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Board: NEWS BB  
Subject: FIRST AMENDMENT?????  
Posted: January 30,1996 23:27:12  
To: DAVID CONSTANTINE (JWUZ09A)  
From: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)

Dave,

Do you have any idea of the percentage of the Federal Budget that was spent to SERVICE the national debt in the sixties?

I can assure you it wasn't the 50+% that's spent today. Entitlement (or even the defense budget) isn't the real problem as the budget left to Nixon in '69 can attest. It was the last balanced budget in our history and it came at the heights of BOTH the Vietnam War AND Great Society Social Programs. But deficits piled on deficits for 25 years by corrupt liberal AND conservative politicians created the current problem.

Defense spending has gone down but that is only in comparison to the huge increases of the eighties.

Bankers enjoy great popor and profit from this state of affairs and as long as we continue to pay these snakes entitlements will have to increase because of the various social costs of the declining economy.

The ruling class, of course, takes its "share" right off the top!

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Posted: January 26,1996 21:10:13  
To: NICK MARK (SZJU69A)  
From: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)

Where were you in the eighties? The military build-up then was THE largest in history, from the 600 ship Navy to Star Wars, we managed to bankrupt the Soviet Union, (though now and well into the future Americans will be paying for it.)

And most of the "foreign" money that came into the U.S. was from Japan and OPEC, which is to say it was from us in the first place.

I still hold out hope that Americans will rediscover their patriotism and stop buying from import emporiums. After all, People didn't sacrifice their lives in wars so that corrupt

American and Third world officials and businessmen can get rich by screwing their widows and children and brothers and sisters and friends and neighbors. If we're to remain a country we have to realize that we're all in it together, and begin acting like we love our Country and People.

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Posted: January 26,1996 10:58:38  
To: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)  
From: NICK MARK (SZJU69A)

<<<Ken: Now I am going to tell you that "the goods made by the desperate poor in third world countries are not available to Ma and Pa's appliance store.">>>

Nonsense. Ma and Pa buy from the international manufacturers all the time. Spend one day at a trade show in NY. I've done it and imported things myself. There are tens of thousands of small business shopping the wholesale market. Certainly, buying in small quantities doesn't give them the price breaks that the big ones get.

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

The redistribution in the 80s went primarily into the "entitlement" programs. Defense spending increase from the Carter era was a minor matter. Foreign money came INTO the country. Agricultural programs were enacted long before the 80s and by Dem congresses. Reagan was much too big a supporter of them, though...not to mention Dole.

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Posted: January 24,1996 21:54:04  
To: KENNETH CAFFREY JR (GKKN74A)  
From: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)

Ken: Now I am going to tell you that "the goods made by the desperate poor in third world countries are not available to Ma and Pa's appliance store."

Ma and Pa don't have the financial leverage and the turnover necessary to import these items. The corporations do. They have entire distribution networks, agents, salespeople, etc to see all this runs smoothly. Ma and Pa are yoked to local networks and in any event can't afford to buy in volume where much of the savings occurs.

Now I'll tell ya that "Ma and Pa aren't free to employ the same strategy." Of course they're not. Its called "financial suicide." A couple of local gas stations can survive a price war because they're on the same level playing field, but to expect them to compete with the organized POWER of Wall Street is like expecting Richard Simmons to fight (and BEAT!) Mike Tyson.

The American economy used to be a friendly place for the average American. Now he can expect to get mugged anytime he's in the "corporate 'hood."

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To: KENNETH CAFFREY JR (GKKN74A)  
From: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)

The "redistributionists in D.C." between 1981 and 1993 re-distributed nearly four trillion of the future's dollars to defense contractors, agri-business and various national and foreign banks in a scheme to transfer the hard earned wealth of the middle class to those who don't really need it, but who are loyal financial supporters of the Republican Party.

In other words they used taxpayer money to pay off political supporters. I agree with you, Ken, Washington is corrupt.

When that bunch came into power they did so after PROMISING the American People to not only balance the Federal Budget, but to pay off the National Debt as well. But virtually the first thing they did was lower taxes (especially for the rich) WHILE increasing Government spending. This is the rank recipe that ballooned our debt and our children's debt and our grandchildren's debt and our great grand- children's debt and THEIR children's debt EIGHT TIMES from "only" \$500billion at the end of the Carter administration to the \$Four Trillion that Bush left Clinton. What happened to the big promise of Reaganomics? WELL, the rich got richer and the corporate executives soaked the taxpayer for \$70 hammers and \$800 toilet seats. All this wealth stolen from the

taxpayer and his descendants ended up buying in November '94 Congressional Power for the Republicans and their financial benefactors on Wall Street. The Republicans (as well as the Democrats) have abandoned the average American, the small business owner and the worker simply because they don't have the concentrated bucks to be considered worthwhile.

