

PRODUCTIVE ADULTS VS CONTROLLED CHILDREN

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It is my thesis that absent the interference of Criminals, Societies would always tend towards maximum Freedom and Responsibility for the Individual, which would lead to ever-increasing Wealth for the Society in general. This is based solely on Human Nature: 1) Individuals naturally seek to be free to do as they like; 2) Basically folks like to live well; 3) They know what Things they need to live well; 4) Having those Things needed to live well is the definition of Wealth; 5) They are willing to pay for those Things which provide that Wealth; and 6) If the Marketplace were not infected and manipulated by Criminals, that willingness to pay would guarantee productive Suppliers of those desired Things. It is just a matter of a Supply following a Demand. Therefore a Society which rewards those who supply what folks want will have both those Suppliers and the Wealth they provide in abundance. The trick is to safeguard that Society and its Suppliers from the Criminals who are drawn to plunder a Society's Wealth and enslave its Suppliers.

In Societies which do foster the social environment where Individuals are inspired to create whatever they want, and are allowed to keep the fruits of their labors, those Individuals learn to experience first the joy of Creation, then the immediate and long-term benefits of their Creations. Individuals learn that they can support themselves and their families independent of the Charity of others. Those who can produce surpluses of what others want become relatively wealthy in such a Society. Wealth generally leads to the ability to survive longer, and live better than those who are relatively poorer. As Individuals become wealthy via their creation of desired Production, others in the Society are drawn to emulate them, so that they too can achieve Wealth, live longer and better. The basic theme of such a Society is that, "Through your own efforts, you can achieve those Things that you want for yourself and for those you care about." Those Individuals who live in this type of Society tend to be self-assured, responsible, independent, and resentful of efforts to control them. They can be arrogantly dismissive of Authority, and thus difficult to control.

To make a long story short – if you want general Wealth in a Society, that Society should be structured so that it validates those Individuals who produce what others want – for it is such Production that is Wealth. In this instance – if you are the one establishing the Society – you seek to create it so that once established, it runs on automatic without your Control. If you are successful in establishing a Society that will foster Production, it will be a Society that will then reject all efforts to control it – even yours!

But if you want Control – free, self-assured, independent, and responsible Individuals are not what you are looking for. You must validate those who are dependent and subservient – for it is only the dependent and subservient who will welcome your Control. And who are the most dependent and subservient? Children....

It is interesting to note that the various dictionary definitions of *Adult* give very little emphasis to the concept of Responsibility for oneself, one's family, friends and community. The definitions I found deal primarily with the physiological maturity of the body, and the age in years required by law to drive, vote and drink alcohol. Implicit perhaps, but definitely not stated is that an Adult is expected to be responsible for him- or herself. Legal definitions make the distinction between being an Adult and being an Infant: "Anyone who has not reached the age of adulthood is legally considered an *Infant*." An Adult takes care of himself and an Infant needs others to take care of him – he or she is not responsible for self or others. Do you consider yourself a responsible Adult, or a dependent Child? Do you want your children and grandchildren to be responsible Adults, or dependent Children?

Communism and Socialism, which are the dominant governmental systems on the planet today, keep their People in a lifelong condition of being Infants. People are taught from an early age that the Government will take care of them, and that they have an Entitlement to be provided shelter, food, clothing, education, healthcare, and (depending on the jurisdiction) paid vacations. For that cradle-to-the-grave care they learn that they must obey their Government as they once obeyed their parents – that they must do certain things and that they must not do other things.

Societies which emphasize Dependence and Subsistence become populated by big irresponsible Children. Those Societies will allow an Elite Power Structure to maintain Control over them – primarily because they have been taught that they are unable to care for themselves. But since free Adults are more productive than controlled Children, such Societies will have a greatly reduced potential for Production and its resultant Wealth. The Individuals in such Societies are not allowed to keep all the fruits of their labors; they, like selfish Children, are forced to share. They must give up an ever-increasing portion of the value of what they create for the use of others who are less productive. The joy of Creation will be blunted because the Creator will not be allowed to keep the fruits of his Creation. And since the only efficient engines for Production are the energies of free Adults, those Societies which emphasize maintaining Control will be relatively impoverished Societies.

