.

Piling up debt like there is no tomorrow means there WON'T be a tomorrow. The higher the pile, the bigger the crash.

Looks like you like Ayn Rand. Do you think Atlas Shrugged is an accurate portayal of contemporary capitalism? I think the Jim Taggarts of Wall Street VASTLY outnumber the Hank Reardens. You got it backwards when you try to base today's reality on Rand's fiction. What Rand wrote is a satire on contemporary business practices, not a snapshot of things as they are.

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Board: NEWS BB
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Posted: August 19,1996 23:02:53
To: KATHLEEN CONLEY (DJHJ39A)
From: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)

Its true the rich come from all backgrounds, but that doesn't mean there is no ruling class. The New York Yankees come from all backgrounds and together they form a TEAM, purpose of which is to win. Most rich people who come from modest circumstances attain with their wealth a new consciousness that enables them to feel comfortable, and not guilty, in their plush surroundings. They begin to identify with other wealthy people and leave behind the old ways, in order to help their new team win. (To be fair, some wealthy persons maintain their integrity, like Ross Perot, and fight for the working people and small businessmen.)

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But in reality many of the positions held by the wealthy are inherited. They get where they are simply because of who they are. They have relatives in high places who want to

keep it all in the family. I understand there is quite a bit of resentment of this in the organizations which practice it, as many otherwise capable employees get passed over in favor of some inbred dolt. An example of this resentment can be seen at the San Diego Union newspaper in the person of the son of the publisher.

Of course I know the difference between opportunity and outcome, but do you understand the concept of stacking the deck? Equality of opportunity is a fine starting point, but opportunities dry up when the playing field ceases to be level. Equality of opportunity means a person gets ahead according to WHAT he knows, rather than WHO he knows, but in today's weakening economy the person who goes along, gets along. That is, if he plays the game according to the rules established by those who want to stay in power he'll get ahead, but that is hardly democratic. He becomes a company man, a yes man, a butt kisser and this ethos permeates the organization. American Individualism becomes absorbed into the corporate state. People who network (another word for conspire) reap the rewards because the system was designed to maximize the power of the ruling class. By buying the loyalty of the "best and the brightest" the ruling class manages to assure the outcome that only those who toe the corporate line will benefit. Big salaries seal the deal.

If our unemployment rate is "barely over 5%," imagine what it would be if those billions of our dollars that the ruling class has "invested" overseas, as well as the millions of jobs that also went South, had remained here. Why are we investing in third world countries when our own cities and People need the benefits? Its simply to provide bigger profits for the executives and other members of the ruling class. If American wages are high for the workers, then salaries will be low for the executives. Today, the average executive makes 150 times what the average factory or office worker makes in his company. During the period of America's greatest prosperity, the Eisenhower 50's, this ratio was 17-1. In Japan today this ratio is 17-1.

Do you think the American economy is better today than in the fifties? Some people think the mere ability to use one's position in the corporation to amass wealth is indicative of talent and hard work. But what is the talent in sitting around a table and deciding to export jobs so as to increase executive compensation? Is it a talent to figure out a way to legally bribe some politician to pass a law that will benefit you?

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Board: NEWS BB
Subject: FAMILY VALUES

Posted: August 19,1996 17:37:45
To: KENNETH GARDNER (ZCPH93A)
From: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)

Ken and Kathleen:

The Preamble to the U.S. Constitution is a statement of the PURPOSE of the government: Among other things it is to "promote the general Welfare." The "general welfare" is like the "greatest good for the greatest number" of the 19th Century, and "a rising tide raises all boats," of the current Century. Americans have heard these promises for hundreds of years, but today the only lives the government actually improves are those of the wealthy and connected.

What you two can't seem to understand is the best welfare program is a job. But where are the jobs today, the kind of jobs needed by the unskilled inner city poor?

These jobs are now in Indonesia and Malayasia and Mexico and El Salvador and Peru, courtesy of the United States government and the Wall Street ruling class! When a supposedly liberal Democrat became President what did he do uphold the Constitutional promise to "promote the general welfare?"

He sold out working People and poor People on behalf of the wealthy. Six of his cabinet choices were/are willing tools of the elitist Council on Foreign Relations. The Secretary of Commerce met his demise on a Balkan mountaintop. This man, Ron Brown, was from Harlem but was he promoting the general welfare of Americans over in Bosnia? The ONLY welfare he was concerned with was that of corporate executives and the corporations.

Ron Brown was appointed to his position as a reward for years of faithful labor as the bag man of the Democrat Party and he died in service to Wall Street, not the American People. If the Clinton Administration had been true to the Constitution it would have sent Secretary Brown, executives in tow, into the shell shocked inner cities filled with AMERICANS who needed the help of corporations. But since when was the Clinton Administration ever honestly concerned with the well being of poor and working Americans? Once Clinton got their votes he bowed in supplication to the monied interests, figuring he could take for granted the continued support of this constituency. Hence, NAFTA, GATT and Brown's hard landing.

The government, whether Republican or Democrat, does its best to increase the wealth of the tiny minority of rich, because corporate "soft" money pays the bills of the politicians of BOTH parties, but it renegs on the WRITTEN promise of the Preamble. The CORPORATE welfare is what is served by the government, not the People's, and that's yet another reason for Revolution.

Ron Brown certainly came from a "humble background" and like others of his ilk got as far away from it as fast as he could leaving behind millions of AMERICANS who could have benefitted immensely from his help. As long as there is concentrated wealth on Wall Street there will be concentrated power in Washington. As Bec says "no poor person has power to run this country." This sad situation will only get worse if average People continue to deny that America was created to be a DEMOCRACY while simultaneously denying that this country has been transformed, without our knowledge or consent, into an OLIGARCHY aided and abetted

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Board: NEWS BB
Subject: FAMILY VALUES
Posted: August 17,1996 22:55:24
To: KATHLEEN CONLEY (DJHJ39A)
From: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)

You must've not listened to the speeches at the Republican Convention. I heard MANY mentions, always accompanied by cheers, of Reagan's victory in the Cold War. Those folks certainly sounded enthusiastic, although it seemed their subversive sights were set too low: They wanted to liberate little bad Cuba, while not a word was mentioned about big bad China.

When Dole lauded the fall of apartheid he didn't mention portfolio divestiture as being a big part of the final push, and the 30% of delegates who make over \$100,000 a year did not seem like they'd cheer if Dole had suggested that they withdraw from stocks and stock funds that invest in the "Peoples" "Republic" of China.

Of course they wouldn't cheer any plan, no matter how noble, that might cost them a few dollars. Besides, most Republicans are smart enough to realize that when China takes Hong Kong and gains all that wealth and technological know-how, China's 4 wishes come closer to fruition. The modernization of science and technology, agriculture, industry, and MOST IMPORTANTLY, the military, will all be greatly advanced by the absorption of Hong Kong. And that means in just a few more years there will be ANOTHER huge arms race with ANOTHER communist dictatorship, and so even MORE profits to be made by the Republicans and their friends on Wall Street.