Indeed, these redistributionists you speak of are such utter hypocrites and liars they have spawned an entire propaganda industry to fool the People into believing it is the poor who are responsible for this mess.

But all We the People need to do is remember the words of Ronald Reagan on the 1980 campaign trail when he came out and ENDORSED the taxpayer bailout of Chrysler with the novel reasoning that "Government caused the problem; therefore government is obligated to fix it."

WELL, government has caused lots of problems and we shall be eternally grateful to Mr. Reagan for establishing this precedent. The problems of the poor are caused by the government's unwillingness to enforce the CONSTITUTION while instead allowing terrible discrimination to occur which had the effect of limiting millions to a substandard lifestyle while continuing to allow the rich to abuse those with little or no money and political power.

I personally like the idea of Dr. Milton Friedman for a "negative income tax" that will lift the poor to the middleclass WHILE decreasing the size of the welfare bureaucracy.

We need to eliminate both corporate welfare and state welfare by creating a system that enjoys a more equitable distribution of assets.

As for boards of directors paying executives what they are "worth:"

Executives are like politicians, but the game they play is office politics. There are always all sorts of rivalries

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Posted: January 24,1996 10:02:58  
To: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)  
From: NICK MARK (SZJU69A)

<<<The land BECAME capital AFTER it was improved by labor.

"Labor is prior to, and independent of, capital. Capital is only the fruit of labor, and could never have existed if

labor had not first existed. Labor is the superior of capital, and deserves much the higher consideration."  
-Abraham Lincoln, message to Congress, Dec. 3, 1861.

Strange words from the original Republican! (This is an example of both an immutable IDEAL and an immortal IDEA.)>>>

There is nothing here that contradicts anything I've said. Like I told you, AFTER the work, that which is left over to reinvest (the seed corn) is capital. HOW is that different than what Lincoln said? It is your denunciation of capital without understanding what it is that's the problem.

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

<<<Objective reality changes over time and circumstances but the IDEAL is immutable.>>>

Reality IS reality ALL the time. Whatever changes take place are still reality. What "ideal" are you talking about? Plato's "ideal?" (The precursor to the christian god.) That's pure fantasy built into a complex and convoluted system of contradictions with NO evidence.

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Posted: January 24,1996 10:02:54  
To: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)  
From: NICK MARK (SZJU69A)

A lot of the brainwashing comes ON public TV, like Sesame Street. Get real. You just don't consider it brainwashing because it happens to agree with YOUR washed brain. Your position that Madison Ave. determines TV program content is manufactured in your imagination. The programs are created and THEN sold to advertisers on the promise of high ratings. Would I advertise on some of these programs? NO. But to blame Wall Street for the content is ridiculous. BTW, some of the WORST brainwashing shows are Ted "the socialist" Turner's "Captain Planet", etc.

Your entire argument sounds like pure envy for the rich.

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Posted: January 24,1996 00:06:09  
To: NICK MARK (SZJU69A)  
From: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)

The land BECAME capital AFTER it was improved by labor.

"Labor is prior to, and independent of, capital. Capital is only the fruit of labor, and could never have existed if labor had not first existed. Labor is the superior of capital, and deserves much the higher consideration."  
-Abraham Lincoln, message to Congress, Dec. 3, 18686

Strange words from the original Republican! (This is an example of both an immutable IDEAL and an immortal IDEA.)

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

Objective reality changes over time and circumstances but the IDEAL is immutable.

The public is not stupid. Americans suffer a completely understandable inability to see through wool. Madison Avenue and the Washington/Wall Street Axis have intentionally created a "wool man," Nick, all the better to control us.

Jesus WAS the opposition to the ruling class of the time and thats WHY they killed Him.

It is fair for an individual to amass as many dollars as he wants through hard and intelligent work, saving and wise (or bold) investment. It is not fair for him to use his money (or the money of his investors) to buy crooked politicians to pass laws that will benefit him. But thats the reality today. What's fair about a hundred million working Americans getting left out in the cold by a tiny minority willing to use its concentrated wealth and political power to freeze them out of the economic mainstream?

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

IDEALLY, parents, not schools, should teach children to think independently. Some parents aren't capable of this and so the schools must act as a safety net.

And kids get this Madison Avenue "brainwashing" via TV looong before they ever arrive in school. (Unless they watch exclusively Sesame Street and other shows on taxpayer supported Public Television.) The advertisers get to the kids EARLY, three, four, five years old, before they learn to read. By instilling these early habits and desires the corporations line up more-than-willing future consumers like sitting ducks at a shooting gallery to have their pockets picked when adults, and to help the corporations pick their parent's pockets while still children. Take a kid to a store and its "gimme, gimme, gimme!"

