Speech on Freedom

The concept we have for personal freedom comes from John Locke the father of classical liberalism. It is a crime that the Socialists, Alias Liberals, Alias Progressives, Alias Open Society, Alias Marxists, and Alias Communists have stolen the word liberal. Anyone or anything that needs that many aliases is sure to be bad. Locke's writings influenced the thinkers of the Enlightenment. He influenced Voltaire and Rousseau. He was instrumental in the writing of the constitution of the Colony of Carolina. Most importantly his political philosophy of freedom is enshrined in the Declaration of Independence. All men are created equal and have inalienable rights. God gives these rights and they cannot be taken away. Originality they were life, liberty, and property.

It is a shame that Thomas Jefferson did not prevail, and we have the pursuit of happiness instead. Compare Locke to two more recent characters: Karl Marx: “Necessity is blind until it becomes conscious. Freedom is the consciousness of necessity.” What the heck?! This sounds like a dialogue from the book 1984. Changing the meaning of words is part of their modus operandi. There are stupid academics that think that this junk is profound. Vladimir Lenin was more transparent when he said: “When there is state there can be no freedom, but when there is freedom there will be no state.”

Freedom and Socialism are incomparable. Two revolutions were based on the principles of Locke. Ours and the one in France. In France, it was also against the Catholic Church as well as the Monarchy. It was to be a society based on reason and not on principles from God. God was to be excluded. There was an attempt to do Justice that went horribly wrong. The state was the religion and the attempt was to make things fair. Judges were sent around the country with guillotines to ensure fairness. France still has the result.

In ours, the Founders were not only followers of John Locke but Theists and mostly Christians. We were blessed to have George Washington who gave up power twice. After the revolution was won and the peace treaty signed in 1783, he went to the Continental Congress where he was expected by many to take power as king. There he turned in his commission as general of the army to return to his farm. After the Constitution was passed, he was asked in 1789 to be the first president. At the end of his second term, he announced that Presidents should serve no more than two terms. Near the end of his life, Napoleon said: “What did they expect me to do? Become a Washington?” Our freedom was gained at a great price. John Quincy Adams observed: “Posterity: You will never know how much it has cost my generation to preserve your freedom. I hope you will make good use of it.”

Freedom is fragile and easily lost. James Madison saw what was coming when he said: “I believe there are more instances of the abridgment of the freedom of the people by gradual and silent encroachments by those in power than by violent and sudden usurpations.” Thomas Jefferson recognized our path to destruction when said: “Our country is now taking so steady a course as to show by what road it will pass to destruction, to wit: by the consolidation of power first, and then corruption, its necessary consequence.”

Our founders organized the government so that if the Constitution were followed it would be able to run by politicians that were flawed in character. The limits on the power of the Federal Government and the checks and balances system was to ensure that no person would be able to bring about tyranny.

With the passage of the 16 and 17 amendments and the power the legislature to affect individual fortunes, the Constitution has become irrelevant. Thomas Jefferson said that when the people are afraid of government there is tyranny when the government is afraid of the people their freedom. Are you afraid of the Government? I want to expand on Socialism and why Lenin was right. With Socialism, the government takes care of you from birth to grave. The government has a stake in your health so they must control your diet and exercise. The size of soft drinks is controlled and the salt on crackers is controlled. You must exercise.

The government must educate the population to fill the jobs that need to be done. The workforce must be utilized in the way it was educated. Once trained as a carpenter the person can’t become a truck driver because there would be too many truck drivers and too few carpenters. There is no incentive to become better or more productive. A worker in the USSR was quoted as saying we pretend to work, and they pretend to pay us. In short, the state must control what you eat, what school you go to, what you study, what you wear, and where you work what you do. The individual has the same freedom as a slave on a plantation. If you do not do as directed, you will be sent to be reeducated in Siberia. When I say the State decides. It is a bureaucrat that decides. They are like the ones in Washington who decide what is in school lunches. Mostly well-meaning but mostly out of touch. Some are perverse and some are bribable. We are still not there but are certainly on the way. They are faceless to the people that they control and the people that they control are faceless to them. Human life to the socialists becomes a commodity. Abortion and voluntary euthanasia are not questioned and life extension for the old and the crippled young are not perused. It quickly leads to killing the mentally ill and making decisions on care based on life expectancy, quality of life, and value to society. Your life expectancy will be decided by a bureaucrat. Our death panels as Governor Palin described them are already in place. There is a bureaucrat in Washington who can kill you. George Bernard Shaw was serious when he said:

“We should all be obliged to appear before a board every five years and justify our existence... on pain of liquidation.” I would like to digress and discuss Hitler and the Nazi party. Hitler was a Socialist follower of Marx and Woodrow Wilson. The Nazi party was the National Socialist Party. The horrors of Germany were no different than those of the Soviet Union, China, Cuba, or Cambodia. All were Socialists. Martin Luther King, Jr reminds us: “Never forget that everything Hitler did in Germany was legal.”

Socialism was first tried in our country by the Plymouth colony. It was share and share alike. Bradford was the leader and he had to administer punishments to the young people that did not work as he directed. In the first four years ½ died of exposure. Bradford decided that he could not punish anymore, and it became every man (and Woman) for themselves. That year they had a thanksgiving celebration for the bounty that God had provided. I am thinking of a country where the legislature gave the leader the power to lock up indefinitely anyone he suspected of terror. No telephone call: No lawyer access: No appeal. The country had a database of its citizens that could tell their religion, their possession of a firearm, their associates. The country had a core of dedicated converted civilians loyal to the leader that could be armed. The press supported all of the expansions of the leaders' power. The leader cultivated racial and religious hate. The society was content with the government replacing religion based on a superior being with a religion of nature and state conformity.

What country am I thinking about? (Pause for 3 seconds)

I was going to say Germany in 1933. What were you thinking? If you are concerned about where we are heading what should you do? Join the non-partisan Heritage Foundation, Americans for Prosperity. The Tea Party and the Fair Tax organization. Get behind a candidate in the primary. We will lose everything if it is Republican vs. Democrat. Both parties are filled with morally weak believers in government power. Finally, sound the alarm. If you accept the wrongheadedness of friends and associates without a challenge you are assisting in our defeat. I will leave you with two thoughts from Martin Luther King Jr.: He who accepts evil without protesting against it is cooperating with it.”

And my favorite: “Nothing in the world is more dangerous than sincere ignorance and conscientious stupidity.”