

>: Capitalism Gone Wild...

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I decided that I had to write this article because capitalism in the U.S. has become so annoying that I need to vent.

It has gotten to the point where I can't even go to the bathroom anymore without some annoying guy standing there waiting for me to finish so that he can offer me a towel to wipe my wet hands (I do wash them, you know) or a mint for my breath or something. It is getting out of control, and it's happening so subtly that most of us aren't even paying attention to it.

When I go to Starbucks and many other establishments, they have their tip jars out, expecting you to tip them for simply doing their job. Do you all remember the good old days when you gave a person a tip because they provided excellent service?

Everything costs money nowadays. Everybody has his hand out. Capitalism has totally gone wild!

The cause ...

Look, I could go on and on about how businesses have *carte blanche* in this society. Businesses RUN OUR COUNTRY, folks. They get away with murder, literally. Shouldn't it be illegal to smoke, for example? How can the government allow poison to be sold to its people?

Drug companies exercise major control over the FDA. They get their drugs approved knowing that there will be problems discovered down the road, but they look at peoples' lives like they're just business decisions. They do a cost/benefit analysis of the situation before the drug comes to market, and they know that when they get sued for their bogus drug that it will be less than the money that they made from the sales of that drug (e.g. Seldane, fen-phen, etc.), so it is still profitable.

They've even sold out the kids. In schools, they have soda and snack machines that get the children hyperactive and moody, and then they tell the counselors and teachers that these kids need drugs to calm them down. Don't they have a great racket going?

If you want to change the kids' diet and don't believe that they should take these prescriptions, then you are considered a bad parent because you are not doing what they want you to do. They have a word for it, folks; it's called neglect.

Are you really the one guilty of neglect?

What about the oil companies? George Bush gave them a multi-billion dollar tax credit not long ago. Did they really need it? Don't they make enough money already?

He claims that we are fighting a war on terror. If we are really in a war on terror, then why are we buying oil from the terrorists? We are the ones funding the terrorists. Why don't we do what Brazil has done? They use very little fossil fuel, if any. We have about a 13 trillion dollar economy. Why can't we?

We can't because the military companies and the oil companies have too much power. There is too much money involved. If we totally stopped buying oil from the Middle East, then they wouldn't have the money to purchase their so called "weapons of mass destruction."

Ladies and gentlemen, whether it is Ultimate Fighting (UFC) on television, where they show people beating the hell out of each other, or the above examples, capitalism has gone wild, and if you are not paying attention, you may wake up one day and say, "What the heck happened to this country?"

I know that I will get love and hate mail in response to this article; I expect it. All I ask is that if you criticize me, just make it constructive. Fair enough?

Don't get me wrong, capitalism works because people are selfish by nature, and this system rewards selfishness instead of cooperation with one another. I will just say that ANY extreme, whether it is our version of capitalism or North Korea's version of socialism, is not good, and we are

headed towards capitalism version 2.0, and fast.

Could this be one of the reasons that the Middle East is so frightened about our exporting our values to them?

Until the next time, folks, spend your hard-earned money wisely.



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