

HISTORY LESSON

They say that "history repeats itself," but it's frightening how so many people actually accept this axiom without ever questioning the premise on which it rests.

Many regard the cycle of "...prosperity-recession-depression-threat of war-War!-recovery..." as an almost *natural* progression of historic events, as if somehow, they were all pre-destined. Thus, the inflationary spirals, high unemployment, mass unrest, impending national bankruptcies, the build-up of government arsenals, the threat of nuclear war; all these and more have come to be seen simply as a part of that everlasting, ever-repeating cycle of "human history."

"It's *inevitable*!" Right?

Wrong! --- but it *has* been an observable pattern of history for almost as long as history books have been in existence. So perhaps it's a question worth asking: *Why* does history "repeat itself?" And if there's a *lesson* to be learned from history, why isn't it self-evident, if it's so invaluable?

Why? Because the cycle of *history* is really a cycle of *politics*, and too many of us would rather blame *each other* for our social, economic, and political problems, than blame the *governments* we must all accept responsibility for supporting.

In the same way that we've come to accept the cycle of "history" as being "inevitable", we've also come to accept the uncounted thousands of relatively "minor" circumstances that make the major historic trends impossible to avert. You know --- "little" things.

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Like letting our governments get away with nationalizing and monopolizing complete sectors of industry and commerce. Like letting them "centralize" their authority. Like letting them establish "civilian security services." Like letting them impose "metric" --- or official bi-lingualism. Or like accepting government control and regulation of the media. Or like permitting *censorship*.

You know -- "little" things.

And because all these "little" things, on an individual basis, seem insignificant when compared to the global problems of starvation, famine, or war --- "big" things --- we just keep letting our governments get away with more of them.

So there's the culprit --- our "cycle of history" --- by letting governments get away with all those "little" things, the major historic trends become an inevitability, with the only variable being the amount of time required to reach the point of no return. And *one* thing that history has taught us is that there's never been an exception to the rule!

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

Because *government*, you see, must come to be seen for what it *is*: an institution of legalized *force*. Because of this reality, it is the nature of governments to *take*, not to *earn*; to *threaten*, not to *encourage*.

Asking governments to offer any services other than those protecting our *individual rights* is the same as giving those governments the right to *initiate* the use of force against our neighbours and against ourselves, which of course, is a clear *violation* of *individual rights*.

Once we've accepted the use of force as a legitimate manner of achieving our objectives (noble or not), then we've already lost the moral (and often legal!) right to object to the consequences. And the greatest consequence of all is our loss of freedom, a loss that is *always* followed by the threat of economic chaos, civil strife, and of course, even war.

What *price* freedom? What *cost* the lack of it!

We know about *freedom* because we make it our business to know. Make it *your* business to know. Think about it. And if you have more questions, call us. After all, freedom of choice is what we're all about!