

Politics

My apologies for bringing up this taboo subject but maybe that is a mistake that has been going on for too long. At the risk of being politically incorrect I would like to make a couple of observations from a historically uninterested person who has recently been jarred awake by the global anarchy I'm seeing.

Maybe you can guess, I'm one of those who is not completely happy with what is going on in the world today, and for the last 10 or 20 years. Theoretically, western civilization has evolved from free Christian nations run by democratically elected representatives who are accountable to their constituents. The problem for us is that we take this for granted. Most people alive today in our civilized western world have never known the flip side of this coin.

For those of you who don't know the Roman historian Tacitus (100 AD) he is highly recommend for one reason, not much has changed except technology. As far as our human interactions are concerned we have the same basic T&A (transaction & analysis) we have always had, only with a little longer life expectancy. So, we take for granted that the guards won't show up to carry us away for slaughter, for all the same old reasons and now we worry a little less, "thank you Jesus"...

Guess what, this piece of mind can slip away very quickly. Think of what Hitler did with his democratic socialist party. Uh Oh back to the Roman days, Chavez, Marx, Lennon, Mow, Pol Pot and Khomeini & Obama, all social reformers ready to show us their better way. Alright fine, maybe I'm generalizing a little but I don't know any of these guys yet who have improved the world for their subject populations, "aside from their inner circles". Speaking about Obama, the insanity of this guy to put 12 million dollars in the bank in 8 years while scolding America for having too much, is mystifying. He is expected to make another 200M after leaving office, spouting doom, gloom and austerity for everybody but himself.

News flash, "Government is a necessary evil, with an emphasis on evil". I'm joking because government has an important job and that is to protect us from our neighbors, both foreign and domestic. Here in the western world we elect these guys and pray they don't sell us out. We need protection from violent nations and people, gangs, conspiracies, corrupt officials or judges, and to provide social programs and safety nets for the overall prosperity of our nation. In my lifetime, we have experienced relative peace and prosperity and the result is that we take our freedom and liberty for granted. Big mistake, recent history says exactly the opposite and if you leave these guys unchecked or un-known that negligence can only produce a bad government.

We are obviously no smarter than the Romans were 2000 years ago, but we do have exponentially more information available. Every local and national election is critical, our candidates say what they need to say but their voting records and purported programs are public knowledge. Talking politics with your friends is one the best ways to understand our local candidates and to keep the bums out office. These days there is no such thing as a good political party, only that some of the most extreme and malleable members will congregate at the top. Nobody should be voting for the incumbent without a good reason because the longer they spend in office worse they can get, do them favor. US politics is a money game but human intelligence can cut through the staged media broadcasts if we are willing to think for ourselves.