

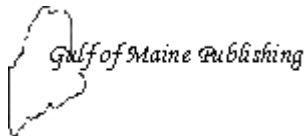
# POVERTY

## A VIOLATION OF LAW

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## INTRODUCTION

The right appeals to us to save freedom by obeying the laws of God. The founders advised us to obey the “Laws of Nature and Nature’s God”.

When was the last time that anyone heard a politician advise anyone to obey the Laws of Nature?

America is known as a land of laws. Unfortunately, far too many of our rules and regulations (laws) are based on the authority of our legislators and not on the authority of the “Laws of Nature and Nature’s God”. Often such laws are based on opinions and result in endless unforeseen consequences.

All manmade laws must first agree with Natural Law. The Laws of Nature have been in existence forever and take precedence over anything man can come up with; otherwise, a just law cannot be created. Laws that conflict with Nature are based on error and can only result in chaos, poverty, and tyranny.

It is the duty of the citizens of a free society to have basic knowledge of Natural Law; just as it is the duty of the physically able to defend the nation (self - defense) against those who would commit offensive aggression against its citizens.

This work is written so that the lay person can easily understand it. It is not intended to impress academia. I am not an academic. I am a self-educated lay person who is speaking to my fellow citizens. Academics find little, if anything, they can agree on as truth. Global warming is a case in point.

It is important to understand what I am saying here -- one should recognize the difference between economics as defined in Wikipedia as “the social

science that studies the production, distribution, and consumption of goods and services”. Whereas Natural Law Private Property economics deals with the citizen’s right to life and freedom.

Because Industrial Economics is vital to one’s earning income (private property) that is used to maintain his life, the difference between the two is of little consequence. When one is obedient to the dictates of Natural Law, he will respect the property of all others, including those for whom he works. When private property rights are damaged through the destructive actions of others, one has had his right to life infringed upon and his freedom damaged. If this happens often enough, the result is poverty and loss of freedom. The natural consequence of the loss of freedom is poverty.

In socialist nations, socialism is the number one subject in the school systems. In capitalist America, capitalism is seldom, if ever, mentioned in a positive way in our public schools. Also the subject of Natural Law is never mentioned in the schools or in the media. Even our law schools overlook Natural Law for the most part. Students attend public schools for twelve years so that they can go to the Department of Employment Security and register themselves as unskilled!

I am a veteran of World War II. I believe that the effort I am making at this time to be more important than dropping bombs from a B-24.

Our nation is on the path to socialism. Socialism is an economic system based on opinion, not Natural Law. Our only defense is to understand Natural Law Private Property Rights. This is the premise upon which this nation was founded. All have the right to life,

liberty, and the pursuit of happiness under the [authority] of the “Laws of Nature and Nature’s God”.

There are those who believe America was founded on Judeo Christian principles, Bill O’Reilly, for instance. The founders were influenced to a considerable degree by Judeo Christian principles, but, as I just said, it is Natural Law Private Property Rights under the [authority] of the “Laws of Nature and Nature’s God” that is the foundation of this nation.

The most important words ever written in the history of mankind are in our founding documents -- “...that all men have the right to, life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness...” “...And to assume among the Powers of the Earth, the separate and equal Station in which the Laws of Nature and Nature’s God entitle them”. (The Declaration of Independence.)

From these words in the Declaration of Independence only one conclusion can be drawn -- we are obliged to conduct ourselves in obedience to the “Laws of Nature and Nature’s God”; all else constitutes opinion. I capitalize Nature, just as I capitalize God, for the same reason.

## ***CHAPTER I***

### **THE MOON**

**Nature's Laws took us to the moon --violations will drive us to poverty.**

All will agree that we have the right to life. All generate income in order to maintain the life that God and Nature has given them. Taking some, or all, of one's income through legalized plunder (government) or illegal plunder (thieves, swindlers and Ponzi schemes) is in actual fact a denial of one's life to whatever degree one's income is taken from them. The responsibility is entirely that of governments everywhere on earth because a government's total responsibility is to protect its citizens from those who would act destructively against their fellow citizens. This includes, in particular, those within the government.