America seems to lack the ability to plan for the future, to admit, or even see, that the inevitable is coming, and coming FAST. We are in danger of being overwhelmed by the Chinese, especially after they use their new wealth to increase their military power. China's ace in the hole is her huge population. With it she can wage a war of bloody

attrition against Americans and unlike the Iraqi's her fighters won't hide in holes and surrender. Our casualties will be massive, like China's, but we won't have the will to throw wave upon wave into the breach. They'll win.

Appeasing China now means death and misery for us later, but the rich call the shots and as long as the bucks roll in, they're happy.

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Board: NEWS BB
Subject: FAMILY VALUES
Posted: August 17,1996 22:21:14
To: NICK MARK (SZJU69A)
From: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)

Your reply holds promise, but it seems you have a premise backward: <<>>

Some might wonder which came first, the chicken or the egg, but we all know that politics is the world's second oldest profession. Rich people have always wanted to enjoy life and hold power and organize society to their benefit, but have been reluctant to be up front about it lest they get stabbed or shot or blown up for their efforts, so they hire politicians to stand exposed and do their dirty work. The stranglehold you refer to goes the other way: Money (business) is what has the grip on politicians, keeping just the right pressure, like a choke collar on a dog, but standing ready to throttle any politician who strays.

Remember, Nick, it is politiciananwho approach business, hands outstretched, like a high-class street-corner beggar, seeking funds to run for office. The politicians line up and give assurances of loyal service to their monetary backers, but the well dries up once the politicians forget who paid for their campaigns and try to serve the People instead. To business, politicians are a dime a dozen and the money men know quite well that there are many, many more politicians ready and willing to take the place of those who stray.

Washington and Wall Street today are inextricably linked, and as long as greed, not reason, rules the land, America will continue to decline. Cutting down Washington alone is not the answer; Wall Street roots will sprout again.

We need to kill Wall Street, and guess what? There is a replacement candidate waiting in the wings, the same that has been usurped by Wall Street. I know you've heard of it:

MAIN STREET!

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Board: NEWS BB

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Subject: FAMILY VALUES

Posted: August 17,1996 10:06:56

To: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)

From: NICK MARK (SZJU69A)

<<<This corporate state is what I call the
Washington/Wall Street Axis and it is just so much dead
weighghdragging down the Spirit of the American People, and
our traditional values.>>>

Pretty much true. The way to get rid of this axis, and the
ONLY way, is to strip economic power from Washington. As
long as the politicians get to have their hold of life or
death on the throats of business, they will be courted by
business, mostly BIG business, to loosen the hold or apply
it more to someone else's throat.

Laizzes Faire regards...

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Board: NEWS BB

Subject: FAMILY VALUES

Posted: August 17,1996 00:18:41

To: KATHLEEN CONLEY (DJHJ39A)

From: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)

Power is available to those willing to sell-out to the
highest bidder.

Actually, I did walk into two Senator's offices, liberal
Paul Simon and conservative Mitch McConnell, and got the
bums rush both times.

The flunkies who talked to me couldn't understand why I was
so concerned with their sponsorship of the U.S.-Hong Kong
Act of 1992 (S1731) that gives approval to the sell-out of
the six million freedom loving capitalists of Hong Kong next
July 1. Within sight of the Capitol is a Wall dedicated to
the memory of 58,000 young Americans who gave their lives
trying to defend freedom in South Asia and now a bi-partisan
effort in conjunction with the desires of Wall Street has
pissed on the Wall and surrendered 6,000,000 without a fight

The official policy of the U.S. government is now:
PROFITS BEFORE FREEDOM!

Simon and McConnell, Dole and Gore, and even Jesse Helms,
are willing to deny the success of Reagan's anti-communist
policy and go the route of Neville Chamberlain and APPEASE
ruthless dictators. Only woe will follow.
Death to tyrants!

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Board: NEWS BB
Subject: FAMILY VALUES
Posted: August 16,1996 20:14:18
To: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)
From: MICHAEL JACKSON I (XNGC78D)

Sir, the REAL America you speak of sounds more like AmeriKa.
Please let things be. People can hold whatever
religious/political belief they want as long as it does not
infringe on the rights of others. David Koresh could have
believed all he wanted had he not bothered America with it.
That leads me to a question. What is the big deal with flag
burning? I wouldn't do it because I don't arbitrarily(sp?)
go around burning things, but if someone wants to burn a
flag in the privacy of their home or backyard what
difference does it make? I know the flag is all patriotic
and represents America and yadda yadda yadda, but really I
could say it's just a colorful cloth that was more
important at another time than it is now.

MIKE: who knows he's going to get an angry
response from this.

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Board: NEWS BB
Subject: FAMILY VALUES
Posted: August 16,1996 17:06:05
To: WALTER SALES (VGPP04A)
From: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)

Walter,

We the People, of course! The corporate state is like a
giant dumb-bell with one overwhelming weight in New York and
the other in D.C. We the People, taxpayers and consumers
and employees, are expected to continually lift and carry
this ugly monolith. This corporate state is what I call the

Washington/Wall Street Axis and it is just so much deadad weight dragging down the Spirit of the American People, and our traditional values.

The rise of the gargantuan state closely parallels the rise of big business, beginning with the war profiteers of the Lincoln Administration. It was the huge fortunes that were made by the "robber barons" in the post-Civil War years that gave the big impetus to the concentration of wealth on Wall Street. By getting rich they believed they were better than most Americans so they looked to Europe, and especially Britain, to devise the economy of the 20th Century. The crooks on Wall Street paid off the crooks in Washington to pave the way for this new corporate state, and even Teddy Roosevelt couldn't stop it.

But guess what, Walter. Corporate Law didn't even come into being until the 1830's, (to raise capital for the canals and railroads.) Prior to this time there was NO SUCH THING as a corporation. Businesses were organized in a different way. For the first 50 years we prospered WITHOUT wealth being concentrated in a few Washington connected Wall Street hands.

People's "liberty and identity" is threatened by BOTH Wall Street and Leviathan. Today, American's consciousness in these matters turns on an "either-or" basis. We've been TRAINED to think and react in certain ways. A conservative person is under the impression that corporations are good and Leviathan bad. A liberal person is under the impression that Leviathan is good and corporations are bad. Therefore, all debate on this subject revolves around a simple up/down theory. But it is not that simple in reality. People who believe in Leviathan are not evil, just misguided. People who believe in the corporate state are not evil, just misguided.

They have no knowledge of alternatives, as the ruling class controls the means of communications so we tend to fight each other on a battlefield of wrong impressions. This keeps We the People divided, and the ruling class in power

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Board: NEWS BB
Subject: FAMILY VALUES
Posted: August 16,1996 16:25:31
To: KATHLEEN CONLEY (DJHJ39A)
From: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)

If I have as much power as anyone else, I can walk into my Senator's office and talk about my concerns, right?

