

Opinions

Liberal backing of d'Aubuisson is inconsistent with democracy

By Richard A. Viguerie
Old-timers will remember when you could order a Ford automobile in "any color you want -- as long as it's black."

That's the kind of choice American liberals want to give the people of El Salvador: Elect any government you want, as long as it's socialist. Elect any president you want, as long as it's not Roberto d'Aubuisson.

The Washington establishment has made it clear that a victory by d'Aubuisson, the pro-free enterprise candidate in the upcoming election, would mean a cutoff of aid to El Salvador. The United States would abandon five million people to communist guerrillas backed by Castro and the Soviet Union, unless Salvadorans eliminate the remnants of freedom in their economic system.

It is a difficult choice. To destroy what is left of a free economy means starvation for many Salvadorans. To lose American aid means an eventual communist victory and the end of human rights in their country.

Establishment liberals say socialism is necessary in El Salvador because most of the wealth has been concentrated in a few families. But that is simply not true.

According to a study in the mid-1970s, El Salvador had a wider distribution of income than Venezuela, Mexico, Columbia, or even West Germany. The very richest five percent of the population had incomes only four times the national average.

Yet the U.S. has forced El Salvador to adopt "reforms" that have severely damaged its economy. In 1980, at the urging of the U.S. government, the junta led by leftist Jose Napoleon Duarte took control of 80% of the nation's economy. Under U.S. pressure, the government confiscated private property and nationalized the banks, took control of wages and prices and interest rates, and made it unlikely that El Salvador will be able to better the economic lot of its people. Since then, the gross domestic product of the country has dropped 25 percent.

Incredibly, the Washington establishment wants to restore Mr. Duarte to power, no matter what it takes. *The Washington Post* commented in January that the U.S. was correct to make "unavoidably intrusive" demands for the exile of persons accused of killing left-wingers.

The *Post* added: "Still more intrusive policies may have to be followed to ensure the victory, and then the seating, of Christian Democrat Napoleon Duarte in presidential elections in March. A victory by his opponent, rightist Robert (sic) d'Aubuisson, could collapse the whole American enterprise."

Who is this "rightist" d'Aubuisson? Until he resigned in order to run for president, he was the head of El Salvador's democratically elected legislature and leader of a coalition that got

60 percent of the vote in the 1982 election.

The American establishment's ultimatum -- to elect a socialist government "or else" -- comes just as El Salvador has once again proven its eagerness for democracy. As they did two years ago, voters defied death threats and guerrilla attacks to march to the polls in numbers far beyond anything we have experienced in the United States in recent decades.

We have seen in Cuba and Nicaragua the fate the communists have in store for the people of El Salvador. But it seems as if many liberals, including members of the U.S. Congress, would prefer a communist victory in El Salvador to a victory by Roberto d'Aubuisson. They want an end to American aid if he wins, even though most everyone knows that it would mean a communist victory in El Salvador -- and throughout Central America.

Israel gets 20 times as much U.S. aid as El Salvador, even though El Salvador is in our own back yard. How can we threaten to cut off aid to our neighbor when it faces the imminent threat of a takeover by Soviet and Cuban-backed guerrillas?

Attempts by members of Congress and State Department officials to manipulate the Salvadoran elections (by threatening retaliation if d'Aubuisson wins) are not consistent with the goal of bringing democracy to that country.

Fitness boom changes markets for farm goods

The fitness boom is upon us and a very large percentage of Americans are interested in becoming healthier. It's estimated that as many as 72 million Americans are taking part in some kind of sports or fitness activity on a regular basis.

Why should agriculture be concerned about this fitness fad? Well, because it's not only changing the life styles of its participants, it's also making drastic changes in their diets.

The meat industry is especially

concerned because they have been under fire by many nutritionists who influence the diets of Americans who are jumping on the health and fitness bandwagon.

Surveys have revealed that far too often those consumers most concerned about being in shape are often the most nutritionally misinformed people. These are the people who are not aware of the leaness revolution that's been taking place in the meat industry in the last 30 years.

I think they should have used the old building.



