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“You cannot end poverty by giving people money.”

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“Those that cast the votes don't decide the election. Those that count the votes do.”

Joseph Stalin

A Meeting of the Minds

The Conservative Thought Hour (CTH), our weekly radio show, had as our guest this week, Lawrence Lessig. Lessig is a lawyer, a professor of law at Harvard, author of at least a dozen books, and, as if that weren't enough, he holds a Bachelor's degree in Economics, one in Management, a Master's degree in Philosophy from Cambridge, all in addition to his JD. *The New Yorker* has called him “the most important thinker on intellectual property in the internet age”. But what drew me to invite him onto CTH was his facility in expressing his often-complex thoughts in a manner easily understood. Also of interest to me is that he self-identifies as a Democrat. Yes, I was really looking forward to our conversation.

I first came upon Larry as I was trolling TED Talks. This particular talk had as its topic “Our democracy no longer represents the people”. This is, of course, a position with which most conservative thinkers would readily agree. Not surprisingly, Larry has a host of videos on YouTube, and – with the exception of occasional nods to his Democratic roots, his thoughts and ideas vibrate with a logic that is irresistible, regardless of your political philosophy.

And during our conversation I was again struck by the commonalities we shared. And isn't this the way life should be in these United States? We have proven, time and again, that there is no force on earth more powerful than an educated, united people supported by a fair, free-market economy.

And yet, in spite of our successes over the past 250 years, there are forces seeking to tear us apart. Lincoln, in his 1838 Lyceum address said “If destruction be our lot, we must ourselves be its author and finisher. As a nation of free men, we must live through all time, or die by suicide.”

A quick look at televised/cable news will show organizations hell-bent on taking advantage of us. It does not matter whether it is CNN, FOX, or any of the other outlets. They are all selling the same thing: chaos. That's how they make money.

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“The good news, according to Joe Biden, is that the rich will pay for everything. The bad news is that you are rich.”

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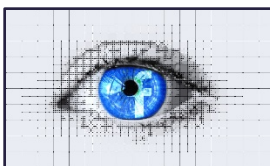
This issue’s [Imprimis](#) article is [“January 6 Insurrection Hoax”](#) by Roger Kimball. The author seeks to help us understand that the January ‘riot’ was not a stand-alone event, but can be more readily understood if we view it through its place in a series of events, none of which will be properly understood by itself.

[Hillsdale College](#), in Hillsdale Michigan, is a school with no dependency on our federal government. They accept no tax funds, for any reason, and therefore they cannot be coerced to act against their beliefs.

If freedom of speech is taken away, then dumb and silent we may be led, like sheep to the slaughter

George Washington

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They work very hard at dividing us as a people. The human mind naturally acts to simplify life for us. One of its tools is to divide difficult issues into only two options: left-right, up-down, in-out, yes-no, right-wrong. So, when we are given the chance to divide ourselves into Republican-Democrat, conservative-liberal, black-white, it is hard to resist falling into that trap.

Yet, resist we must. Television news shows are not our enemies. They are useful idiots, tools of a far deeper danger, one that – in fact – seeks to control the United States, and its people.

It was reported that Zuckerberg spent \$419 million in the 2020 election. The Koch brothers are not afraid to spend money to achieve their goals. The Georgia Senate run-off election was bought with hundreds of millions of dollars that arrived from California.

George Soros is someone who has bought unfair influence with his money. Soros, born in Hungary as György Schwartz in 1930, collaborated with the Nazis during the war to stay alive. I will not fault him for this, because those were truly ugly times. He became a dual Hungarian-American citizen in 1960. Yet I question why. He is no fan of the US. In fact, he recently said that “The main obstacle to a stable and just world order is the United States.”

If he feels this way, why do we let him exert enormous influence on our elections? Soros exists at the center of a tangled web of organizations, some of which have been declared persona non grata in various countries of the world. And his influence here, in these dis-United States cannot be understated. He has, among other things, spent a lot of money in an attempt to control the legal system in our country. He funds elections for local and state Attorneys General and District Attorneys. The commonality amongst these candidates is that the successful ones unilaterally stop prosecuting a broad range of criminal offenses.

Perhaps he is right. But if his ideas had any merit, shouldn’t he tell us – openly – what he is trying to accomplish? His concept of the ‘ideal world’ would have a better chance of happening if we were on-side. But no, he does not. He works in shadows, hiding from the light. He must be afraid that we would not agree with his goals. Therefore, he seeks to impose them using his billions.

These are our enemies, and there are lots of them, from both sides of politics. People who seek to impose their will on us, without our consent. As Larry Lessig will tell you on our show, we must remove the influence of money from our elections.

And a final thought from Albert Camus:

“The only way to live in an unfree world is to become so absolutely free that your very existence is an act of rebellion.”