But I have never given money to a politician, (except thru

taxes,) I'm not a lobbyist nor do I represent a big corporate contributor. How long do you think I'll have to wait without one of the above keys to open that door? I wager I'll get arrested for harassing or stalking the Senator loooong before I get to excercise the power you claim I have.

I, like ALL Americans, have NO power, if I have NO money to use to bribe my way to access.

The only power We Americans have is the same power We had at Concord and Lexington on April 19 1775, the power to use the bullet to rid ourselves of a ruling class that extends preference and privilege to a tiny monied minority, while forcing the majority to pay for it.

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Board: NEWS BB
Subject: FAMILY VALUES
Posted: August 15,1996 21:18:40
To: WALTER SALES (VGPP04A)
From: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)

I agree that individual rights should be paramount in America but I'm sure you know that individualism has been under assault for at least the past 50 years.

And its not just the collectivist/socialist/liberal/Democrat side that is working to eliminate this most basic traditional American value. I'm sure you've noticed the very strong trend to conformity that has permeated American life this last half-century.

Its not so much the "we-they" attitude that you describe but it seems the criteria for social acceptance is the ability to "fit in," to conform to what the group wants. Conformity ALWAYS views individualism with suspicion, if not hostility. America was made great by People willing to break the mold and do NEW things, but today we seem too meek to sustain our greatness.

Think of it, Walter, it is Wall Street using its handmaid Madison Avenue that creates and maintains the current stress on conformity. It helps them make profits while controlling us. To be free we must be open-minded and tolerant. But that rocks the boat and the last thing Wall Street wants is to be rocked. Ayn Rand style individualism is long dead on Wall Street. That's why the most ambitious strive not to be true to thine own selves, but instead the best and brightest desire only to be trustworthy corporate cogs.

To put your idea in practice we must dismantle the corporate state.

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Board: NEWS BB
Subject: FAMILY VALUES
Posted: August 14,1996 21:30:26
To: RON SUNDERMANN (VOTE09D)
From: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)

Nobody can agree 100%, but I get your (well) meaning.

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Board: NEWS BB
Subject: FAMILY VALUES
Posted: August 14,1996 21:27:01
To: WALTER SALES (VGPP04A)
From: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)

GROUP	BELIEFS
#1	A B D F G H J M P S W Y Z
#2	A C D F J K M O P R W Y Z
#3	B D G H I J N O Q S T V W
#4	A C D F G K L N O P R S Y
#5	B C D H K M N R S T V W Y

If any particular group can choose its top 13 issues from a list of 26, it might look like the above. Some choices are unique to the group, while some others are relatively lower or higher in importance. But each group shares many of its beliefs with other groups. In America today we see things on the horizontal. But if we saw the vertical patterns we'd realize there is more that unites us than divides us.

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Board: NEWS BB
Subject: REST OF THE WORLD
Posted: June 05,1996 13:05:59
To: ANNIE ALPERT (GMHV19A)
From: RICK FARLEY (FTRB61A)

Since becoming involved in the patriot movement I have come to understand much better what has happened to the sovereignty of Indians in the past 100 years or so. What the government has done to the Indians is happening to the rest

of Americans today.

If folks are so concerned about the plight of the Indians then instead of talking about the past they should be talking about the present and omnipotent government.

Genocide of Indians was not official policy of the majority of the American people.

Rick Gombas answered you well and I agree with what he said, so I won't repeat his observations.

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Board: NEWS BB
Subject: FAMILY VALUES
Posted: August 13,1996 23:11:43
To: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)
From: RON SUNDERMANN (VOTE09D)

i agree with everything you said and i am sorry if i created the impression that i'm trying to disagree with you.

ron in iowa

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Board: NEWS BB
Subject: PRESUMED INNOCENT
Posted: March 28,1996 02:43:41
To: CAROLE HAMMAN (ZDJH65A)
From: E WATROUS (HUFM92F)

Carole,

as are you. You espouse maternal righteousness, and allude to things in such a manner that the conclusion drawn is certain, yet you deny that you said what you said.

BTW, that was a nice note that you wrote to Rick Gombas telling him not to write to you<g>.

Gary Hunt, Outpost of Freedom

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Board: NEWS BB
Subject: FAMILY VALUES
Posted: August 13,1996 22:19:40
To: RON SUNDERMANN (VOTE09D)
From: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)

Ron!

I gave you the "specific" you requested but you veered off the thread. I used this example to show how the media uses its power to facilitate racial antagonism but then you responded to its racial component rather than the intended media component. I tried to give you "food for thought" and you consumed it as a morsel for bigotry.

Just think of the generations of Blacks who encountered fear and terror on the streets of every Southern town, day or night, even from whites who weren't wearing sheets. Badges and guns were used methodically against Blacks while whites remained mum. Today in Northern cities the badge and gun and drug "laws" are used against the Blacks so there is little wonder why they are fearful.

But having experienced fear for generations Blacks have learned to respond with an aggressive stance. Take the stress and pressure off. Choke back the dogs of police brutality. And send jobs to the inner city, not Indonesia!

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Board: NEWS BB
Subject: FAMILY VALUES
Posted: August 13,1996 22:02:54
To: KATHLEEN CONLEY (DJHJ39A)
From: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)

The "vote" means nothing when it is shaped by artificial means. (Lies.) Those in power, and with power, will do anything to stay that way, including fomenting racism.

But its not a liberal/conservative thing. The ruling class controls the liberals for one reason and it controls the conservatives for another. Neither reason is in the interest of the People as a whole. If We the People ever united it would be curtains for the Washington/Wall Street Axis. The ruling class knows this, but We the People don't. Why? The ruling class controls the means of communication as well as the means of production. They have the wealth and the information to keep us confused and dis-united.

Keep an open mind, Kathleen. That's our ultimate weapon.

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Board: NEWS BB
Subject: FAMILY VALUES
Posted: August 11,1996 23:50:04

To: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)
From: RON SUNDERMANN (VOTE09D)

well, you hit it right on the head.

if a black guy is walking down the street in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and sees 3 white teenagers coming toward him, I don't think he'll be afraid. (my black friends wouldn't, anyway.) but a white guy walking down the street and seeing 3 black teenagers. ... oh well, you get the point.

i think the word is "racism" and I don't have any answers except to keep on keepin' on and keep on trying to make things better. it took 300 yrs to get this way, so....
ron in iowa.

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Board: NEWS BB
Subject: FAMILY VALUES
Posted: August 11,1996 21:25:34
To: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)
From: KATHLEEN CONLEY (DJHJ39A)

Sure I do. They have a vested interest in keeping the Liberals in power. But, so what? The people still have the vote.

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Board: NEWS BB
Subject: FAMILY VALUES
Posted: August 10,1996 23:14:59
To: KATHLEEN CONLEY (DJHJ39A)
From: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)

They re-inforce the stereotypes for a reason.
Do you know what that reason is?