As people work to generate income to maintain their lives, they should work just as diligently to

increase their knowledge of liberty so that all may live in freedom, prosperity and justice.

When people cash their paychecks and look at the money in their hands, are they justified in believing that the money is theirs? If they use some of the money to buy tools, are they justified in believing that the newly purchased tools are their private property? Are the house and car that they have been paying on for years, their private property?

Not any more! Actions by city councils, state governments, and the U.S. Supreme Court say no more! Whereas the Constitution empowers government to take private property for public use, in the case of *Kelo v/s New London, Connecticut*, the court has given the town of New London the power to take private property for private use. By the use of Eminent Domain one's property now can go to the person, or persons, willing to redevelop the property to generate higher revenue.

In the town of Sanford, Maine, an old mill complex has been seized from the owner and transferred to a private group to be developed into a mall. The owner is to be paid one hundred fifty thousand dollars. This is a fraction of the actual worth of the land alone. The many large buildings are worth as much, if not more than the land. This real estate is in the center of the town. One acre in this location is worth more than one million dollars

With the power of Eminent Domain, property can be taken, but government must pay just compensation. Of course it is the government that determines what constitutes just compensation.

There are several ways that property can be taken with no compensation. If a so-called "endangered species" is found on private property, the property can-

not be developed or used for any purpose. If there is a puddle on a piece of property, the Corp of Engineers can declare it a wetland after which it cannot be used. The owner of the land does not get any compensation.

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Capitalism is the only economic system based on Natural Law Private Property Rights that results in justice for all. It is my opinion that the environmentalists and organizations like the ACLU are anti-capitalists first, and nothing else, second. Justice is offensive to them. They will do all that is in their power to bring America under the rule of man and away from the rule of “Nature and Nature’s God”.

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I can sit with a group of my friends and discuss the problems of the day. We can go on for hours. We can come up with a consensus, a solution for health care, education, energy, whatever. When we are done, we all go on our merry way. Maybe we are better informed at the conclusion of our gabfest or what is more likely, more confused.

On the other hand, a group of legislators doing the same thing, walk away from their session leaving us with a new “law” or “regulation” based on their [opinions.] Occasionally we will end up with a good law. However, for the most part, we will realize a loss of another fragment of our freedom.

It is important to recognize that liberty and freedom, under certain circumstances, are different. A lawyer summarizing a case before a jury has freedom of

speech, but he also has the liberty to speak. The judge has the liberty to interrupt the lawyer. Although the jurors maintain their freedom of speech and all the others in the courtroom have freedom of speech; they do not have the liberty to speak. If they take the liberty to speak, they will be ejected from the courtroom.

Today every outrage imaginable is defended under the misguided belief that slander, libel and treason are protected by the first amendment. The first amendment never was intended to give citizens the freedom to commit treason, as Jane Fonda did during the Vietnam War; nor aid and comfort to the enemy that has become commonplace today in the war against terrorism.

People who are trusted to contribute to the security of our nation leak classified material. After all, they have freedom of speech. They do not have the liberty to compromise our nation's defenses, nor to endanger our troops and civilian workers in a war zone!

The executive branch of our government has to brief members of congress on the most sensitive matters that affect our national security. When one considers that the motivation of the members of congress is purely political, it becomes obvious that the most sensitive material is going to be leaked. Even people in the FBI and the CIA who have a political ax to grind, are going to leak secret documents.

“Everyone wants to save the world, but no one will help mama with the dishes!” In other words, if one wishes to improve humanity, he should start by working on himself. If one would reform himself by even a microscopic part, the world would be better by that amount. Multiply that by a few million times and one

might even be able to notice the difference. “Hey! The old neighborhood does not look that bad after all!”

