

SOCIALISM and THE WAR ON WEALTH

"I've been rich and I've been poor, and honey, rich is better!" ---the late Sophie Tucker.

A *New Democrat* MPP recently proclaimed that "excess wealth" should not be allowed to exist and that wealth should be redistributed through a "more equitable" tax system.

That such an obvious (and evil) contradiction in terms went so easily unchallenged is truly remarkable. When a private citizen attempts to "redistribute the wealth" of others, we call the act by its true name: *theft*. When a politician does *exactly the same thing*, he calls it by an entirely different name: *equity*! Thus, by some mysterious alchemy, *stealing* is transmuted from the base metal of criminal activity to the pure gold of high and noble purpose.

Author *George Gilder*, in his book **Wealth and Poverty**, describes the inevitable outcome of this political deception this way: "One of the little-probed mysteries of social history is society's hostility to its greatest benefactors, the *producers of wealth*. On every continent and in every epoch, the people who have excelled in creating wealth have been the victims of some of society's greatest brutalities."

Pointing to the fate of the Jews in Hitler's Germany, the Pogroms against the Russian Kulaks, the slaughter of the Ibo tribesmen in Nigeria, the killing of almost one million Chinese in Indonesia, etc., Gilder continues: "Everywhere the horrors and bodies pile up, in the world's perennial struggle to rid itself of the menace of riches --- of the shopkeeper, the bankers, the merchants, the traders, the entrepreneurs --- at the same time that the toll also mounts in victims of unnecessary famine and poverty."

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Invariably, those who conscript wealth (politicians) rail against those who create wealth (capitalists), revealing the bitter envy of those who are able to make their way productively in the marketplace. The rich in our society must feel like the character in the Kafka play who was found guilty of being innocent, especially if their wealth resulted from *business* activity. While most are willing to allow an entertainer or an athlete to "make a bundle", they begrudge the businessman the same opportunity.

In other words, if your name is *Michael Jackson* or *Wayne Gretsky*, that's OK; but if it's *Conrad Black* --- watch out! How strange that we admire those who simply *amuse* us, yet disdain those whose efforts are critical to our very survival.

And yet it is the Canadian businessman --- and no one else --- who holds our best hope of getting us out of the mess we are in, *if* he can be freed from the tyranny of rapacious, parasitic governments and the terminal stupidity of those politicians who rush to penalize the most productive among us.

Freedom Party believes that the *purpose of government* is to *protect* our freedom of choice, *not* to restrict it.

We reject the notion that some people can be helped by confiscating the wealth of others, since it is that very wealth which, when invested in productive enterprise by those who earned it, will provide the means and opportunities necessary to make self-sufficiency an achievable goal for all.

If you agree with this philosophy, why support another? Support **Freedom Party**. After all, freedom of choice is what we're all about!

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