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Board: NEWS BB
Subject: FAMILY VALUES
Posted: August 10,1996 00:30:28
To: RON SUNDERMANN (VOTE09D)
From: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)

MAN BITES DOG:

Howard Beach, N.Y.: Mob of 20 white kids attack small group of Blacks, killing one. Media portrays this as typical white behavior. Interviews racists. Image goes out to millions of Americans. Advertising spots sold. Nobody points out that in Howard Beach 20,000 white folks DIDN'T attack Blacks OR:

South Central L.A.: Mob of 20 Black kids attack truckdriver Reginald Denney, severely injuring him. Media portrays this as typical Black behavior. Interviews racists. Image goes out to millions of Americans. Advertising spots sold. Nobody points out that in South Central 20,000 Blacks DIDN'T attack Denney.

Black folks see accounts of Howard Beach and think it is typical; Black folks see accounts of South Central and know it is atypical.

White folks see accounts of South Central and think it is typical; White folks see accounts of Howard Beach and know it is atypical.

When will the twains meet?

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Board: NEWS BB
Subject: FAMILY VALUES
Posted: August 09,1996 00:30:44
To: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)
From: RON SUNDERMANN (VOTE09D)

i'd like to know how the "rich use the media to highlight" social class differences.

just one or two specific examples (and I do mean specific) will give me food for thought.

ron in iowa

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Board: NEWS BB
Subject: FAMILY VALUES
Posted: August 08,1996 21:01:14
To: JIM MCCARTHY (BMNW84A)
From: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)

The rich know this. That's why they use their media to highlight the differences and antagonisms between folks who are not rich, instead of pointing out our similarities and

common problems. The commonest problem suffered by the vast majority of Americans is the use of our government against us. The politicians, needing lots of dough to run for office, arrange to be bribed legally, and then do the bidding of their paymasters. The same paymasters who control the media. We gets lots of hype about the "competition" between the parties, but actually there's not a dime's worth of difference. Back in 1974, shortly after Watergate, Bob Dole rejected campaign finance reform with the explanation that Republicans needed money from big donors in order to offset the big registration edge held by the Democrats of nearly 2-1.

Now, 20 years later, the two parties have about equal #'s of registered members and Dole STILL rejects the reforms.

Where is our memory? Why won't the Networks dig up copies of the '74 Dole statements and play them to show the People that Dole is: A) A liar. B) A hypocrite. C) Senile.

The Networks won't do this because a BIG chunk of their earnings, and the \$million+ salaries of the anchors, comes from the campaigns of office seekers.

Since they have such a good thing going they select just what parts of the news We get to see, and then laugh all the way to the bank. They'll NEVER do anything that may seriously threaten the lucrative hegemony of the two party system.

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Board: NEWS BB
Subject: FAMILY VALUES
Posted: August 01,1996 23:45:38
To: BRENT LAMKIN (LQHA36C)
From: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)

The real America is based on religious tolerance and Greek values and ideas. Many of our early settlers, (excluding those who came here for the motives of economic profit,) arrived as refugees from various religious persecutions, one of which was so oppressive it spawned a Revolution in England, and the memory of this was so strong tolerance was enshrined in the Bill of Rights.

The Founders read deeply in the Classics and this is reflected in our political institutions. A "dead" civilization was deemed a better model than any of the Christian sects simply because History showed the Founders that religion is THE most fertile ground for conflict. With the First Amendment they tried to make America a great neutral culture where everyone would be left alone to persue their own conscience.

I'm afraid, Brent, that you are living in a fool's paradise if you truly believe that in America one can hold "any political opinion or religious tradition without government interference." I guess you don't recall the leftists and unionists even before the Age of Hoover, and then what happened to them after that person got power, along with civil rights activists and anti-war activists. Four students were murdered by the government at Kent State and more recently others with "unpopular" political and religious standards, like Randy Weaver and David Koresh, felt the full force of government brutishness. Nearly a hundred were killed as a result of government aggression and yet not a single prosecution resulted.

The real America is now a place where those who carry guns (legally) and have the power to manipulate the law can get away with murder. This is fascism, this is un-American and this breeds a HEALTHY disrespect for the "law." Revolution follows. And, by the way, if one wants to pursue an economic dream in this country one must take a back seat to the giant multi-national corporations that send jobs and investment capital abroad to maximize their profits.

The simple equation now in force is:
More capital abroad = less capital here.
Not very conducive to the improvement of our economy,
but VERY profitable to the tiny minority of the already rich

The rich get richer and the poor get guns. The rich use their wealth to buy crooked politicians to pass laws that will benefit them, and the poor will use their guns to achieve economic liberation.

A good definition of rich/poor, in keeping with this subject title, is the rich have wives who can stay home and care for the kids and the poor have wives who MUST work to make ends meet, and who therefore MUST neglect the kids to a certain extent. The ruling class is NOT friendly to average families.

This is the REAL America; we need to get back to the IDEAL America.

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Board: NEWS BB
Subject: DECLARATION OF WAR?
Posted: September 29, 1996 23:30:02
To: NIKKI HELLER (ZWEZ51A)
From: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)

Let me guess...the caption for the yearbook photo of Mr. Cardiff read: "A hard man is good to find." Am I wrong?

You say tomato and I say tomato. (It loses something in the translation.) You say destiny and I say synchronicity. Check out Cat's Cradle by Vonnegut. A lot of it is set in upstate New York. It'll fascinate you if it hasn't already.

You say Billy Ray Cyrus. I say Bob Dylan. How does it feel?

I have never looked at San Francisco from another side. Being there, I couldn't see the city for the buildings. Driving up the freeway one day I gazed upon some Blue Angels practicing out of Miramar. They nearly touched wings and I nearly touched doors with the gal in the next lane. Be careful in your fly-boy research...it isn't just the testosterone but rather the method of...perhaps you concur with Maria Muldaur: "It ain't t t meat, its the motion..."

Underneath the gift wrapping is the real prize. I don't need no stinking attire at the ceremony if I've already won, doncha think? They'll take me on MY terms!

Wink at yer mum for me.

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Board: NEWS BB
Subject: DECLARATION OF WAR?
Posted: September 28,1996 17:43:12
To: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)
From: NIKKI HELLER (ZWEZ51A)

Yep. That's All. You're just one big testosterone factory, as far as I'm concerned. Someone had to tell you. But it isn't as bad as you make it sound. How can I say this delicately It isn't Just the testosterone but rather the method of oh, forget it. If I have to EXPLAIN it to you, all the testosterone in the world won't help you.

And, personally, I don't see much wrong with an artificial turkey-baster world filled with 42 billion Billy Ray Cyruses and their Achy Breaky Hearts. Maybe that's just my warped point of view. (in real life, he is actually funny, gentle and amazingly intuitive.) One other thing, do you happen to know if too much turkey-basting makes you go blind?

I think you are prevaricating about that sub-text Hawkeye "new finding", but it makes me happy so I've decided to believe you. I trust the institute will also. Send your draft to a female reviewer; it will increase your chances. Just a hunch. This has Pulitzer written all over it, doncha think? Of course, with the awards

ceremony, you're right back to that attire problem.