How did we get into this mess? Every day thousands upon thousands of people are killed. The killers for the most part are governments. It is their job to prevent killing, and yet they are the worst culprits. Millions upon millions of people are plundered every day. The plunderers are governments all over the world. It’s supposed to be their job to prevent plunder. Rather than stop it, they have legalized it. Now we have legalized plunder!

America is the world’s number one super power. It cannot, or refuses to, seal its borders. As Dr. Phil would ask, “And how is this working for you?” If sealing our borders is not job one for the military, then what is? If our borders were properly sealed, we wouldn’t have to worry about terrorists doing us harm. They wouldn’t be here to begin with. But as it is, between Muslims and Mexicans, we have twenty million potential mischief-makers in our midst. In the past people migrated to America to become Americans. The Mexicans and Muslims have no intention to assimilate. On the first day that the Mexicans protested immigration laws, what flag were they carrying? “The American flag was noticeable by its absence.” By the next day the protesters realized that not displaying the American flag was a PR disaster. Now they featured the American flag along with their own Mexican Flag.

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It is the great increase in productivity that has prevented the bankrupting of western economies. The blue-collar worker provides all with food, clothing, and

shelter. There is a great need for white-collar workers -- the city hall workers, schoolteachers, clerks of all kinds, etc. The blue collars produce the goods that keep us alive.

NAFTA was supposed to cause a great “sucking sound of American jobs going south”. The great sucking sounds were people moving north to fill the need for workers. The truth of the matter is that we had jobs for twenty million aliens. Unemployment stood at four points. It is seven percent at this writing and heading to ten percent. Five percent is considered full employment. Five percent represents the people in transit from one job to another. The Obama presidency is going to be a textbook demonstration of the government creating poverty

It is corporate America that provides the blue collars with jobs that result in growing wealth for all. It is impossible to help the wage earner by harming the wage payer.

It is corporate America that pays the wages of every politician in the local, state and central governments. Corporate America indirectly pays the wages of every cop, firefighter, schoolteacher, sanitation worker, street sweeper, military person, etc.

Enron was not a failure of corporate America. It was a failure of government whose job it is to protect its citizens from predators. Madoff’s fifty-billion-dollar Ponzi scheme and the bursting of the housing bubble were failures of government, not failures of the private sector.

When corporations act destructively toward workers and stockholders, it is a failure of government, not the free market. The result is a loss of freedom and quality of life. It is the government’s responsibility to

maintain order. Capitalists cannot use force to maintain order. It is not their job. The use of force by entrepreneurs is against the law

Governments use force to “stop or fend off those who act destructively” -- (Leonard Reed, THE FOUNDATION FOR ECONOMIC EDUCATION) -- when they are limited to functions within the authority given to them by the people. Governments cannot exercise any rights that were not first held by the citizens under the authority of Nature. People existed before governments; therefore, rights advance from the citizens to the government, not from the government to the nation.

How can we survive as a free nation when the majority of citizens are illiterate as to how freedom works? One third of Americans have no idea where government gets its money. One third believes government has its own money, and one third are painfully aware that government gets its money from them! (Conclusions of endless polls.)

Of what I have written so far one can believe it, or not. It is one's choice, but one can be sure that deer, dogs, cats, squirrels, chipmunks, and all of the creatures of the seas and the sky, never needed to have this sort of discussion. The only laws governing their activities are the Laws of Nature. They have no choice. They must obey because they have to act according to their instincts

Humans are cursed with a brain that enables them to justify anything and everything they do. It depends on “whose ox is being gored”.

The human brain is corrupt. The brains of all other living creatures are as pure as Nature. They do not wage wars, kill for the fun of it, or do anything that

is not in harmony with their nature. Humans violate their nature in every possible way one can imagine. We are a paradox, constantly fighting ourselves. We tear ourselves apart within and are belligerent to the point of inflicting harm on others. On the other side of this monster we call human, are those who dedicate their lives to the service of others. Humans are this way because they have freewill. They can choose to be good, or to be evil. Humans make up governments everywhere. Can anyone deny that politicians are like a swarm of mosquitoes that drives us to distraction?

