

 **WHO IS
STEFANO BACHOVICH?**

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That's the most puzzling mystery since people began asking **"Who is John Galt?"** several decades ago, and more recently, **"What has Obama accomplished?"**

Stephen L. Bakke  June 7, 2013



I guess it was inevitable that eventually there would be a clamoring for information about who that person is whom I quote so often – more than any other “expert,” living or dead. I can provide some basic information having received qualified permission from “The Great One” himself. I apologize for having to be somewhat general and unspecific, with no picture or address.

I've known “The Great One” for many years – in fact, since very early childhood. He always impressed me as someone who had a lot to say about everything, and very often, should have kept his mouth shut! So some years later, as I embarked on this “self-education” kick as a retirement hobby, I decided to probe his now mature (hopefully) intellect on a few topics I was interested in. One thing led to another, and soon he was giving me frequent insight into important topics which I began incorporating into my reports.

In fact, Mr. Bachovich dabbles in opinion writing himself, so he was at first reluctant to possibly dilute the impact of his personal writing by giving me tidbits of knowledge. But since he writes using a pseudonym (you'll never see his opinions using the name Stefano Bachovich), he figured he would be well insulated and protected from my readers discovering any specific information about him. I'm sure you are familiar with his alter ego, but I can't comment further.

So, with that general explanation I will declare that Stefano Bachovich is, and will continue to be, an obscure but very wise political pundit, and an enthusiastic and prolific purveyor of opinions on just about everything – and my primary “go to guy.” For that I want to publicly thank him (or her?)!

In this report I bring together in one report some ideas and knowledge “The Great One” has given me and which I have used in dozens of my reports. The date of my report follows the quote.

The Legendary Wisdom of Stefano Bachovich

We can do no more than offer common sense! – December 6, 2012

Humans are by nature imperfect and “fallen.” Is that an argument for eliminating all means for them to do harm to others? Nay say I! To the contrary, it is an argument for the best among us to have means available to dissuade those few of the “fallen” who would want to do others harm. – May 12, 2013

Methinks the Emperor (the "President") has no clothes – April 6, 2013

Is gridlock a modern form of compromise? – January 26, 2012

We must continue to be guided by the logical tenants, the fundamental goodness, and the predictable success of the path we have already chosen. And we need to spread this diligently across our country. – November 25, 2012

I'm not an idealist, just an optimist! – November 18, 2012

As I understand "The Truth," Barack Obama is not usually encumbered by it! – January 14, 2013

Is Mr. Bakke being absurd? Of course! But unless one probes the "ridiculous" as well as the "sublime," one doesn't really see and understand important subtle hazards hidden within politely presented, but potentially harmful, radical policies or legislation! – February 26, 2013

One of my main objections about liberals (and to be fair, certain conservatives as well) is that their reactions are often very emotional and their actions impetuous. This results in incomplete analyses, quick decisions and usually bad policies and legislation. If we could determine the root causes of mass violence, there are very few that wouldn't sign on to the program! But this administration and Congress are making futile "stabs in the dark." Moral grandstanding of this sort moves us farther away from a real and permanent solution to the problem. – February 7, 2013

My Dear Progressives: When we conservatives disagree with Obama, we can't be wrong and racist every time! When we criticize Obama's policies, we can't be expressing our latent racist tendencies – not every time! When we comment on the economy, we can't always be creating secret "codewords" for racism – not every time! Your narcissism, insecurity, confusion, guilt, anger, anxiety, narrow mindedness, and uncertainty are ALL showing! - September 18, 2012

Economic Issues

The Fed's footprint across this nation is becoming almost frightening, and even depressing. And the Fed operates with no oversight! Be very, very careful! – April 12, 2013

*I must sympathize with and share your frustration, SB – but not your confusion because I think I've figured it out. Look into the topic of "baseline budgeting" and you have a fighting chance of removing at least some of the confusion, but the frustration will linger. Anyway, **we are now facing a bastardization of all traditional terminology used to explain the U.S. budget, deficit and debt. Reduced means increased; balanced is bad; equal means higher; less means more; down means up; and draconian spending cuts still result in national debt increases. Everything seems inevitably to mean there will be increases! You might say everything is UPSIDE DOWN!*** – March 12, 2013

