

## October Edition: Socialism Is NOT the Answer



No cliché: Our hearts break for America, and for our treasured veterans who fought for freedom. We, as a nation, must repent of apathy and the normalization of immorality. Extreme liberals and extreme conservatives tend to create the most passionate friction, and sparks fly. But the sparks create fire, and the fire burns the fabric of our flag. We all need to repent of overly relying on human leaders to "fix" America. America's problems are not politically based. Let us repeat: America's problems are NOT politically based.

America's problems are not generationally based. America's problems are (drumroll)....sins. Sins of liberals and conservatives. Sins of past and present generations. Sins.

We Americans need to start loving God and neighbor more. We need to repent. We need to believe and receive God's Son, Jesus Christ. It's not politically correct to say it, but it is true.

This world --this country-- needs a Savior. His Name is Jesus Christ. He loves you. He said, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

Praying hard,  
Stacie Ruth and Carrie Beth

## Feature Article

### Socialism for the Uninformed

by Thomas Sowell



Socialism sounds great. It has always sounded great. And it will probably always continue to sound great. It is only when you go beyond rhetoric, and start looking at hard facts, that **socialism turns out to be a big disappointment, if not a disaster.**

While throngs of young people [cheered] loudly for avowed socialist Bernie Sanders, socialism has turned oil-rich Venezuela into a place where there are shortages of everything from toilet paper to beer, where electricity keeps shutting down, and where there are long lines of people hoping to get food, people complaining that they cannot feed their families.

With national income going down, and prices going up under triple-digit inflation in Venezuela, these complaints are by no means frivolous. But it is doubtful if the young people [who cheered] for Bernie Sanders have even heard of such things, whether in Venezuela or in other countries around the world that have turned their economies over to politicians and bureaucrats to run.

The anti-capitalist policies in Venezuela have worked so well that the number of companies in Venezuela is now a fraction of what it once was. **That should certainly reduce capitalist "exploitation," shouldn't it?**

But people who attribute income inequality to capitalists exploiting workers, as Karl Marx claimed, never seem to get around to testing that belief against facts -- such as the fact that none of the

Marxist regimes around the world has ever had as high a standard of living for working people as there is in many capitalist countries.

Facts are seldom allowed to contaminate the beautiful vision of the left. What matters to the true believers are the ringing slogans, endlessly repeated.

When Senator Sanders cries, "The system is rigged!" no one asks, "Just what specifically does that mean?" or "What facts do you have to back that up?"

In 2015, the 400 richest people in the world had net losses of \$19 billion. If they had rigged the system, surely they could have rigged it better than that.

But the very idea of subjecting their pet notions to the test of hard facts will probably not even occur to those who are cheering for socialism and for other bright ideas of the political left.

How many of the people who are demanding an increase in the minimum wage have ever bothered to check what actually happens when higher minimum wages are imposed? More often they just assume what is assumed by like-minded peers -- sometimes known as "everybody," with their assumptions being what "everybody knows."

Back in 1948, when inflation had rendered meaningless the minimum wage established a decade earlier, the unemployment rate among 16-17-year-old black males was under 10 percent. But after the minimum wage was raised repeatedly to keep up with inflation, the unemployment rate for black males that age was never under 30 percent for more than 20 consecutive years, from 1971 through 1994. In many of those years, the unemployment rate for black youngsters that age exceeded 40 percent and, for a couple of years, it exceeded 50 percent.

The damage is even greater than these statistics might suggest. Most low-wage jobs are entry-level jobs that young people move up out of, after acquiring work experience and a track record that makes them eligible for better jobs. But you can't move up the ladder if you don't get on the ladder.

The great promise of socialism is something for nothing. It is one of the signs of today's dumbed-down education that so many college students seem to think that the cost of their education should -- and will -- be paid by raising taxes on "the rich."

Here again, just a little check of the facts would reveal that higher tax rates on upper-income earners do not automatically translate into more tax revenue coming in to the government. Often high tax rates have led to less revenue than lower tax rates.

In a globalized economy, high tax rates may just lead investors to invest in other countries with lower tax rates. That means that jobs created by those investments will be overseas.

None of this is rocket science. But you do have to stop and think -- and that is what too many of our schools and colleges are failing to teach their students to do.