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The purest culture that ever existed on planet earth are the members of the First Nations -- what Columbus called Indians, and others refer to as native Americans.

All citizens born in America are native Americans, but are not members of the First Nation or the First People.

The First Nation was pure. Like the bear, wolf, and other creatures, they marked their territory and fought to protect it from trespassers. They never invaded their neighboring Nation for the purpose of taking their territory and subjecting its members to the invaders' rules. They did, on occasion, raid their neighbors and take some of their women. The more women they had the better their chances were to survive as a nation. This is as close as the First Nations came to offensive violence.

The First Nation lived close to Nature. They obeyed Nature's Laws. Therefore they limited themselves to acts of self-defense. Defensive violence

is imposed on us by Nature. Offensive violence is a violation of the Laws of Nature.

The First Nation saw everything through the Laws of Nature. This contributed mightily to their wisdom. Their children were never disciplined. They became responsible adults by copying the behavior of their parents. (Pride Publications, Inc. 22 Emerson St. Wakefield Mass.)

Americans, for the most part, would like to see all of the nations of the world have a democratic form of government. Even if this were possible, democracy would die within one or two generations. It is freedom that we should strive to expand. If we were successful in spreading freedom and the knowledge of freedom, democracy would follow.

How can people who have never known freedom maintain a democracy? In America, with hundreds of years of freedom, only about one in four citizens can be considered politically literate. If one doesn't think so, then think about this -- in the next national election only half of those who are eligible will vote. The other half do not want to support those they consider to be self-serving politicians. That means that of the remaining fifty percent, a little more than half will determine who will be the next minority candidate to become president of the United States.

Furthermore, the United States is being invaded by millions of unarmed illegal immigrants who are not coming here to become Americans like immigrants of the past, but to change America into the image of serfdom from which they came.

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Obedience to the Laws of Nature made it possible to put persons on the moon. The laws of engineering are actually Laws of Nature. The laws of economics fall under the Laws of Nature. Whatever one sees or does falls within Natural Law. Scientists who searched for unknown truths discovered all the laws necessary to build the space shuttle. They were not free to alter a single principle. They were not free to substitute opinion for law. If they had, their efforts would have failed. On the path of discovery, failures occur. Scientists learn from their failures and incorporate their newfound knowledge, which results in a better machine.

From the Wright Brothers to the modern airliner, an endless chain of discovery of Natural Law principles brought the miracle of modern aviation to fruition. From Henry Ford's Model T to the modern luxury cars, the same holds true. The trading of a loaf of bread has to be accomplished within the dictates of Nature's Laws.

When one distinguishes between Natural Law Private Property economics and industrial economics, one could almost conclude that the difference is more like splitting hairs than finding a meaningful difference.

No one would try to build anything without having to obey the dictatorship of Nature. Freedom depends on total compliance to the first precept of Natural Law and the Commandments. From the Commandment, "Thou shalt not kill", and the first precept of Natural Law, "self-survival", (Thomas Aquinas), we come to a universal truth that each individual has a right to life.

It follows logically and within reason, if we have the right to life then we have the right to those things

necessary to sustain that life. Those things are the fruits of our labor. (Not someone else's labor.) The fruits of our labor constitute our private property. Being our property we are free to exchange it with anyone for his or her property of comparable value if the exchange is free of compulsion. This is what is called capitalism!

All have a right to life. One generates income in order to maintain his right to life. Any taking of the individual's income generated by legalized plunder (government) or illegal plunders (thieves, scam artists, price fixing, Ponzi schemes) are, in actual fact, denying one's right to life to whatever degree that his income is taken from him. This cannot be said too often.

