

Dear APWA Folks,

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I am an old activist, a veteran of the anti Viet Nam War movement in the late 1960's and 1970's until 1975. I am college educated in the sciences (Psychology and Chemistry) and until I got grabbed by the State of Corruptarada (as we call this state where the law is whatever the judge says it is) Stalinist injustice system I worked in environmental science.

I was not an English major, and I have no real training in writing (literary skills). I wrote test reports for years. So I don't feel confident to produce cogent essays. However, there is material on The System that I believe you should be aware of. So some information on it.

1. Get the book Deception by Design by Lenny Flank, Jr. It tells of what the Christian fascists (MAGA Republicans all) have planned for the rest of us when they (people like Desantis and Pence) are able to take over all government entities, schools, etc.

"The ID/creationists are part of a larger political movement with radical theocratic aims, and their anti-evolution and anti-science efforts are, as

they themselves declare, simply the 'wedge issue' which they have chosen in order to gain entry for their wider anti-democratic political agenda. Indeed, the most prominent 'intelligent design' group in the United States today, the Seattle-based Discovery Institute, is largely funded by a single extremist Christian fundamentalist billionaire who, for 20 years, preached the Taliban-like idea that the US should repudiate the Constitution, dismantle the wall between church and state, and place the country under 'Biblical law', to include such biblical imperatives as stoning of sinners and executing nonbelievers and heretics"

2. Pleading Out by law prof. Dan Canon. It tells how prosecutors insure a 99% (w) conviction rate by threatening a Giant Sentence if the defendant does Not take The Deal offered

"A plea-based system doesn't care about an individual's circumstances or about bettering anything at all. Its only concern is with making as many criminals as possible"

"Every two seconds someone pleads guilty to a crime"

"Today, American cops make around ten million arrests per year. Enabled by an endless supply of criminal laws they can-and do-arrest anyone for anything."

3. The Psychopath Epidemic by Cameron Reilly. It tells of the psychology (motivation) of many of the people in power.

"Most psychopaths are not serial killers. These 'garden-variety psychopaths' are our managers, our politicians, our priests, and our police chiefs. They are running our economy and our lives"

OK, you think you still have a little privacy in Amerikkka? Well, here is a quote from Prison Legal News editor Paul Wright in a recent Human Rights Defense Center publication. He starts with issues of prisoners' mail being surveilled and expands it to all of us over-all.

"Well, there's no regulation. As far as who's benefiting, I mean, the American police state, basically it's widening its web of surveillance. As a society here in America, I mean, every

every email message we send is collected by the government through its Carnivore program, which is run by the FBI. All of our phone calls are recorded and monitored by the NSA. The post office records the outsides of all letters that transit through the mail system...

4. Who's Spying On you? by Erik Solge and David Colburn. Two writers for Popular Mechanics tell of many of the ways private companies (etc) are spying on us.

Basically the sheeple are spied on as much as the people in East Germany were when the Communists controlled it. Stazi watching all.

The US Government, state governments, and all police departs are afraid that someday the sheeple might finally get pissed enough about how they are being screwed over and they then they will do a 1976 revolution. Or an 1918-Russian.

Of course, since a basic technique government entities use to keep the sheeple from organizing and fighting for real reforms is by creating policies (propaganda) that keep the

various groups fighting with each other. See Black vs white. Immigrant vs current citizens. Straight vs gay. Rich vs poor. (the rich have the power, the poor have none). etc, etc. So if there was a revolution it would start as a civil war between each group seeking power.

Back when I first started college on the wall of the Ad. Building was posted: "Lead, follow, or get out of the way." I hope you folks will take up the lead to educate and inform.

Sincerely,

John Taylor

"In the absence of justice, what is sovereignty but organized robbery?"

St. Augustine

"An imbalance between rich and poor is the oldest and most fatal ailment of all republics."

Plutarch

"First Fisherman, 'Master, I marvel how the fish live in the sea.' Second Fisherman,

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"Why the same way men do a land. The big fish eat up the little fish"

Pericles, Prince of Tyre

"What passes for identity in America is a series of myths about one's heroic ancestors"

James Baldwin

"Ten men in our country could buy the whole world, and ten million can't buy enough to eat"

Will Rogers (ca 1933)

"No drug, not even alcohol, causes the fundamental ills of society. If we're looking for the source of our troubles, we shouldn't test people for drugs. We should test them for stupidity"

P.J. O'Rourke

"We have the best government money can buy"

Will Rogers (ca 1920)