



Letters To The Editor

Black Betterment and Brainwashing

Born in 1925 in Hazleton, Pennsylvania, which for many years had no black residents, I did not associate with blacks until I entered the Navy in 1943. During my college years, from 1946-50, as part of the soccer and basketball teams, I had no problem playing with and competing against them. In fact, several of my closest friends were black.

In later years, having spent time in Washington, D.C.; South America; Europe; and the Middle East, and retiring in North Carolina, I continued to associate with people of different colors, particularly blacks.

In my lifetime, the changes that have taken place here in the United States regarding race relations have been awe-inspiring. Today, I know of no vocation in which blacks do not participate, including the fields of medicine, law, education, science, business, etc.

But through the more than 90 years of my life, it has been quite a struggle in many instances for blacks.

Now, a radical element, being financed in many instances by, ironically enough, white multibillionaires who made their fortunes in the capitalistic system that made them wealthy and our country great, seems set on destroying our nation.

And they are using the unfortunate death in Minnesota of a black — with the help of a major segment of the news media, which they control — to achieve their goal.

Street demonstrations include a large portion of student participation — both high school and university. Many students have been indoctrinated by leftist instructors and don't notice that today blacks have more support than they ever have had to pursue their goals and become successful members of this great nation.

I pray they recognize that they are being led by elements that have ulterior motives.

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Constitutional Savings

A good start to trimming big government is abolishing Social Security. But how would we do that? The problem is how to make whole all our citizens who had their funds stolen over all these many years — yes, stolen. What else would you call it when something is taken under duress?

Try not paying your FICA and see what happens.

There is a simple way to get Americans' money back — just abolish all items in the budget not authorized by the Constitution. This would make better than 90 percent of the budget available to give Americans their money back with interest. It would have an added benefit of getting Big Brother out of our lives.

How many people are aware that Social Security was the idea of Otto von Bismarck and that Adolf Hitler refined it? Bismarck made the retirement age 65 because most people did not live to 65.

My father died at 62 and did not receive a dime that was stolen from him.



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I was self-employed and put away in my own retirement fund approximately the same amount as FICA. I now receive a return about an order of magnitude (10 times) greater than Social Security. I retired at 57 and am now 75.

If Social Security is such a great deal, how come it is not voluntary?

Even Bernie Madoff, who ran the biggest private Ponzi scheme and financial fraud in U.S. history, didn't put a gun to anyone's head and say give me your money.

So how come he is in jail and our politicians are free? No one was ever forced to join a Ponzi scheme, but Social Security is a different matter.

Social Security should be called by its proper names: "Stealing from your children and grandchildren" and "Bribing you with your own money."

Anyone know which section of the Constitution authorizes Social Security?

Anything other than abolishing Social Security will not make it constitutional or give you a better return than investing on your own.

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