

# THE COMMON GOOD



If the press can't take responsibility for themselves, how can they be given responsibility for balanced reporting to others ?

*"America's Trinity" is stamped on each coin in your pocket;*  
*Liberty – In God We Trust – e pluribus unum {out of many one}.*

If we don't have some semblance of common sense, there would be no civility in American values. Common sense is the source of civic virtue. Consider what would happen if a large section of society voluntarily disobeyed the laws (as some cities are experiencing now) without calculating what the penalty for their actions would entail. Many cities in our justice system are doing just that today, through major political parties' leadership. Ayn Rand's novel *Atlas Shrugged* is her storied example of portraying America's conscience. She became the intellectual godmother of the modern-day American story. Uber's founder and CEO Travis Kalanick used her code of values in *Atlas & The Fountain Head* starting his business model.

Truth itself is a common good. History reports that men like philosophers Aristotle & Plato, and scientists Galileo were attacked for their independent thinking by NOT substituting false ideas of the day for their new discoveries.

The common good is especially imperiled when a leader of the United States alleges that millions of unauthorized illegal immigrants have not disrupted borders, voting, human & drug trafficking. Then journalist, knowing which side of their bread is buttered on, provide cover with less than truthful reporting. Poet & philosopher Vaclav Havel put it, “ If the main pillar of the system is living a lie, then it is not surprising that the fundamental threat is to truth.” George Orwell’s book, “1984”, use to be high school material. No more?

A recent president called on Americans to stand-up to prevent the world from encroaching on our borders. Pres. John F. Kennedy quoted to the America people; “Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your county.” Because if rational policies aren’t adhered to, we wouldn’t have a free country for coming generations.

One pharmaceutical company raises their prices of a life-saving drug, CEO’s of competing companies with life saving drugs do the same when pressed by their investors. What does this have to do with rationality, government has allowed too many very large company take-overs, causing monopolies.

Political scientist, James Q. Wilson noted that a broken window, unattended, in a poor community signals that no one cares. I believe the modern press has had a broken window for a long time. Audiences allowed it by following news they like instead of searching for news we believe is closer to the facts.

Over 52 scandals involving our government has occurred lately. Government has an inability to learn because voters keep voting to put bad actors back in office. No political party is always on the correct side of an issue. So if your voting the same party into office each cycle, you are knowingly screwing America. No matter how we’re registered we must vote the **lesser of two evils**. Americans lately have shown they can’t. Conduct previously considered wrong has become normal. Thank you, ignorant voters! Cynicism prevails.

Restoring *the common good* requires a new commitment to civil education and parenting of young children’s education. Civic education was eliminated long ago from high schools’ curriculum. The president of Harvard, Charles W.

Eliot in 1869, said; “The best solution to the problem of national order, lay in the education of individuals to service & stewardship for our country. Boy-O-Boy does that sound hokie today. I guess I might have lost you readers by now? Note; we make legal immigrants pass a civics test covering American history & government.

A specific political group isn't interested in improving people's lives, they want to control it. The discontent and rage of the sixties radicals now dominates a part of a political party. The other party isn't much better sometimes, but that's the point – vote for the better of two evils. Note the foot-soldiers are in groups with names like Occupy Wall Street, Antifa, BLM & others. Compared to a simple group with no central leader that was ridiculed for just wanting government to be reduced, cast-out monopolies, reduce government spending and put education back in education. It was the joke called The Tea Party, and those who ridiculed it didn't even understand its history. They were generally the elites, the most educated & intelligent – they thought. There is a big difference between intelligence & wisdom. If your highly intelligent your mind is very good in obtaining knowledge, remembering things. If you have money, you can obtain more intelligence by attending better schools. In other words you can buy more knowledge. Wisdom can't be bought; Wisdom is how we use knowledge. Generally *wisdom* is the rarer commodity and can't be bought with any amount of money, it must be acquired.

Here is a list of actions some American's wish to see come to fruition; Give some of America's sovereign authority to the U.N./enact the Green New Deal/ban fracking/add members to the Supreme Court/appoint activist judges/abolish the Electoral College/further downsize the military/abolish private health insurance for socialized Medicare for all/Impose a wealth tax/Increase death tax instead of eliminating it/Increase minimum wages, while many healthy wage countries have no minimum wage at all/Abolish ICE/Abolish borders & grant mass amnesty/make transgenderism a civil right issue/Provide slavery reparations/Legalize voting for convicted felons/Empower government to micromanage what we eat. Nuts, right?