The Cardiff Giant was a hoax played upon scientists and involved an "ancient" man made out of stone. He is on display in Cooperstown. Speaking of Hastings-on-Hudson, my first fiance is buried there. He died of leukemia when he was twenty-two. He called me from college one fall night and complained about a basketball injury that hadn't healed for weeks. Before the Spring could come, he was gone from me. I wore black for one month. My father started to worry about me. He got ahold of some college yearbooks and had me look through them, to distract me I suppose. In one of them I saw a picture of my "Cardiff Giant." I put an ad in the college newspaper stating that I wanted him for my birthday, gift-wrapped or not. And Fate granted me my wish and the wheels of destiny moved me along my journey. Destiny fascinates me.

I know what you mean about skylines. But stand on the Sausalito side of the Golden Gate Bridge, gaze upon San Francisco for a while, and then make your decision. Spent two of the happiest years of my life there.

Thank you for your gentle appreciation of elderly women. I think. I'm not sure. I'll show it to my mother and see what she thinks. (she's 103 and still sharp as a preacher sittin' on a prickly pear) I had better stop because there is no way I'm going to be able to remember these lies in a future post. Assuming there is a future post. If you haven't free-associated your way into oblivion, before I can manage to get back from Norfolk with a few Navy pilots in tow (for testosterone research purposes.)

Nikki

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Board: NEWS BB
Subject: DECLARATION OF WAR?
Posted: September 27,1996 01:45:46
To: NIKKI HELLER (ZWEZ51A)
From: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)

All??? Is that all I mean to you, ALL?

Testosterone and after-shave? Is that all we have going for us? This women's lib thing has got to stop, else it be followed to its logical conclusion, which, had the tech-knowledgy been available "centuries ago," could have resulted in our total demise. But that was then and this is now.

Nowadays a sperm bank and a turkey baster can work miracles. Imagine. Doing us all in in a one night orgy of poetic

justice, and then making withdrawals from the bank and creating a race of men in your own image, (of what men should be.) No influences but those of the fair sex for the first twenty years. Heaven on earth? Just wait til they grow up! Y'all will just have to play Rip Van Winkle til then. And suckle them on Richard Saunders' "On the Choice of a Mistress." At 83 you must have come across this piece of advice many a time, but for the less worldly lurkers out there it goes like this: Pick an older woman for a friend

- 1) Because they have more Knowledge of the world and their minds are better stored with Observations, their conversation is more improving, and more lastingly agreeable.
- 2) Because when Women cease to be handsome they study to be good...they learn to do a thousand services small and great...are the most tender when you are sick...
- 3) Because there is no hazard of children, which irregularly produced may be attended with much inconvenience.
- 4) Because through more Experience they are more prudent and discreet in conducting an Intrigue to prevent Suspicion. ...kindly take Care of a young Man, form his Manners... and prevent his ruining his Health and Fortune among mercenary prostitutes.
- 5) Because in every Animal that walks upright the Deficiency of the Fluids that fill the Muscles appears first in the highest part. The face grows lank and wrinkled; then the Breast and Arms; the lower parts continuing to the last as plump as ever: so that covering all above with a Basket, and regarding only what is below the Girdle, it is impossible of two women to tell the old one from the young one. And as in the Dark all Cats are grey, the Pleasure of Corporal Enjoyment with an old Woman is at least equal, and frequently superior; every knack being, by Practice, capable of improvement.
- 6) Because the sin is less. The debauching a Virgin may be her Ruin, and make life for her unhappy.
- 7) Because the compunction is less. The having made a young Girl miserable may give you frequent bitter reflection; none of which can attend the making an old Woman happy.
- 8) Because they are so grateful!

Just clue me in when the time comes so I can make it to the bank for a deposit so that my jeans, at least, will truck on.

As for my "tennies," I don't play the game, but I look REAL good just standing around in the togs, BETTER than Bobby Riggs. I'm a speed reader and at your instigation I dashed through all of Leatherstocking and found, unbeknownst to scholars, a sub-text that has Hawkeye betrothed to his lady love and afflicted with 2.4 children. I must write a paper for the institute on this! I know what you mean re Cardiff. Not whales, but up the coast there's a town called Cardiff-by-the-Sea. Real name, like Hastings-On-Hudson, but with a "the." Did you know Hastings is the first place

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Board: NEWS BB
Subject: DECLARATION OF WAR?
Posted: September 22,1996 21:19:17
To: NIKKI HELLER (ZWEZ51A)
From: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)

I must confess I have nothing BUT jeans. (I lead a VERY casual lifestyle; I'm poor a la Ragnar Danneskjold.) And my cams are very oriented to urban action styles: grafitti covered, brick wall and LEO. I have some white boxer shorts so perhaps I can pass for a tennis bum. Do they have metal detectors there, and if so, why?

I kid thee not. A final Jeopardy answer last week had to do with our barrel making friend. It turns out in 1851 his publisher reissued the series in chronological order of the story line from The Deerslayer (pub 1841) to The Last of the Mohicans (1826) to The Pathfinder (1840) to The Pioneers (1823) to The Prairie (1827) when Natty Bumppo is in his 80s. Alas, no sign of matrimony in any of them, though I'm sure Leatherstocking sheds a tear or two when Chingachgook dies in The Pioneers. (Hmmm. I wonder if J.F. had a private life like Melville and Whitman...naaa, things like that didn't happen back then.)

I'm sorry to break the news to you Nikki, but Hollywood doesn't always follow the lead of Cooperstown... those starry eyed looks were a result of stage lighting. But if you like stars, check me out, I got plenty of them buzzing around me (and not only because I'm from the sixties.) I *lon't need no stinking director to make me look romantic.

And speaking of historical romances, didja ever see the 30's flick Alleghenny Uprising? Believe it or not, John Wayne DOESN'T get the girl, even after she throws herself at him, at every turn. He ends up going West with his buddies and a "young surveyor." You probably wouldn't like this film, tho, as it shows the British ruling class in an unfriendly, (but accurate) light. Based on a true incident.

Romantic things don't have to be royal, as you infered in a prior note. America has produced plenty of romantic notions starting with Washington Irving and continuing through much of the 19th Century. (Mark Twain's opinion of Mr. Cooper notwithstanding.) Try Emerson's "American Scholar" to see that a democracy can indeed create a National Culture independent of European (and monarchical) pretension and decadence. And in painting what can be more romantic than Cole (a close friend of Cooper) and the Hudson River School? Forget Britain and just look to America for all your cultural desires. They're here, I assure you.

I can guarantee you that NEVER in my life have I approved of ANY killing of "pro restrained-monarchy intellectuals,"

(whatever they are.)

I bet you look great in blue velvet. (So did Isabella Rossellini, but she's a furriner.)

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Board: NEWS BB
Subject: DECLARATION OF WAR?
Posted: September 17,1996 21:21:27
To: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)
From: NIKKI HELLER (ZWEZ51A)

We were getting along quite well, but then you went and mentioned the phrase "Dutch Treat"....

That We're Both Right idea is acceptable to me. I like all win-win endings.