I like things that make sense, have a clear and defined purpose, and have a means for measuring results and evaluating success. These characteristics I don't find when studying the history of minimum wage increases. If measurements finally are made, the original intent is generally not achieved. I have no problem with periodic changes in the wage minimum, but let's not fool ourselves about the true impact of our policies, and we should choose realistic goals. The proven fact is that any time you set the minimum wage ABOVE the entry level wage rate for unskilled workers, the result is a loss of jobs – sometimes only marginal but sometimes major – and this result shouldn't surprise us. At

this point I believe the supporters of increasing the minimum wage are doing it mostly to “feel good” at a time in which they otherwise are experiencing only frustration. – March 8, 2013

Our Founders set up a system of checks, balances and deliberation to make sure the process was thorough – and in situations like changing the dynamics of our economic system, even excruciatingly so. The Founders intended for it to be difficult to get big changes done. – January 22, 2013

The dismissive attitudes the President, and Congressional Democrats, have for all who suggest that Social Security is insolvent remind me of the band that played on the deck of the sinking Titanic – totally naïve denial! – December 25, 2012

“Individuals show gains, but classes are stagnant?!” – sounds like confusion, ignorance, and misguided envy to me! – December 16, 2012

A basketball player plants a pivot foot in order to establish position and to determine the point from which future plays develop. It is, most importantly, also a limit on that player’s immediate future movement. So too is the concept of establishing a gold standard a reference point and a limitation of government’s ability to expand the money supply, spending, and debt. Like a “pivot foot,” a gold standard prevents the government from “walking all around the court,” making “spur of the moment” decisions and committing the country to higher inflation, deficits and debts. – June 21, 2012

I keep coming back to the concepts that gold flows should NOT be the best guide to how much money the economy needs; and the size and health of a country’s economy should be dependent on the resourcefulness of its people and business, NOT on its coincidental supply of gold. – June 21, 2012

Policy and Political Commentary

I am neither a gun enthusiast and passionate second amendment supporter, nor a frantic gun control crusader. We have a penchant in America for having emotional reactions which lead to impetuous congressional decisions and ultimately foolish regulatory legislation. Let’s investigate the situation independently, and implement a combination of things that address the problem and not just administer an emotional sedative. If availability of guns is the problem, then what’s the evidence? How much of the problem is mental illness? Is it an economic issue and/or a cultural issue? And so on. And what are true solutions? DON’T JUST JUMP TO EMOTIONAL, KNEE-JERK, FEEL GOOD CONCLUSIONS AND ATTEMPTS AT SOLUTIONS! I want to move in the direction of true public safety rather than sacrificing a fortune implementing ineffective policies – June 1, 2013

You’ve asked me for my opinion on the possibility, in modern society, of governmental tyranny. I admit to a temptation to conclude that this has changed since the time of our Founders. After all, when have modern governments tyrannized their citizens? Then I think about MANY examples of actual physical tyranny, just in my lifetime. You should already be aware of examples of this! Then it occurs to me that tyranny is oppression, and can take many forms, physical e.g. “at gunpoint,” as well as more subtle examples. Perhaps subtle oppression is just as important as the physical type. I’ll let you come up with your own examples of that too! – May 24, 2013

Oppression is tyranny, and there are many “non-violent” ways to oppress. If you agree that subtle tyranny is increasing rapidly, is it also possible that armed tyranny could also slip in? HMMMM? – May 24, 2013

I only ask that we strive to do what works! If availability of guns is the problem, then what's the evidence. If there is evidence, then how much of the problem is due to the availability of guns. And what is the solution? How much of the problem is mental illness and what's the solution? Is it an economic issue or a cultural issue? I say that the test should not be "it feels good doing this." Rather, after much patience and study, let's investigate the situation independently, and implement a combination of things that address the problem and not just administer an emotional sedative. DON'T JUST JUMP TO EMOTIONAL KNEE-JERK CONCLUSIONS! We have neither the time nor the resources to waste time looking for the wrong answers. – May 16, 2013

