

THE AMERICAN DREAM

I want to start this presentation exactly where the George Carlin clip on the About page left off - to believe in the so-called American Dream you have to be asleep.....

The first thing that is necessary is to define exactly what the so-called American Dream is - Wikipedia calls it "...the ability, through participation in the society and economy, for everyone to achieve prosperity."

And Wikipedia quotes from Chasing the American Dream: New Perspectives on Affordable Homeownership (2007) by William M. Rohe and Harry L. Watson - "Home ownership is sometimes used as a proxy for achieving the promised prosperity; ownership has been a status symbol separating the middle classes from the poor."

When you take a look at the beginning of the United States the so-called American Dream consisted of being able to own your own home and the land upon which that home is located. And the reason for that is because to be able to vote in the United States immediately after it was created you needed to meet three qualifications - male, white and a land owner. Those qualifications to be eligible to vote continued to exist for nearly one hundred years, until the end of the Civil War.

But the so-called "American Dream" had its origins even earlier in history than right after the American Revolution back in good old jolly England. Going back several more hundred years in time all of the land in England (and to a lesser extent in Wales and Scotland) was owned by the aristocracy because the reigning king several centuries prior had bequeathed the lands to their ancestors for "services to the Crown" or

something. That original deed of land was still enforced even though several centuries and more heads of state had come and gone.

Since all of the available habitable land was owned by the royals if anyone else (such as the common folk) wanted to live somewhere other than under a bridge they would have to rent the land from the royal who owned it and pay for that rent with a certain portion of whatever harvest was produced working that land. And we all know the stories about how the royal tax collectors were both lenient and since all of the habitable and useable land in Britain (and nearly every other European nation) was already previously owned, it was the promise of open land to homestead in America that lured European immigrants by the thousands to the New World and it was at that point in time that the "American Dream" of owning your own land was born.

I am sure everyone should remember that after the Civil War all male former slaves were given 40 acres of land and a mule to work that land. The most important part of that deal was the 40 acres of land because the qualifications to be able to vote had undergone one important change - you no longer needed to be white to be able to vote, but you still needed to be male and a land owner. It is the possession of those 40 acres that gave the male former slaves the right to vote!!!! Which is why those former slaves divided their land between their sons so that their sons would also be qualified to be able to vote!!!

Soon after the turn of the 20th century, women began their battle to obtain the right to vote and obtained the right in the early 1920s. At that time, all the previous qualifications to be eligible to vote were basically thrown out the window - you were no longer even required to be a land owner to be

able to vote, A man could be a sole owner of his land yet his wife, who was not a legal owner of that land, was still eligible to vote!!

Since then there have been very few requirements to be eligible to vote, the most important being that you had to prove that you were a citizen of the United States and had registered to vote. I am of the opinion that Winston Churchill put this situation in the perfect perspective when he said - "The best argument against democracy is a five minute conversation with the average voter." George Carlin put the frosting on that cake when he said think of how stupid the average person is and realize that half the people are more stupid than average. Clearly there needs to be some more insightful requirements to be eligible to vote than just being a citizen of the United States????

As cited earlier, owning your own home and land was "a status symbol separating the middle classes from the poor" and when the American GI's returned from World War II the GI Bill provided them with extra incentives and assistance to achieve the American Dream of owning their own home and land. Which directly lead to the increase of the middle class in the US during the 1950s and 1960s.

One of the other things impacting the American Dream immediately after the end of WWII was the creation of the military-industrial complex, which is a term coined by outgoing President Dwight D. Eisenhower in his departure address. Eisenhower was in the unique position of having been the top dog in both the military and political circles of his time and thus was party to information that caused him to issue such a warning as he exited from political office!!

And while it took another forty plus years to have its impact on home ownership in the United States, the military-industrial complex joined

forces with the owners of the banking conglomerates which began to consolidate the banking community into smaller numbers of corporations owned by even smaller percentages of the American population. It was with the bursting of the housing bubble in 2008, and the associated siphoning of more wealth from the majority of the middle class to the banking, military and industrial elite, that the so-called American Dream began the final phase of its death throes!!