Quit lying about Hawkeye. I saw that movie seven times. He was in love with the eldest daughter. Do you remember the scene where they first meet, at night, and he explains the legends in the stars? That sealed her fate, and when she declared back to him, his fate was sealed. They didn't know it then, but viewers did. So Hawkeye would never go to all the trouble to save her and then go West with some ole Indian. He would stay with her forever. If James Fenimore Cooper says otherwise, he is lying also. Making stuff up.

My family has a bone to pick with Cromwell, but that's another story. As to the French Revolution, I gather you approve of a society killing it's monarchy, its anti-monarchy intellectuals, its pro restrained-monarchy intellectuals, its scholars and scientists? The entire process careened into chaos because the masses were at the helm eventually. It didn't happen here because our leaders were educated and/or intellectual and stayed the course while maintaining control. The masses were instrumental in the success, but they were not in leadership positions, correct?

By the way, don't wear your camo fatigues to dinner, because the dining room at The Otesaga won't let you in, even with me to vouch for you. <s> But bring them along. I will bring my jeans and blue velvet blazer; if we are feeling rebellious, we can show up and demand a seating. (I'll be a hotel guest, after all) Sometimes it is fun to watch 100 conformist swells in a room be driven to frantic whispering.

Now you've swung over to musing about life ununr the old Dutch? You keep me on my toes, I'll give you that.

I have no interest in that subject, so you may woodenly
clomp-clomp-clomp down the pebblestones of that one alone.

Nikki

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Board: NEWS BB
Subject: DECLARATION OF WAR?
Posted: September 12,1996 00:34:12
To: NIKKI HELLER (ZWEZ51A)
From: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)

So you think I'm Parliamentarian? Cool! Now we're talkin
Cromwell, my toif, (as we say in NY) "Off with his head!"
as the Red Queen sez in Wonderland. (Or are you gonna look
it up and find out its really Through the Looking Glass?)
<g>(limmer)

I've encountered situations like this before, mostly in lit
class, so I'll pull a little sleight of mind. The novel in
question is The Last of the Mohicans. Uncas may have been
referred to as the "last" but that is an author's conceit. In
the plot Uncas was outlasted by his father who went "WEST"
with Hawkeye after Uncas was killed trying to rescue a young
lady named Cora. HOWEVER, since we're talkin about Mohicans,
(plural) when Uncas died he left Chingachgook as the ONLY
Mohican (singular.) THUS, the last of the Mohicans was
indeed Uncas, because after him there were no more MohicanS.
So we BOTH win! (We'll go Dutch.)

I was pleasantly surprised by the film. Usually these
"translations" leave a bit to be desired but this was good.
I wish there had been a commitment to do the whole series as
the film was well received critically AND a moneymaker. Four
assorted prequels and sequels could put Indiana Jones to
shame.

And speaking of going Dutch do you suppose America (or at
least New Amsterdam) would have been a better place had we
remained beneath the wing of the land of mindwills? 17th
Century Holland was nick-named "The Embarassment of Riches"
in honor of its easy and benevolent prosperity.

And then there is the account of the American Revolution,
teaching us what the masses can do when marching resolutely
into the future. Fear not democracy, it will again bring
liberation, enlightenment and prosperity.

The common man is an uncommon concept, historically speaking
Before America and before Rousseau, you'd pretty much have
to go back to the time of Jesus to find anyone who had much
faith in the common folk. But once they were unleashed upon
this continent...well, you've seen what happened. Ordinary
People freed from the constraints of artificialprivilege

were able to triumph as no aristocracy could ever dream.

Of course the aristocracy (and their toadies and hangers-on) try to convince us that the French Revolution was bad. They lost and they're still trying to get it back. They use propoganda and they're always trying to substitute rational thought with FEAR. Don't give in and remember Americans use American models. We've had a long and (generally) non-violent tradition and we have plenty of COMMON sense a la Thomas Paine, a la Robert Frost and even a la Rudyard Kipling:

"If you can keep your head when all about you
Are losing theirs and blaming it on you..."

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Board: NEWS BB
Subject: KEMP GAY? NOT!
Posted: September 02,1996 12:58:18
To: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)
From: PETER THIBEAU (UHV50A)

re: While some folks are shallow...enough to judge a person
by his associates...

Do you mean like Republicans?

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Board: NEWS BB
Subject: KEMP GAY? NOT!
Posted: August 28,1996 23:46:12
To: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)
From: EDWARD WAGNER (WUXD56A)

>> Too bad we don't shun people due to their bigotry <<

Yes it is! And it is a shame we tolerate the shunning of people for their sexual orientation. I would have hoped our society would have matured above such ignorance. I could care less whether he is or isn't gay or bisexual. However, if he is and has openly condemned gays and lesbians then he should be shunned and outed!

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Board: NEWS BB
Subject: KEMP GAY? NOT!
Posted: August 16,1996 21:24:13
To: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)
From: DALE JACKSON (zhLJ73B)

While it was rumored that Errol Flynn was bi it was Tyrone Power that was the gay-blade about Hollywood in that era. Flynn, like Gable liked his women and wine and Flynn was even arrested for seducing two underaged teenage girls on his yacht. He paid off their parents though, much like Michael tried to do.

Speaking of rumors though. I heard one that tops them all. There was a new biography of Abraham Lincoln last year that more than insinuated that Mary Todd seduced Abraham Lincoln and they had a very hasty wedding, but the reason they never seemed to get along was because he was really gay. What>>>> the Democrats won't do to destroy the GOP!

Shirley

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Board: NEWS BB
Subject: KEMP GAY? NOT!
Posted: August 16,1996 16:12:28
To: DALE JACKSON (ZZLJ73B)
From: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)

You speak the truth, Shirley, but there are many bigots, especially in the Republican Party, who won't think, just hate. Hopefully Dole/Kemp and other Republican spokespersons will have to answer these allegations and will do so in the spirit of Dole's acceptance speech. Maybe with Dole's leadership, as the "first lion of the 21st Century," America can bury the last shreds of indecency and bigotry.

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Board: NEWS BB
Subject: KEMP GAY? NOT!
Posted: August 16,1996 16:04:36
To: BARBARA GREENLEE (YLKD47B)
From: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)

Didja ever see that famous photo of Errol Flynn and Ronnie Reagan making goo-goo eyes at each other? Flynn was one of the best known Hollywood gays back then and you'd think guys would sleep around to get ahead in wild old Hollywood as much as starlets.

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Board: NEWS BB
Subject: KEMP GAY? NOT!
Posted: August 16,1996 06:54:43
To: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)
From: BARBARA GREENLEE (YLKD47B)

Lyn Nofzinger and Ronald Reagan suspected Kemp of being gay and showed him the door.

Let's see what they dig up on Kemp in the coming weeks before saying that Kemp is not gay or bi-sexual.

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Board: NEWS BB
Subject: KEMP GAY? NOT!
Posted: August 15,1996 21:52:44
To: ALL
From: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)

This rumor comes from a single source and was used fi political opponents to discredit him. (What else is new?)