The 2nd Amendment sets out one of the "Unalienable Rights" which are "endowed by our Creator" – i.e. they exist because a person exists. They are NOT granted or provided by the government. They can't be "bought and sold." To equate a true right to a product or service is to cheapen the intentions of our Founders as it relates to individual liberty. They are not things that you can "run out of"! The government can't take these rights away, but it CAN cause them to be hindered. The government, via the Constitution, exists primarily to assure the free exercise of these rights. – February 7, 2013

I don't own guns of any type. Other than when serving in the army, I have never had any firearms training nor fired a gun with any frequency. I have no "horse in this race." I only want the U.S. government to do things that are well researched, predictably effective, and consistent with the U.S. Constitution. No knee jerk reactions, please! – February 1, 2013

What would be a modern day equivalent to a "militia"? Consider the situation whereby the community decided to create a group of trained citizens to share the responsibility of providing security for the local school. That, to me, is an obvious example of a modern application of the Unalienable Right to bear arms. – February 1, 2013

Is hunting and recreational use of guns a modern equivalent for the desire to have guns? NO! – February 1, 2013

Why do you need an assault rifle for hunting? You don't! Assault rifles are not effective for hunting due to their small caliber and lower impact on the target. How about that for an odd twist? Nobody is going after these much more powerful "non-assault," hunting rifles. – February 1, 2013

I say it again! Kick speculation to the curb! I now know just how good Obama is at the "Alinsky Method." Alinsky's creed lives on in our President! January 14, 2013

What is the meaning of equality? What should be the role of our government in our lives? What should be the role of our government on the world stage? I can think of no other election that has demonstrated a contrast of world views like this one does. – November 2, 2012

The United States and its Government

In any evaluation of our government's structure, one should understand how our Founders' goals differ from those of modern day liberals. The Founders made every attempt to dilute the power of government in order to protect citizens from what they foresaw as possible tyranny. Today's liberals believe in concentrating the power of the federal government to promote their concept of the "common good." Keep in mind that the Founders had a cautious and skeptical view of some aspects of human nature, and many of their decisions sought to protect the country from "the dark side." Such was the case in the Founders' decision to have an indirect method of electing the President – this to

protect against a tyrannical leader winning a majority of voters. This process provided “another set of eyes,” as an “abundance of caution.” – October 11, 2012

The Electoral College is just a “cog” in a much larger wheel which includes many checks and balances and was established to collectively prevent tyranny, including “tyranny of the majority.” – October 11, 2012

*Religious Freedom – whazzat? Freedom **of** ... freedom **from** ... separation ... Which is it? I’m confused! – September 4, 2012*

To equate a true Unalienable Right to a product or service is to cheapen the intentions of our Founders as it relates to individual liberty. Let us not make the mistake of elevating these entitlements to the lofty height and importance of Unalienable Rights. – February 20, 2012

Health Care Reform

ObamaCare is the most complicated, convoluted, conflicted, and inherently counter-intuitive legislation I can imagine. But people shouldn’t assume there’s only one way to skin a cat! All of the credible and desirable goals of ObamaCare can be achieved in a simpler, cheaper, more consumer friendly, and business friendly manner. – August 6, 2012

We now have the government assuming a huge role in our lives! Nothing like it has ever happened before! Our government should assume the role of a “regulator and facilitator,” thereby creating an environment compatible with creativity and improving health care. INSTEAD OF THAT approach, our government insists on directing and controlling over 20% of our economy because “they know best.” On what other issue could you see more clearly the difference between a liberal/progressive program and a conservative one? – August 6, 2012

Romney’s presidential campaign must create clarity regarding his goals, motivations, and actions regarding RomneyCare! – July 23, 2012

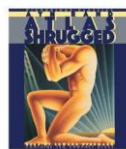
I disagree with the “Robert’s Court” decision. And let me state emphatically that for the good of the future of our exceptional country, we must ultimately defeat Obamacare. Nevertheless, I find these events intriguing! It’s important to understand what happened and why? What was decided and why? Only by really understanding these things can we prevail in this effort. In other words, ask: where are we, what do we have to work with, and is there any advantage we have been handed? That’s what we need to find out! – July 17, 2012

Liberal and Conservative Thought

Barack Obama’s approach to interpreting the Bible tends to be “eisegetical” while I do everything in my power to keep my interpretations entirely “exegetical.” (You can look those up!) – February 8, 2012



“The Great One”



John Galt