## Monthly Features

### Socialism is NOT the Answer: *A Video and An Editorial*

Today, the words of British Prime Minister Winston Churchill still resonate:

*"Socialism is a philosophy of failure, the creed of ignorance, and the gospel of envy, its inherent virtue is the equal sharing of misery."*

Have you noticed? Socialism is seeping into our country. On the surface, socialism appears to offer advantages. But do not be deceived. It is a powerful hypocrite who steals freedoms.

Leaders like Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton have dedicated their lives to building up socialism and thereby tearing down freedom. One of their primary mentors was Saul Alinsky, a man who hated God and freedom. This man deceived many impressionable students. Tragically, his strategies and beliefs transform people into enemies of freedom.

**While initially sounding like a good thing, socialism is like an abuser who buys wonderful presents yet steals freedom and inflicts injury. It cannot be tolerated! Indeed, it ultimately replaces freedom with tyranny.**

Often, people who initially find it attractive have been hurt by hypocrisy within Christian circles. (Jesus Christ warned us about hypocrites, so it is nothing new.) But socialism represents a secular hypocrisy: Its goal is to replace God with government, which pretends to help but only does so to gain power for itself. (Of course there are various levels of socialism but in this edition we are just going to reference it in its general term.) Socialism lures people in through false promises of "protection", "wealth", and an "easy and fair" life. Don't be fooled by the "promises" of socialism. It will destroy you.

Dr. Jerry Newcombe makes a powerful point: *"How many people have to die before the world, including many Americans, realizes that socialism never works, always fails, and kills people?"*

Read Dr. Newcombe's article on socialism [here](#).

We believe that most Americans would be fervently opposed to socialism if they understood what it really means.

Recently, D. James Kennedy Ministries released a television special called **The 3 Big Lies of Socialism**. Take time to watch it here. Your eyes will be opened. You will see our country (and the world) from a new perspective and you will be more aware of the dangers of socialism and how to fight it.



### **The 3 Big Lies of Socialism by D. James Kennedy Ministries**

Our goal for this edition of Unite the USA is to expose what socialism really is and how we can stop it. (Read this month's featured article by Dr. Thomas Sowell called *Socialism for the Uninformed*.)

Share this edition with your friends and on social media. Do your part to reveal the truth on the dangers of socialism and the people behind its agenda. Let's stand together and defend our country from the enemies within. One way to do that is to vote for freedom-loving candidates on November 8.

During such a critical time in history, now is the time pray A LOT and ask our Lord Jesus to help redeem our country. Do not give up! Pray without ceasing and trust Him. Keep doing all that we can both in prayer and by being responsible citizens. Remember, He is the One Who can do the impossible.

Keep the faith and trust in Jesus...  
Stacie Ruth and Carrie Beth Stoelting  
Sisters and Founders of Unite the USA

**Meet our Featured Writer: Thomas Sowell**



Thomas Sowell was born in North Carolina and grew up in Harlem. As with many others in his neighborhood, Thomas Sowell left home early and did not finish high school. The next few years were difficult ones, but eventually he joined the Marine Corps and became a photographer in the Korean War. After leaving the service, Thomas Sowell entered Harvard University, worked a part-time job as a photographer and studied the science that would become his passion and profession: economics.

After graduating magna cum laude from Harvard University (1958), Thomas Sowell went on to receive his master's in economics from Columbia University (1959) and a doctorate in economics from the University of Chicago (1968).

In the early '60s, Sowell held jobs as an economist with the Department of Labor and AT&T. But his real interest was in teaching and scholarship. In 1965, at Cornell University, Sowell began the first of many professorships. Thomas Sowell's other teaching assignments include Rutgers University, Amherst College, Brandeis University and the University of California at Los Angeles, where he taught in the early '70s and also from 1984 to 1989.

Thomas Sowell has published a large volume of writing. His dozen books, as well as numerous articles and essays, cover a wide range of topics, from classic economic theory to judicial activism, from civil rights to choosing the right college.

Moreover, much of his writing is considered ground-breaking -- work that will outlive the great majority of scholarship done today.

Though Thomas Sowell had been a regular contributor to newspapers in the late '70s and early '80s, he did not begin his career as a newspaper columnist until 1984. George F. Will's writing, says Sowell, proved to him that someone could say something of substance in so short a space (750 words). And besides, writing for the general public enables him to address the heart of issues without the smoke and mirrors that so often accompany academic writing.