Back in the days when he was a San Diego Charger and professional athletes weren't paid much (\$100,000 was tops) Kemp was looking for investment opportunities to provide for his family after his career was over.

He was introduced to a businessman in San Francisco and they jointly purchased a lodge on Lake Tahoe, purpose being to rent out to groups and individuals. The businessman was in charge of the rentals and it turned out he was gay and sometimes rented the property to gays.

While some folks are shallow and dishonest enough to judge a person by his associates, most Americans are fair minded and realize (or will realize) that everyone has an absolute right to invest his cash as he sees fit and have partners from any racial, religious, ethnic or sexual category.

Too bad we don't shun people due to their bigotry.

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Board: NEWS BB
Subject: NEW WORLD ORDER
Posted: August 23,1996 23:07:32
To: BETSY WHITFILL (BWNH84B)
From: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)

The NWO is just the old world order you described, with a makeover designed by public relations experts for the purpose of adjusting to new conditions and keeping the wool pulled tight over our eyes. Its new only in the sense a coat of paint makes a house LOOK new. The rot beneath may not be noticed until itstsoo late.

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Board: NEWS BB
Subject: NEW WORLD ORDER
Posted: August 22,1996 03:55:19
To: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)
From: JAMES MACKEY (VWMU58A)

the biggest bunch of mumbo jumbo I've ever read.

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Board: NEWS BB
Subject: STAR SPANGLED BANNER
Posted: August 25,1996 22:04:16
To: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)
From: HENRY HULL (BVBV91A)

Pernt?????????? whats a pernt?

Hull, from California, where unlike
New York, real English is spoken.
(just kidding)

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Board: NEWS BB
Subject: STAR SPANGLED BANNER

Posted: August 23,1996 00:38:52
To: MINDY COHN (QRQX45D)
From: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)

Good pernt. (As we say in NY.)

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Board: NEWS BB
Subject: STAR SPANGLED BANNER
Posted: August 22,1996 12:55:35
To: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)
From: MINDY COHN (QRQX45D)

Um, are you trying to blame organized crime? While I am not particularly fond of the various crime syndicates, they rarely attack innocent people. They stick to going after their own kind.

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Board: NEWS BB
Subject: STAR SPANGLED BANNER
Posted: August 21,1996 09:51:40
To: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)
From: DEBORAH DEEGAN (NXJN41A)

I find it hard to believe this catastrophe was not meant as a display

Of what I am not sure, ... not sure I WANT to know!!!

Happening at a time of day/night perfect for "mass viewing" it HAD to be planned...

The time and place were just too "perfect" to be an "accident"

Those TV images will haunt me for a long time!!!

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Board: NEWS BB
Subject: STAR SPANGLED BANNER
Posted: August 20,1996 22:52:30
To: DEBORAH DEEGAN (NXJN41A)
From: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)

Check out the New York Times a day or two after July 4. There was an article about a police crackdown on an illegal fireworks display in South Queens that has gone on every Fourth for the last 25 years, courtesy of John Gotti. Even after he went to prison. This year the Mayor wanted to show how rough and tough he was so hundreds of cops were stationed there to prevent the display.

A few weeks later, the evening sky was lit up anyway. Its no secret that O.C. has an ongoing operation at JFK. Hmmm.

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Board: NEWS BB
Subject: JEFFERSON
Posted: July 28,1996 21:39:45
To: ANDREW DUNN (FTBX28B)
From: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)

What are the mathematics re the CLASSICAL Authors, Roman and Greek? I wager these outscore the Scriptures 10-1.

Jefferson, I know, enjoyed an intense interest in the original Enlightenment, and it showed up in his thought and writing and architecture. Indeed, the lines of our Capitol and White House, and other early Federal buildings, had a Classical inspiration. There were domes but no spires. Round is democratic. Jefferson's own home was thus and so too was his proposed design for the White House.

The Founders were truly Something new under the Dei.
De gustibus non est disputandum.

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Board: NEWS BB
Subject: DECLARATION OF WAR?
Posted: September 02,1996 23:34:31
To: NIKKI HELLER (ZWEZ51A)
From: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)

I always assumed the DAR less active in the South during the post-bellum (that's Revolutionary bellum, not Civil War bellum) years due to the South's close economic proximity, (cotton trade) with Britain. It just wouldn't do to have business relations with a country your wife thumbs her nose at via the DAR. I don't recall reading about the DAR engaging in abolitionist activities; those were left to the churches and other "do-gooders." I just thought I'd suggest a way for y'all to make up for lost time and morality.

Anyway, I accept your cry of "unca" and I'll be glad to meet you in the Otsego Woods next time I visit the Baseball Hall of Fame.

My prodigious (or is it prodigal) butt was long ago kicked out of the Smithsonian, but I think most of the remains have been returned for proper re-burial anyway. The Natives, I believe, prefer to handle these matters themselves.

So, you're a WHITE RUSSIAN too? Don't tell me you're one of the new breed of Czaristas intent on bringing back THAT peculiar institution! Don't you remember the last Czar was a blood relative of Victoria (and the current Queen?) If we fought to get rid of the British monarchy, why should we (or the DAR) want to preserve Russia's? All the ruling classes are entangled; democracy is wild and free! Stick with America, Nikki, by far its the best choice.

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Board: NEWS BB
Subject: DECLARATION OF WAR?
Posted: August 30,1996 21:53:21
To: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)
From: NIKKI HELLER (ZWEZ51A)

RG:

Is Chingachgook your answer as to the name of the last of the Mohegans? Yes, I have been known to frolic in the Glimmerglass, at least at the canoe outlet.

I cannot account for your obsession with the DAR and its activities. But I am resigning as their BB spokesperson. Call or e-mail them in Washington and rant a while.

Why would you assume the DAR is Philadelphia-Boston? Didn't we have colonies south of Philadelphia? That was a convoluted twist: state the DAR is essentially northern derivation, and then proceed to blame them for slavery.

As to slaves in Jamestown, let them start some organization for which I won't be eligible, due to my ancestors' late date of arrival in America. I don't require that I belong to everything. On the other hand, they may have trouble documenting their ancestral links, since many of their families were systematically torn apart, with mothers never again to lay eyes upon their child's face. But as long as those plantations were profitable, that is what's important. I just love money.

And since you are preoccupied with Who got Where first, why don't you take your little Prodigy behind and go clean up some American Indian burial grounds? *Nikki

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Board: NEWS BB
Subject: DECLARATION OF WAR?
Posted: August 27,1996 21:29:55
To: NIKKI HELLER (ZWEZ51A)
From: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)

Aw, c'mon, Nikki, doan tell me you never went skinnydipping with Chingachgook in Glimmerglass, (or at least WANTED to.>`)

I always thought the DAR at least gave lip service to the principles of the American Revolution. You know, ALL People are created equal and are endowed by God with certain unalienable Rights, not just Americans, and certainly not just the blue-blooded Brahmans of Boston. Why pull up the drawbridge and say "we Americans (or we rich) got ours and that ends our responsibility?"