I say the final phase because those death throes of the so-called American Dream were started when land ownership was eliminated as a requirement to be eligible to vote!!! When land ownership was eliminated as a requirement to be eligible to vote the ownership of land ceased to have any value beyond being a trap of indebtedness set up by and for the sole benefit of the banking elite!!

It was when President Wilson signed the Federal Reserve Act in 1911 that this indebtedness trap was initially laid out and eliminating the requirement of land ownership to be eligible to vote some ten years or so later trapped the entire middle class (and those who aspired to own a home) in that trap!!

Let us now talk about the value of the land someone owns - the bursting of the housing bubble in 2008 clearly shows that the value of someone's land is NOT dependant on the inherent value of the land and its buildings themselves. It depends ENTIRELY on the value attached to that land and buildings by banks!!! Which is why so many middle class home owners now owe more on their homes and land then the value of their homes and land as assessed by the banks!!!

This fact should set off a great many red flags indicating that something is sorely amiss in such a situation!!! Land should have an inherent value that

is entirely separate from any assessments made by any entity!!! And since the value of the land was set by the banks it is the banks that should bite the bullet when those evaluations turn out to be inaccurate?? But, instead, it is the land owner that is screwed over by those same banks because the banks acted in a manner that caused the housing bubble burst in the first place!! That should set off an even larger number of red flags that something is not as it should be!!!!

Instead, the banks were "rescued" from failure even though it was their own illegal acts and transactions that caused them to need to be "rescued" in the first place!!! And it was the American taxpayer that paid to rescue those SOBs!!!!

Has anyone taken the time to put the dominos in their proper order???

The US government had to borrow money from the Federal Reserve Bank and then give those funds to the large banking corporations so that those banking corporations would not fail (and presumably cause the US economy to crash beyond hope of repair!!)

The Federal Reserve is a private corporation owned by the largest banking families in the United States - and those same banking families are also the owners of the large banking corporations that were the recipients of those humungous bailouts!!! The US borrowed those funds from exactly the same banking families as to whom those funds were used to bailout!!!! Does that situation stink as much to anyone else as it does to me???

And the American taxpayer was placed in a position of having to pay the interest on these TRILLIONS OF DOLLARS!!!! Which means that the same people who lent the money were paid interest on those loans and were the same assholes who received those funds!!!? This is a fucking

riponoff!!! This is something that should have the US taxpayers shouting "I am dam mad and I am not going to put up with this fucking shit!!!!"

And everyone also needs to remember that the members of the US Congress are also guilty parties in this fraud and ripoff scheme because they all voted to take the loan from the same people to which they gave that money and they voted to saddle the American taxpayer with the interest on those TRILLIONS of dollars!!! And it can be reasonably assumed that the members of the US Congress were completely aware of ALL those facts!!! And if they were not aware of those facts, they should have been by virtue of their having cast their votes to act in that manner!!! Basically they are all damned if they did know and damned if they did not know!!! So those assholes need to be taught the lesson that the American taxpayers do not take such betrayal lightly!! Not only does every American need to vote everyone of those fucking assholes out of office, all of those fucking assholes needs to arrested and charged with fraud, forgery, treason and bribery!!!

Not that any of the courts in the US will ever try those cases, much less find those assholes guilty of those charges, but that is also another issue I will deal with in another presentation!!!! All I will say at this point is that all lawyers and politicians belong to a fraternal organization I call "The Brown-Nose Buddy Brigade" - whose slogan is "Cover my ass and I'll cover yours, and we'll make more money than a boatload of whores." And that characterization is entirely accurate because they have all prostituted themselves before the altar/god of greed and self-interest rather than fulfill their roles as public servants and act in the best interests of those who elected them to their positions (which they all used to engage in greed and betrayal)!!!!!!