Freedom and prosperity cannot survive without strict and uncompromising adherence to private property rights. For most of history, Americans' private property rights were jealously guarded. Unfortunately, the Supreme Court ruled that the power of Eminent Domain could be used to take the property of private individuals and transfer it to others, or to corporations. However, they would have to destroy the homes on the property and replace them with construction that would return higher taxes to the community -- *Kelo v. City of New London*.

Today, all of the homes have been destroyed, and the developers have decided not to build!

There is no end to private land being shut down to any form of development without compensation to the owners. In my community, if an individual who owned an apartment building wished to convert it to condos, he must give the present tenants the equivalent of two months' rent. You can be sure if that part of the ordinance made it mandatory for council members to

pay the two months' rent out of their own pockets, it never would have passed.

One can measure the prosperity of a nation by the degree that property rights are respected. Switzerland, Taiwan, and Hong Kong are three of the most prosperous nations on earth. They protect property rights enthusiastically. In contrast, there are no property rights in Cuba or North Korea. These and most of Africa are the poorest nations on earth. The closer a nation comes to one-man rule, the poorer that nation becomes. China, on the other hand, has an economy where property rights are expanding rapidly and so is wealth. Greater freedom is sure to follow.

If a person's home were burglarized, that person would be poorer because of it. If one were robbed on the street, that person would be poorer for their property would have been taken from them. If government taxed its citizens excessively, they would be poorer as the government would have what was theirs. The denial or taking of one's property is a violation of Natural Law and promotes poverty.

Taxes are the chief means of taking property (income from one's labor); consequently, the chief means of creating poverty. President Johnson's "War on Poverty" created poverty. All one has to do to prove that point is to do the math. There are more people who live under the poverty level today than ever. This happened in spite of full employment, record wages and trillions spent to end poverty. Obama is about to demonstrate the power of government to create poverty.

Each time wages go up by a percentage point, great numbers of workers find themselves in a higher tax bracket. More money equals less purchasing power. If one gets the impression that Congress's goal is to find

new ways to extract money from the citizenry, they would be right. On the local level, fees are the new cash cow. What used to cost a few dollars, now costs in the thousands. Building permits are a good example.

These are but a few examples as to what is happening. As the taxman takes more and more of the private sector money, the poorer everybody becomes. Our salvation is that worker productivity outpaces the tax collector. How long can the private sector keep ahead of the government's greed? Not much longer if citizens cannot make the connection that taxes constitute the taking of private property.

In the private sector greed is a virtue if government does its job and limits corporations to gaining wealth by providing quality goods and services. There is no restriction on greed within the government. The government polices the private sector. Who polices the government?

Of course government has to have money to function. Washington and the Supreme Court have expanded their power way beyond what is allowed by the Constitution.

Section 8 of the Constitution itemizes the power of the central government in plain, understandable English that any layman of normal intelligence can easily understand. It gets confusing when members of the intelligencia, while practicing the art of mental gymnastics, seek to hide what the Constitution says in a fog of double think.

Amendment IX says the enumeration in the Constitution of certain rights shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people. Amendment X states that "The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by

it to the states ARE RESERVED TO THE STATES RESPECTIVELY, OR TO THE PEOPLE.”

The only way to reverse this trend is through education. Do not look at public or higher education. This is where capitalism is shredded and the public sector (socialism) is advanced as the savior of humanity.

As capitalism is taxed in more and diverse ways from the hotdog stand to major corporations, and the minimum wage rises, poverty will expand. The teenager will find it more difficult to find work, and employers will be reluctant to hire. This corrupting means of taking property must be recognized as a violation of Natural Law and the creator of poverty. Like a thief in the night, the government's plundering of private property by stealth is hardly noticeable. As theft is institutionalized by government actions, morality of the nation deteriorates.