The values children should learn are not the "values" of a Madison Avenue inspired mindless consumer, but unfortunately their parents were gotten to in the fifties and sixties and seventies. If all this "wealth" thats been "created" lately is so good, why is society going downhill so fast?

Perhaps we should check our premises.

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To: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)  
From: KENNETH CAFFREY JR (GKKN74A)

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The second parent has to work in order to pay the excessive taxes that Washington mandates to feed its corrupt bureauacracies. KFC

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Posted: January 23,1996 07:57:22  
To: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)  
From: NICK MARK (SZJU69A)

<<<This is what built America, my friend. It was called the Homestead Act of 1862 with which Americans were stimulated to move West to FREE land (once they worked it for five years) and the millions that pioneered this effort did so WITHOUT capital, just a covered wagon, AND their own labor.>>>

The land WAS CAPITAL! The work produced MORE capital. That capital was then used to produce MORE capital. It isn't until there is something left over after consumption (capital) that growth happens. Without capital, there is only bare subsistence on the most primitive level. Where do you think the banks got the money? It was the people's EXCESS above necessary consumption. It was that excess, the seed corn, that produced ever bigger crops. It always takes work, but until the work becomes so efficient that there is "seed" left over after the winter (capital), then the people are condemned to perpetual subsistence struggles. People who don't understand the nature and function of capital pronounce that condemnation.

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Posted: January 23,1996 07:57:13  
To: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)  
From: NICK MARK (SZJU69A)

Where are the parents in all this Madison Ave. "brainwashing?" If the kids don't know alternatives, it's because our state schools haven't taught them to think.

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To: KENNETH CAFFREY JR (GKKN74A)  
From: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)

The ruling class has stolen and hoarded so much American wealth that our People have been reduced to pinching pennies in order to make ends meet. This is not the way it used to be. Americans, back in the days when the average corporate



executive earned 17 times what the average factory or office worker earned, were able to buy American built products from their hometown friends and neighbors at a reasonable price.

Now, with corporate executives writing checks to themselves for nearly 100 times the average wage in their company, our economy has become top heavy. With millions of Americans "downsized" the 5% on top gets most of the economy's benefits. Everyone else has to scrimp and save. No wonder they shop at Wal-mart.

Wal-mart is able to undersell its competitors because most of its goods are NOT made by GE in America but by desperate poor People in third world countries who work for a pittance. Wal-mart also employs the strategy called "loss-leader" in which they deliberately sell certain items at a loss in order to lure financially strapped shoppers into their stores where they'll also buy the extremely profitable imported goods. And WHY are there "financially strapped shoppers" in the first place? Because THEIR money, savings, investments, pension funds etc. is exported to third world countries so the American executives can make a financial killing by pricing the American worker out of a good job. With so much capital fleeing the country and so many Americans unemployed or underemployed it is little wonder they have to abandon traditional American values such as neighborliness for their own economic survival.

The vast majority of Americans are slowly being bled by an economic system that worships the almighty dollar much more than it does the American Flag, the idea of Nationhood. We Americans PROVED in the past the economy could sustain a huge and vital middle class with only one parent NEEDING to work. What's happened between then and now? Well, now the executive make \$MILLIONS\$ every year plus fringes, golden parachutes etc. This money has to come from somewhere so its the lower level employee and the consumer who have become what amounts to the cash cow.

And the economy itself is harmed by this New World Order arrangement simply because less money gets passed around by a few thousand greedy corporate executives than would be by 250,000,000 middle class Americans.

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Posted: January 21,1996 17:00:47  
To: NICK MARK (SZJU69A)  
From: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)

<<<Ever try to apply labor with no capital?>>>

This is what built America, my friend. It was called the Homestead Act of 1862 with which Americans were stimulated to move West to FREE land (once they worked it for five years) and the millions that pioneered this effort did so WITHOUT capital, just a covered wagon, AND their own labor.

They didn't need to put money down, just work hard and the invisible hand would do the rest. It was their LABOR that created wealth, not capital. (Of course the banks and railroads and elevators got in right after them and began their leeching.) That's what capital does. It sees a situation in which money can be made off the labor of others and so it uses its political power to see to it the People pay it tribute.

Concentrated wealth and power allows for the accumulation of information and this knowledge is then used to further squeeze the little guy who doesn't know or understand all the "ins and outs" of the system.

The ignorance of the People is the strength of the ruling class.

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