In any activity, in any Society, there is a learning curve for someone entering the Marketplace – Individuals are not able to immediately create what others want in any abundance when they first enter the Marketplace. It generally takes folks time to figure out what they can do that others will want – and then a lot more time to learn to do it well. So it is expected that for a number of years, as an Individual matures from adolescence to adulthood, he will just marginally get by through his own Production. At this critical point in physiological and psychological development, as a young Adult struggles to attain technological proficiency as a productive Supplier, the lesson learned in many cases in a Controlled Society is that, “I can live much better on my Entitlements than working 18 hours a day for very little reward – why bother?” Once this lesson is learned it can seal the fate of a young person into a dependent status for the rest of his or her life. And once a few generations learn this lesson, the fate of the Society is sealed into a dependency on Government to maintain their subsistence survival. But of course since Government itself produces nothing, it will then need to continually increase Taxes on the shrinking number of the productive to provide for the ever growing numbers awaiting their entitlements. [For an extremely graphic representation of the end result of a Controlled Society, see the movie *Precious*.]

I assert that it is Human Nature for Individuals to seek the Freedom to take care of themselves and those important to them; so it goes against Human Nature – and is therefore Criminal – to institutionalize the enslavement of one sector of Society (the productive) for the benefit of another (the entitled). Every parent who loves his Children wants them to grow up to be successful Adults – free to seek out a living that will assure their happiness and the happiness of their families. But when a Society adopts the criminal policies of taking the Production from one group and giving it to another, the Individuals within that Society lose their Freedoms. Unfortunately, all current Societies utilize Governments as their organizing systems, and all Governments are Top-Down Power Structures, and all Top-Down Power Structures attract Criminals like flies to their positions of Power. Criminals feel they are entitled to live off the Production of others and find Government Control an excellent tool for them to carve out their slice of Wealth.

In a Society directed by Criminals, a level of restricting Freedoms (leading eventually to Enslavement) is necessary for them to maintain Control. And Criminals will seek to teach those under their control that the unproductive are *entitled* to receive a living paid for by the labor of others (not just coincidentally, this is exactly what the Criminals want for themselves). But there is a self-defeating mechanism in any Society which forces the productive Suppliers to give up their production to others for free. First, over time the ensuing levels of restricted Freedoms must of necessity continually increase – for like water seeking the sea, People by their Nature will continue to seek to be free – they will forever try to get around whatever barriers

the Criminals erect to keep them confined. So, the Criminals find that they must continually refine and repair the old Barriers, and erect new ones to thwart all attempts to escape – resulting in less and less Freedom, and less Freedom leads to less Production. And second, all their growing attempts to restrict Freedoms are complicated by the resultant continually shrinking Tax Base – their People will learn that it is easier to join the class of the Entitled, rather than struggle unrewarded as the Productive. Those who do continue to struggle for their Freedom to keep the fruits of what they have produced, will find themselves punished for not sharing. So, paradoxically as the Criminals seek to gain greater Control, their expenses increase while their Tax Base decreases. The final collapse is inescapable....

I will end this discussion with a comment on what happened in Russia when the Communist structure of the USSR finally crumbled under its own weight. There were news reports that the new government of Russia was struggling to change from a Controlled Economy to a Free Economy. One of the first obstacles the new Government reported, was in the rooting out of all the Black Marketers who appeared on the scene once the old restrictions disappeared. Apparently they were selling their merchandise without licenses and at profits outside the guidelines of the new regime. Of course none of the Talking Heads on TV thought to mention that that *is* a Free Economy! Going into the Marketplace with your merchandise and selling it to willing buyers at the price that the Market will bear is the essence of a Free Economy. But since the new Criminals in charge of Russia weren't controlling those free exchanges, they labeled them Criminal and used force to stamp them out. To quote *TheWho* from their 1971 song *Won't Get Fooled Again*, "I tip my hat to the new constitution, take a bow for the new revolution... Meet the new boss, same as the old boss."

Let us put our heads together and come up with some way we can live free in a Society which treats us as Adults, not Infants.