Letters To The Editor

Give wrong answers to TV exit pollsters

Dear editor:
I've never met anybody who knows somebody who has ever been polled by a public opinion pollster.

The 1,200 people they poll to find out what 50 million voters think are as hard to find as a politician with a cure for the deficit or a doctor with a cure for a bad cold.

What happened in New Hampshire however where the pre-election polls were turned topsy-turvy leads me to believe that my notion of everybody's telling a pollster wrong, may be catching on.

You see, there has been a great deal of concern over polls. People say they're influencing elections before elections are held. If a poll shows one candidate far out in the

lead, political investors begin shoveling more money to him, on the sound business principle that money given to a losing candidate is like investing oil money in a dry hole. This works a hardship on the alleged trailing candidate, even though he may not actually be behind, as New Hampshire voters demonstrated.

The TV networks poll voters coming out of voting booths and announce who the winner is before the real votes are counted. By buttonholing voters in the East they announce who's elected nationwide while voting in the West still has several hours to go. As a result, some voters on the west coast, seeing on their TV sets the election has already been decided, don't take the trouble to vote. Why go to the polls and stand in line to vote against a candidate the networks say has already been elected?

This, it's said, skews an election outcome and it ought to be against the law; Congress ought to put a stop to the networks' smart-alec tricks.

Some people's standard answer to a problem is another law. No law is needed.

Befuddle the pollsters. For example, when New Hampshire voters came out of the booths and a TV hired hand buttonholed them, they should have crossed their fingers behind their backs and told him wrong.

Thus the networks would have flashed on their screens: MON-DALE WINS, and when the newspapers came out next day with HART WINS, everybody could have a good laugh. And a good laugh is the only defense I can think of against some of the world's current problems.

Yours faithfully,
J.A.



PICTURE NORTH CAROLINA 1984

A Juried Black and White Photography Show

Sponsored by The News-Journal

Picture North Carolina will be held May 5 in conjunction with the Hoke County Heritage Hobnob Festival. The event will be open to both professional and amateur photographers who are residents of North Carolina.

- The contest will include five categories: Landscape (including seascapes) sponsored by **United Carolina Bank**, Historical North Carolina (sponsored by **Heritage Federal Savings**), Wildlife (sponsored by **Southeast Production Credit Assoc.**), Creative (sponsored by the **Hoke County Chamber of Commerce**), and People (sponsored by the **Hoke County Public Library**).
- All photographs must include, on the back, the name, address and phone number of the maker, and must be signed by the maker and titled. No photographs will be accepted which have been signed and titled on the front of the print.
- All historical category photographs must give the location and description of the subject.
- All prints must have been exposed by the maker, but can be processed either personally or commercially.
- All prints must be matted, but not framed. Mat boards should be no larger than 16x20 and not smaller than 8x10. Photographers are limited to six prints. A fee of \$1 per print should accompany each entry.
- All entries must include a self-addressed, stamped envelope with enough postage to cover the return of the prints.
- The **Southern National Bank \$150 Purchase Award** will be awarded to the photograph judged to be the best entry in the show.
- Prizes of \$50 each will be awarded to photographers judged to have the best print in each of the categories. A photographer may win the purchase award and a category award for the same print.
- Honorable Mention awards of \$10 will also be given.
- All entries must be received by **April 30**.
- Judging, by three members of The Photographic Society of America or other qualified judges, will be conducted May 5. Winners will be announced May 5.
- All entries will be displayed at the Hoke County Library, May 6 to June 1.
- The News-Journal assumes no liability for prints which are lost or damaged.
- The News-Journal also reserves the right to publish any or all of the winning or honorable mention prints. Maker's name will be included in that publication.

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Books (if purchased by you at \$13.17, our cost)	
58641 books circulated x \$13.17	\$772301
Programs attended (Library sponsored at \$2.00/person)	
25482 at \$2.00 @	50964
Questions answered (\$5.00/hour: 4 questions/hour)	
17987 questions answered \$1.25 @	22483
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7894 at \$1.00 @	7894
Records circulated (if purch. at \$5.00/record) 874 at \$5.00 @	4370
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