The word capitalism is seldom used in the media. I don't recall the last time, if ever, I saw a reference to Natural Law. There are many euphemisms used to describe capitalists -- the rich, the winners of life's lottery, the privileged, the upper class, the upper crust. Capitalists are people, from the paperboy to Bill Gates, who make money by selling products and services. They are the very people who have brought us the wonders of today's world.

Capitalism is the mother of freedom, the salvation of the poor, the servant of morality and Nature's Laws. It is private property's guardian angel. Capitalism created the computer that I am working on. I can hear the washer and dryer in the background, the result of capitalism.. Everywhere I look I see the benefits of capitalism -- the house I live in, the vehicles in my drive, UPS, my TV, food, clothing, etc. This is

wealth. Everywhere I look I see some of that wealth being siphoned off by taxes. Wealth creates wealth. After taxes there is less wealth to create wealth, ergo, taxes promote poverty. An austere government will have little harmful effect on the creation of wealth. The more interventionist government becomes, the more destructive it is to the creation of wealth.

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## ***CHAPTER II***

### **NATURE'S RULE V/S MAN**

Thomas Paine had a clear vision of Nature. He saw the wonders of planet earth. He recognized our most valuable resources -- air, water, and grass. He looked out at the vastness of space and wondered how many other planets similar to ours could be out there? As he marveled at the beauty, power, and perfection all around him; he saw God.

Nature and all living things are perfect, no flaws, except man whose mind is corrupt. Humans evolved; and in the process of evolution, the most cunning survived to produce the next generation. The question arises, "Do we have freewill, or are we just cunning?"

Are humans shrewd, crafty, ingenious, pleasing, charming, and skilled in deception and guile? They are all of these things; therefore, it is right to conclude that humans are cunning. Other creatures possess many of these qualities, but they do not behave in a destructive way. They are not free to violate their Nature, even

though many are as cunning as are humans. Man can act destructively because he is free to violate Nature's laws; therefore, it is right to conclude that humans have freewill.

Eventually, freewill that is driven by superstition and greed could result in the destruction of the human species. Most humans limit themselves to being creative; therefore, it is conceivable that good will triumph over evil.

The creators of poverty, governments, spend all of their time devising ways to separate citizens from their property. If an act of the city council, state legislature, or the federal government costs an individual money, then he now has less to spend on himself. He is poorer than before the act became law. Even worse, another little piece of his freedom has been chipped away. As the fruit of one's labor is taken, so is a corresponding amount of one's freedom.

If one went for a walk in the forest, he would soon hear the shrieking call of the blue jay that would warn every creature within hearing distance of its call that human trespassers have entered their space. It also makes a much more subdued guttural sound when things are safe. Chipmunks would sit upright on a stonewall to warn its extended family that a hawk was gliding overhead. Seagulls would scream to let other gulls know that they have found a source of food. A deer would make a subdued hush to warn other deer that danger is near. A cat purrs when it is contented. Humans talk, and talk without end, quite often several at a time. In Maine it is said, "If it doesn't improve on silence, it is best left unsaid." I do not think that Mainers pay much attention to their own wisdom. I am hearing-impaired. Sometimes I have to ask my wife to

repeat herself several times. She will say with a voice full of frustration, "You are making me waste my words!" The human voice is a thing of beauty -- a mother cooing to her baby; a voice raised in song, the sound of a full choir.

Our fellow creatures have a sound to warn each other of impending danger and, for the most part, another subdued sound when they are contented. The different sounds they make cannot be confused. There was a time that when a person was talking, others in the group would listen. Each one would speak without being interrupted or having others talk at the same time. Not anymore; now everybody talks at the same time. Unlike the creatures of the wild, the net result of the detonation of sounds is confusion, controversy, and a lack of credibility on the part of the participants. Nowhere is this more obvious than in the halls of congress. All of the talk has a political objective. Senators call for an investigation of the oil companies and charge price gouging. The oil companies have a margin of pennies per gallon. The government collects over forty cents a gallon, and congress is considering adding two dollars more per gallon! It is a rare member of congress who would mention the fact that if there were price gouging going on, the culprit would be the government. This is another example of how government creates poverty.