Back to the original point of this presentation - the so-called American Dream. It is not a dream, it is a fucking nightmare!!! And those responsible for that nightmare include the owners of the Federal Reserve and all the major banking institutions AND the members of the US Congress AND the President of the United States!!! While the President speaks of supporting the American middle class he is actually a two-faced fucking puppet for the banking elite and is implementing the program of the banking elite. IT DOES NOT MATTER WHO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES IS - THEY ARE ALL FUCKING FIGUREHEADS AND ACTING UPON THE INSTRUCTIONS THEY RECEIVE FROM THOSE WHO OWN THEM!!!!

Based upon the above fact, I call any and all elections farces because they claim to be something that they are not - offering a choice between two allegedly different options when there is absolutely no difference at all!!! As is required in ANY legislature, I believe that a quorum - which Webster's Dictionary defines as "the number of members who must be present to validate a meeting" - of voters is absolutely necessary to validate an election. But because less than half of the eligible voters actually participate in elections there has not been a quorum of votes participating - which means that those elections have been invalid because of a lack of a quorum!!! A quorum must necessarily be MORE than half of the eligible voters because without half of them having actually voted there is no way that a majority of the eligible voters can be said to have decided any issue or election!!! That is what is REQUIRED for the passing of ANY laws/statutes in ANY State or Federal legislature, so why is that same standard NOT imposed in elections involving the general population???

"What if they had an election and nobody voted??" That is exactly what has been happening in the US for the past forty-fifty years!!!! The majority of eligible voters have decided that nobody running for office in the election is of sufficient character and integrity to vote for them!!!! And since the absolute majority of the eligible voters have not voted for such a length of time all such elections held during that time are invalid because of the lack of a quorum!!!! The overriding rule should NOT be that the majority of those who voted cast their votes for someone or something that validates an election, the first requirement should be that the majority of ALL voters need to cast their votes for someone or something - even if that someone or something is NONE OF THE ABOVE (which is NOT even available as a voting option that is counted on any voting ballots of which I am aware)!!!!!! A majority of the eligible voters casting their votes for NONE OF THE ABOVE would require the election be reheld until a majority of all the eligible voters actually cast their votes for someone or something other than NONE OF THE ABOVE!!! And when the majority of eligible voters choose to refuse to vote they are essentially voting for NONE OF THE ABOVE!!!!!!

And the events surrounding the 2000 Presidential election where the Bush family conspired to successfully STEAL the election away from Al Gore, who had clearly won the majority of the popular vote, should piss everyone off enough to get you off your asses and do more than shout - "I am dam mad and I will not put up with this bunch of bullshit anymore!!!" That conspiracy (which also involved the Supreme Court of the United States!!!!) had the result of invalidating the votes of a majority of the votes cast in that Presidential election!! That act demonstrates exactly the lack of value placed upon the votes of the citizens of the United States by those who conspired to perpetrate that crime!!!

Does that piss anyone else off as much as it pisses me off????????? If not, why not?????????

If those assholes effectively conspiring to invalidate your votes and to manipulate the value of your homes and land for their own personal gain does not make you want to hang them all by their genitals, what will it take to get you in that mood???

One of my favorite clichés is "Nobody gives a shit until personal risk is introduced into their environment!" Hasn't that already happened to enough of you/us for you to give a shit???? And yet nobody has gotten off your fat asses and made any noise to that effect??? At this point in time, only those actively participating in the Occupy movement have made any efforts to address the financial, political and social inequalities that exist in the US. And there are so many ignorant buttholes out there that are putting down those efforts to address and resolve those inequalities because they are completely incapable of perceiving those inequalities. Again, I cite Winston Churchill - "The best argument against democracy is a five minute conversation with the average voter."

I challenge all of you to prove that statement inaccurate by acting (not sitting, not bitching, and not doing nothing!!) in a manner that EFFECTIVELY addresses and resolves the existing inequalities and to "Stand up for your rights!!!!" The so-called American Dream has been twisted and warped into the American Nightmare and will remain in that state until "We, the people" get off our combined fat asses and regain control of our government and return it to its roots "of the people, by the people and for the people"- by whatever means necessary!!

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