Liberty is not safe until it is complete. You may not think folks in Latin America and Asia and Africa deserve freedom, and that's in keeping with with the general exclusiveness of the DAR.

While my understanding is that the DAR is a Philadelphia to Boston phenomenon, I'm sure they possess much wealth passed down through the generations that was created by the slave trade and slave labor. And even if they weren't directly responsible for the misery inflicted on so many for so long, it was the DAR's traditional enemy, the Brutish ruling class that MOST benefitted from this inhumane monstrosity. What better way to CONTINUE the principles of our Revolution and keep alive the ideals of freedom than to demonstrate that the Revolution is an open-ended, ongoing process that needs to be refreshed from time to time by EXPANDING your horizons and including others, formerly ignored, in the largess of traditional Patriotism?

And as we had Thomas Paine, an Englishman, to urge us on, why can't we provide other Paine's for the world's oppressed and dispossessed? Are we lacking in will? I hope not, for if we are, our will to maintain freedom HERE must also be lacking. You may be satisfied to limit your activities to a tiny, privileged class, but America, and the world deserve better.

The high tide of the Confederacy ocured on July 3, 1863, and after that it was all downhill for the institution of slavery and the peculiar British inspired aristocracy that attended it. If the DAR believes in ANY aristocracy it is un-American, even if they came over on the Mayflower, simply because the slaves got here EARLIER, at Jamestown, BEFORE the Mayflower.

So what's wrong with acknowledging who was here first and showing some respect by tidying up the graveyards?

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Board: NEWS BB
Subject: DECLARATION OF WAR?
Posted: August 26,1996 17:02:37
To: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)
From: NIKKI HELLER (ZWEZ51A)

RG: Pickett's Charge? How well did That plan go? And
why are you switching wars on me?

Concentrate: Daughters of the AMERICAN Revolution. If
you want to concentrate on everyone else's revolution
or need thereof, go ahead. But don't demand others.
Let the Canadian and Australian citizens make their own
decisions. You certainly love to roam around looking
for a revolution. Move to South America. Save yourself
the commute. NIKKI

ps: what was the name of the Last Mohegan, and what town did
the author reside in for several years with his daughter?

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Board: NEWS BB
Subject: DECLARATION OF WAR?
Posted: August 25,1996 00:00:50
To: NIKKI HELLER (ZWEZ51A)
From: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)

Here's an angle you didn't cover: the future of the British
monarchy. How can the DAR consider this to be foreign
affairs and thus not a fit topic for policy? It is, after
all THE very basis of the Revolution you're a darter of. (I
am a big fan of the Leatherstocking tales.) C'mon, the
Monarchy: You be either 'fer it or agin' it. Speak for
yourself, don't hide behind "policy." Its either right or
its wrong. If it was wrong in 1776 it is wrong today. If it
is wrong for us, it is wrong for Canada and Australia and
New Zealand. (And Ireland and Scotland and Wales.)

And it sure as hell is wrong for Hong Kong. A sell-out of
six million freedom loving capitalists by the very "crown"
we relieved ourselves of during the Revolution you profess
to revere! And since its a foreign affair the DAR never
addressed itself to the plight the six million the Deutsche
ruling class annihilated. Roll over and go back to sleep.

I only guessed your hair was blue. I really couldn't tell
from the picture you sent 'cos your head was buried so deep
in the sand.

The sole weapon I polish every July 4th is the Declaration of Independence. (Although on April 19ths I bring out the Minuteman Idea of Emerson:

By the rude bridge that arched the flood
Their flag to April's breeze unfurled
Here the embattled farmer stood
And fired the shot heard 'round the world.

P.S. I heard that many old slave cemeteries are suffering advanced states of disrepair. Perhaps every July 3rd, the anniversary of Pickett's Charge, you and your friends can trudge through and tidy up.

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Board: NEWS BB
Subject: DECLARATION OF WAR?
Posted: August 24,1996 17:42:09
To: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)
From: NIKKI HELLER (ZWEZ51A)

RG:

ROFL.....
How rude.

The D.A.R. has a policy of exclusion? Of course it does. If one cannot document that a patriot ancestor fought in the American Revolution, one is "excluded" from membership. That isn't "anti-American". What do you suggest they do, re-name themselves The Daughters of Everybody? (You'd go into cardiac arrest knowing what was required to get into the Colonial Dames and the Mayflower Society.)

The DAR and its position on Hong Kong? The DAR and its position on Britain? I'm quite sure they think that Princess Diana was boon-doggled. The DAR does not make statements regarding foreign affairs.

Rather rude of you to refer to me and my fellow DAR members as silly old ladies with blue hair. (You assured me you wouldn't discuss that picture of me I sent you.) They maintain an extensive national genealogical database, for Everyone to access. They trudge through overgrown old cemeteries every July 3rd, to place flags on the graves of our Revolutionary War soldiers. What are You doing on July 4th ... starting charcoal and polishing some weapons?

But you cannot insult me, because I have all angles covered. My mother is White Russian. My grandparents were smuggled out of Russia circa 1918 and processed through the USA immigration mecca Ellis Island. Now you happy? <g>

Nikki

I will look at that note #55 of yours.

To Whom it May Concern: my mother was Russian Catholic.

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Board: NEWS BB
Subject: DECLARATION OF WAR?
Posted: August 19,1996 18:42:42
To: NIKKI HELLER (ZWEZ51A)
From: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)

Nikki,

When I was a child, (back in 1933) FDR gave a speech to the DAR which was received in abject silence, and he was never invited back. His crime? He addressed the gathering as: "Fellow immigrants."

His point? To show that every non-Native, no matter when her ancestors got here, came here from somewhere else, and the fact that some got here earlier than others doesn't make her better or MORE American. Over the years the Daughters of the American Revolution transformed into the Mothers of the Status Quo.

Once they got what they wanted (wealth, power, prestige,) they tried to close the door to further immigration and pull up the ladder to the hoi polloi. They try to protect their class and position with a policy of exclusion, which on its face is thoroughly un-democratic and anti-American.

Ideals do not change. What was true in 1776 is true today. Contrary to what you claim, American society is based on the Ideas and Ideals of the Declaration. The government is based on the Constitution. Governments come and go but the People remain.

What is the policy of the DAR re Hong Kong? Does it support the Right of the People there to Declare their Independence from Britain, as we did in 1776, or has time and power so corrupted it that the DAR think Britain has a right to surrender the six million to tyranny? In other words, does DAR sincerely believe in the Ideals of our Revolution, or is it really just an organization of silly old ladies with blue hair and blood congratulating each other for being better than other, newer Americans? Does the DAR support the abolition of the monarchy and class system in England, or have they sold out the Ideas of 1776 too?

The Constitution, in the Preamble, states the purpose of government, and in the Second Amendment, the security of a free state. When the government ceases to honor the Preamble

it is the Right of the People, bearing arms, to set it right. For more on this please see my note #55 in Political Philosophy, family values.

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