Legislators pass new laws. Citizens soon find loopholes in those laws. Legislators then pass laws to plug the loopholes. Individuals then find two holes in the laws intended to close the original loopholes. Next come regulations, rules, amendments, and court actions. The original intent of the legislation had not been met, nor will it ever. By then the political mosquitoes have

drained the blood from their intended victim. Another industry was on the verge of collapse.

The northeast American lobster fishery is the healthiest fishery in the world. Every year the previous year's record is broken, if not in actual numbers of lobsters caught, then in the money value of the catch. There is an army of fishcrats determined to prevent the collapse of this fishery; however, they cannot provide a shred of evidence that a collapse is possible. In fact, there is solid evidence that the coming season is going to be another record breaker. This does not stop the mosquitoes from working overtime to damage this bastion of capitalism and individualism, and they are succeeding. The lobster fishery is now in decline.

In the name of protecting the right whale from extinction, the lobstermen have been forced to modify their fishing gear at the cost to the industry of millions of dollars. Lobstermen from young pups to persons pushing ninety have never seen a right whale in the area where they fish for lobsters. There is one exception, the area near Mt. Desert Island, Maine. The right whale travels from Cape Cod to the Gulf of St. Lawrence. No one seems to know what route that they take to get there. For all that the scientists know they could go to Canada by way of the English Channel.

The right whale is a candidate for the dumbest animal on land or water. Large cargo vessels cause most of their fatalities. This animal is not smart enough to get out of the way of slow-moving coastal ships. The humpback and mink whales are around commercial fishing vessels and their gear all of the time with little, if any, provable evidence of injury or death caused by the fishermen.

The greens fight to protect the endangered species while, at the same time, they work toward the extinction of invasive species. If it is a kangaroo rat discovered on the farmer's land, the farmer loses the use of his land. If it is an Asian shore crab, kill it! It is not on the list of endangered species, but is on the list of species that pose a threat to others. ([www.vitalsignsme.org](http://www.vitalsignsme.org))

What environmental god determines which species will live and which ones will be exterminated? Isn't this a choice that Hitler made with humans whom he considered not worthy of life?

Lobster traps are set in trawls from three traps to thirty, some even more, depending on the size of the vessel. The pot warp (rope) that connects everything from the buoy to the lead trap is comprised of float rope and sink rope. Float rope is used between all the traps and twenty fathoms or more, depending on the depth, on the line leading to the buoy. From the float rope, sink rope is used up to the buoy. The float rope is used to keep the line off the bottom and prevent chafing and the loss of traps. It also prevents the line from being tangled on the hard bottom. If the line is hung down on the bottom, the trawl is lost. To replace the trawl would cost about eighty dollars per trap. Sink rope is used from the buoy to the float line. This prevents exposing any line on the surface where it could be cut off by passing vessels.

The way trawls were rigged in the past, this was an annoying problem, but not a bankroll buster. By regulation (law) starting now, 2008, all trawls must be rigged with sink or neutral buoyant rope. (Neutral buoyant? What the hell is that?) The sink rope between traps will cause endless problems as the rope keeps getting hung down and chaffing off. This regulation

will bankrupt many families' fishing businesses with more government-promoted poverty, and more families falling prey to the anti-capitalist greens. By the way, has anyone seen a family farm lately?

It has taken years to bring about these regulations. The nature of government is to stop or fend off; consequently, it moves at a snail's pace. The capitalist makes a decision one-day, and implements it the next.

What about Natural Law? Does it have five layers of bureaucracy before it can react? No. Does Nature have to meet in huge chambers populated by individuals whose consciences were traded in years before for votes? No. Does it have to get the approval of committees? No. Does it have to pass its decision to bureaus for enforcement? No. Most important of all, does its laws create poverty or wealth?

