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Letters To The Editor

Clinton's Crimes

Your excellent recent article on President Clinton's transgressions and subsequent impeachment ("Clinton Impeachment: Should Treason Have Been the Reason?" December 9, 2019 issue) omitted an important fact.

In 1996, the Chinese hacked into our system and stole plans for our advanced new W-88 nuclear warhead. Clinton was so embarrassed that he falsely fingered Los Alamos scientist Wen Ho Lee as the culprit. Lee then won a large settlement for the suffering caused by the false allegations. (See page 254 in Sharyl Attkisson's *The Smear*, 2017.)

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Socialism

Socialism, or to be more precise, government sovereignty, has been around since time began, whether imposed by a tribal chieftain, monarch, oligarch, dictator, or totalitarian. Socialism is arrogance, socialism is greed, and socialism is self-service. Citizen sovereignty, as established in America in 1776, is the only new form of government to be tried in the world for millennia.

When I was in school in the '40s and '50s, citizen sovereignty was referred to as the American Experiment and praised. Now, socialism is taught by party professors in colleges who have a guaranteed lifetime income, while students leave school with a bag full of debt and degrees only about half of which are useful for getting a job.

In 1776, our Founders declared our independence from England and made citizens the sovereigns of this country, with the government as the servant.

Don't know what citizen sovereignty is? Thank a teacher. Our Founders gave us a republic, "if you can keep it," in the words of Ben Franklin. The powers given to government had to do with protecting our country and limiting government powers so as to protect individual rights.

Now, our public servants have largely managed to breach those protections in order to empower and enrich themselves. As a result, America is divided into two classes: those in the public sector who give themselves annual wage increases and benefits at the expense of the other class, those working in the private sector. I guess public servants are more equal than the rest of us.

As government takes more control, the citizens become poorer. President Obama, a progressive socialist, lost over 200,000 production jobs during his eight years in office, President Trump has created over 400,000 production jobs. President Obama said manufacturing jobs were gone for good. He was mystified as to how to create jobs: Any jobs he may have created would have been with tax dollars — generally unproductive, non-wealth-producing jobs. All socialists think problems are solved by turning the taxpayer upside down and shaking harder.

Progressive socialists include our city, county, and state public servants, as well as federal employees. The taxpayer has but one pocket to take taxes from, while the government has a multitude of pockets to put our money into.



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You can be a good American or you can be a good socialist, but you can't be a good socialist American. The two are on opposite ends of the political spectrum.

Our mistake came when we allowed our public servants to decide how much we should pay them and what benefits we should be forced to pay them. Congressmen just gave themselves a cost-of-living pay increase, a pay raise.

If their pay was based on the average pay of the private sector — the sovereign citizens they are paid to represent — you would see a dramatic difference in the laws, rules, and regulations that Congress and all government agencies would pass as public servants. And they should live by the same restrictions they impose on the public they represent.

Once public-sector workers think they are more equal than the American citizens they are paid to serve — and they commonly carve out \$100,000-plus salaries and pensions for themselves, funded by taxpayers — they are no longer public servants. They are greedy, self-serving tax parasites.

Our exceptionalism is now under threat by the very people we hire to protect it.

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