

## Propaganda

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The Oxford English Dictionary defines propaganda as: information, especially of a biased or misleading nature, used to promote a political cause or point of view. Propaganda is what I heard someone call Dont Tread On Me, the YCC publication. We at YCC are biased, but we are not misleading. There are two types of propagandists, those who are biased and honest, and those who are biased and misleading. There are honest propagandists and dishonest propagandists. I'm the honest one, unlike our president who, for the most part, the dishonest one. We just both can't be honest propagandists. I know my facts are straight, like history has proven capitalism produces a richer and wealthier nation for all, while socialism produces a poorer nation. Spreading the wealth doesn't create a nation full of richer individuals, but rather a nation full of poor people, and those who are rich are those in power (didn't Obama say something about "spreading the wealth?").

Ronald Reagan beautifully (notice I said beautifully, its propaganda!) stated during his Inaugural

address: "In this present crisis, government is not the solution to our problem; government is the problem. From time to time we've been tempted to believe that society has become too complex to be managed by self-rule, that government by an elite group is superior to government for, by, and

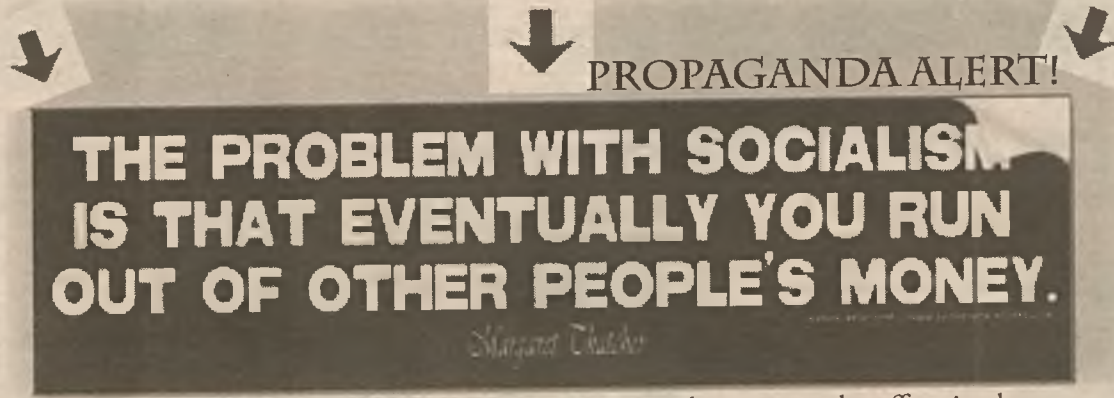
government" wouldn't have been politically correct nor would it make the people do some research on their own, and understand what he is saying with "present crisis." Government has proven itself time after time that it can't do anything correctly other than wage war. And to quote the

in other words he took government hands out of the cookie jar. The effects of little government intervention are seen in the Clinton administration.

Whoa, what? Yes, in the Clinton administration. According to economists, it takes roughly 4-8 years for fiscal policy changes

though he didn't employ it, Gingrich did)? It in part balanced the budget; the unemployment rate was less than 4.00% for 40 months. Four percent. Can you really comprehend such a number? The average for European Nations is 8%. We are now at 9.9%. We have surpassed those socialist nations.

If you look at the graph for USA unemployment rate from 1890 to 2009 there is a trend towards more and more unemployed people. There are two spikes. One, is obviously the great depression and the others are two recessions that occurred back to back at the end of the 19th century. Other than that for the most part the unemployment rate is lower than 5% up until 1974 and it didn't get that low for 30 years. What's the trend? The trend is that the unemployment rate is climbing slowly over the years. Not exponentially and untruthfully like Al Gore's global warming graph, but rather slowly (propaganda alert!). The cause of the trend is the increase of government control over the American private sector. It's simple. It's easy. It's not hard to understand. It's the Inconvenient Truth.



of the people. Well, if no one among us is capable of governing himself, then who among us has the capacity to govern someone else? All of us together, in and out of government, must bear the burden."

When Reagan said "present crisis" he referred to the power the Carter administration had over the American people. Therefore, if you replace "present crisis" with "big government," it would say: "With this big government, government is not the solution to our problem; government is the problem." Reagan is smarter than I and saying "big

most important General in World War II, Patton, because he is just that cool and important:

"Americans loves a winner. Americans will not tolerate a loser. Americans despise cowards. Americans play to win all of the time. I wouldn't give a hoot in hell for a man who lost and laughed. That's why Americans have never lost nor will ever lose a war; for the very idea of losing is hateful to an American." (Propaganda alert! Italics added!)

With Reagan in the administration he lowered government regulation in the private industry,

to take effect in the macro economy. For everybody who points to Clinton as an idol and one of the best presidents we can blame Reagan for Clinton's rich years (biased and honest propaganda alert!). Everything Clinton did aided in destroying Bush's final years in office, 4-8 shift, sub-prime mortgages were done by Clinton and caused the fiasco a year before Obama went into office. Thanks to Newt Gingrich during Clinton's years, Bush's final years weren't as bad as they could have been. What did the Capitalist ideology do for Clinton (even

## Law Day Winners

Eve Carlin

On Monday, April 26, 2010, Montreat College hosted a "law night" with the Charlotte School of Law at Montreat College's Charlotte SPAS campus from 4:00pm - 6:00pm. Students talked with admission representatives from the law school, received information, had some cake and tea, and won door prizes. "Up to six SPAS students are seeking admission into the Charlotte School of Law," stated Dr. Eve Carlin, Business Law instructor at Montreat College. "This event gave students the opportunity to sit down and talk with representatives from the Charlotte School of Law and have an informal interview." On Wednesday, April 28, 2010, four local lawyers from

the Asheville area spoke to over 35 Montreat College students at the main campus. These students were from Dr. Cindy Howell's Business Communication class and Dr. Hub Powell's Introduction to Business class. The lawyers spoke on the value of good communication skills, both verbal and written, in the legal profession. They also discussed the types of cases they handle and their professional backgrounds. At the two law events, the winners of the Montreat College law writing essay contest were announced. Congrats to Audrey Coffman, (SAS winner), and Carol Naples (SPAS winner).

## Letter to Congress

Dan Ruck

People of Congress!

There is a lot of talk about the separation of church and state. Where does that come from? It's not in the Constitution. Our first amendment states nothing of the sort. It states: Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof....

There is nothing in this statement that says the state and the church are completely separate from each other. It says that congress cannot pass a law "respecting an establishment of religion." In other words there cannot be a state or government ran religion. The next phrase "prohibiting the free exercise thereof" states that the government or state

cannot limit our freedom of worship. To what I see, they have already broken the first amendment. First by taking the pledge out of our schools and now we see this with the Boy Scouts. The government is now banning the Scouts use of government property. This is the last year the Boy Scouts of America will be allowed to hold the 2010 jamboree on government property. I see this as prohibiting the exercise of religion.

I ask once again, does the Constitution of the United States say that we are to have church and state separate? The first amendment states that there is to be no governing authority over religion. It also states that there is to be no religious restrictions by a governing

authority or institution. So where do the elects (congress, senate, and the white house) get away with saying when and where we can and cannot worship? We elected the government, but not to rule however they want. The people of the United States are the ones in the end who get to say what the government can or cannot do.

People of congress, I ask you, where do you get the idea that church and state need to be separate? Was this great country not founded on Christian morals? Did the founding fathers risk everything, so that our Constitution can be violated? If you think such, there is no use for you in congress... or in any other government branch, for that matter.