In 1990, he won the prestigious Francis Boyer Award, presented by The American Enterprise Institute. Currently Thomas Sowell is a senior fellow at the Hoover Institute in Stanford, California.

## Vote on November 8

Throughout history, our nation's heroes (and their families) have sacrificed so much so that we may live in freedom. Think about this: Thousands upon thousands of our brave men and women have lost their lives, suffered massive injuries, and endured wartime horrors. They did it for you. **We are free thanks to our heroes.**

Yes, thanks to our heroes, we are free and we have the right to vote. **With that said, do not let them down!** Do not let political disillusionment or disappointment stop you from voting. **Vote in our elections this November 8.** Vote for the candidates who are the most likely to follow the

Constitution, look to the Lord, and love America. (So in regards to the presidential election, don't vote for Hillary. . . )

While everyone is mostly talking about the presidential election, there are many important U.S. Senate, U.S. House, and many state and local level elections. *For example, in our home state of Iowa, **Senator Chuck Grassley** and **Congressman Steve King** are up for re-election. (If you are from Iowa, join us and vote for them!)*

1. [Click here](#) to register to vote and then be sure to vote on November 8.
2. The American Family Association has a helpful voter guide. Check it out [here](#).
3. Find your polling place or vote via absentee ballot! Ask your county auditor for more information.



### This Month's Bible Verse



"...but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint." **Isaiah 40:30-31**

### Featured Quote

"The problem with socialism is that eventually you run out of other people's money."

**-Margaret Thatcher,**  
*former Prime Minister of the United Kingdom*



## Featured Founding Father



**Edward Rutledge** (November 23, 1749 - January 23, 1800) was the youngest signer of the Declaration of Independence. He was educated in law at Oxford and studied for and was admitted to the English Bar. Edward represented South Carolina in the Continental Congress. In November of 1776 he joined the defense of his colony. He was a member of the Charleston Battalion of Artillery, engaged in several important battles, and attained the rank of Captain.

## We Were Made to "Thrive"

During these uncertain times, listen to "Thrive" and worship our Lord Jesus.

We'll never forget when Pastor Doug, our worship leader and senior pastor, first introduced us to this worship song. Its message is true: "We were made for so much more than ordinary lives. It's time for us to more than just survive. We were made to thrive!"

God's love is unstoppable! And, yes, anything is possible. As the song says, "He can make darkness run and hide."

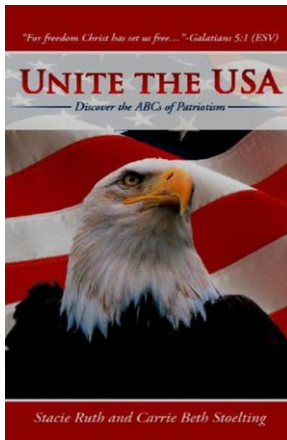




We have hope and ultimate victory in Him!

Never give up,  
Stacie Ruth and Carrie Beth

## Order Now



*Unite the USA: Discover the ABCs of Patriotism* is a new book by **Stacie Ruth and Carrie Beth Stoelting**. It's a book that empowers patriots to make a big difference in the land we love. With 100+ ways to make a positive difference in America, *Unite the USA* is a must-have tool for patriots. *Unite the USA* will inspire and educate Americans to defend faith and freedom. (Important Note: All proceeds go to fund the mission of [UnitetheUSA.org](http://UnitetheUSA.org).) Order it here today!

## *In God We Still Trust* A CD by Stacie and Carrie Stoelting



Per request from veterans who love patriotic and inspiring music sung by Stacie and Carrie, *In God We Still Trust* was recorded. From the National Anthem to "God Bless America" you will be inspired and uplifted about our God-given freedoms. All proceeds go to Unite the USA. Help promote faith and freedom in America. Your support is important and appreciated. Buy or download a copy today. God bless you as you celebrate the red, white, and blue!

## In God We Still Trust Video

Our country needs to turn to Jesus. Listen to "In God We Still Trust" for inspiration to keep "fighting the good fight". For hope and encouragement, listen to Stacie Ruth and Carrie Beth sing "In God We Still Trust".



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