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Support freedom

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To the editor:

“Those who expect to reap the blessings of freedom must, like men, undergo the fatigues of supporting it” — Thomas Paine. Why do these words have more importance today than at any other time since the American Civil War?

America is being beaten up by its worst enemy: widespread unwillingness by people to do the work of liberty and bear its costs. The symptoms are obvious. Habitually, for an increasing number of Americans:

- soothing propaganda is valued over the realities of truth;
- government protection or the promise of Armageddon's oblivion is accepted at the expense of compromising personal ethics, responsibility and freedom of conscience;
- government funding and welfare for individuals, businesses and corporations is an acceptable substitute for independent economic initiative;
- standard of living is maintained with borrowed money rather than with the fruits of labor;
- exciting entertainment from cleverly presented nation-bullying or war is frequently valued over foreign relations based on trade.

What about you? Is it that you feel politicians don't really listen? Do you feel politicians bully people into letting government set the rules for pursuit of happiness? Do you feel that politicians acquire the public's trust just so their “best judgments” and their secrecy practices “for your protection” can replace Constitution-driven rule of law?

Such feelings reveal the pitiful American tragedy that too many politicians merely practice elected aristocracy, not true representative government. Take courage this election season and consider these measures:

1. Make chosen politicians lead you, not rule you. Civilized liberty flourishes from encouraging its application, not ruling it.
2. Make chosen politicians treat their constituents as mentally capable human beings rather than as selfish animals to be protected, appeased or gratified.
3. Make chosen politicians free themselves from the mind-control of lobbyists and elite experts — by insisting they organize their constituents to function as their living computer for fact review.
4. Personally verify the honesty of the vote-counting process. Only slave-masters can expect to be automatically trusted.

These constitute some costs to remedy failing government and save America from disintegration. Are you willing to pay?

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