If Natural Law were obeyed to the letter, there would be no infringement of property rights. If governments enforced laws that harmonized with the Laws of Nature they would then promote wealth. When all workers are allowed to keep a fair share of their earnings, they will be invigorated to increase their productivity. With inspired energy they will increase their welfare by converting natural resources to usable products by the use of tools.

With governments acting in honorable ways, this will influence citizens to become more respectful. In most elections less than fifty percent of the eligible voters participate. This means that a minority of twenty-five percent determines the members of government. This is considered disgraceful. It is said that if you don't vote, you have nothing to complain about. Well, what if fifty percent of the voters considered their

choice to be between twiddle-de and twiddle-dumb? In that case they would consider them all to be unworthy!

The late Leonard Reed, founder of the FOUNDATION FOR ECONOMIC EDUCATION, argued that one has a third choice when he goes to the polls. If one believed that a vote for either candidate would be a vote for the lesser of two evils, then he should leave that portion of the ballot blank. He argued that when thousands upon thousands of ballots would come in blank, this would encourage better-qualified candidates to seek election.

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Natural Law is complete. There are vast unknown aspects of Nature yet to be discovered. Scientists will continue to discover laws pertaining to the human body and mind. Scientific discovery will make it possible to build machines that we cannot even imagine. OPEC will be left with their oil in the ground, just as the coal miners priced themselves out of the market.

Each discovery of Nature equals perfect truth. Each new law out of congress is full of holes. Unlike Nature's Laws that solve problems, congress creates laws that are problems. Nature's Laws are the foundation that property rights rest upon. Congressional laws are opinions, like the termites that eat away at the foundation of property rights.

Wealth is created by labor that converts natural resources with the use of tools into usable products. If there were no natural resources to convert into products, then wealth could not be created.

The greens have destroyed the northwest lumber industry on the pretense that the endangered spotted owl was threatened. The New England fishing industry is being destroyed on the pretense that it endangers the right whale.

We are not permitted to drill for oil in many places with known large deposits of oil on the pretense that the environment would be damaged. We are denied permission to drill in areas of the Gulf of Mexico, but the Communist Chinese can! Land with a puddle on it cannot be developed because the puddle constitutes a wetland.

One can only conclude that environmental opinions are anti-capitalist and, therefore, anti property rights. Under the subterfuge of protecting Nature, they are violating the Laws of Nature by creating poverty. Ask the New England fishermen, the northwest lumbermen, and the roughneck who is out of work because of the enviros. Ask them how prosperous they felt after the banks foreclosed on their property because the area from which they drew their income had been declared off-limits. With their way of life gone, they must now enter a world where they feel they do not belong

Not only does the political interventionist cause financial harm, the psychological damage is unknown and beyond measure. The culture (nation) that was part of their spirit and their soul, is now gone.

The same can be said about the family farms and the hundreds of family fishing businesses. Family logging enterprises are feeling the same pain.

The enforcers of government laws carry guns. You obey the law, or they will kill you! No way, one would argue. Every way, I argue. A recent Supreme

Court ruling allowed the taking of private property through Eminent Domain to be transferred to others. The new owners would be obliged to develop the property in order to create greater revenue for the community. If the evicted person refused to vacate his property, the force of law would be brought in to evict him. The property owner would resist the force brought to bear to evict him by the use of his own force. To leave the property, the owner would be agreeing to the injustice that he opposed. He has determined that he will not yield in any way. As the police effort mounts to break the stand off, the resistance by the citizen accelerates to a corresponding degree. He is armed. He is determined that he is not going to surrender what has been his home for all of his life for the benefit of a big box store. From that point it is an argument as to who fired first. In any event, the person is dead, lying on the floor that he had walked on all of his life, with his babies and with his spouse. They are now all gone.

Construction on the big box store will begin on time. The grand opening will also be on time. They have their lawyers; and the property owners have their loose change.

Nature does not tolerate violation of its laws. Property rights have been violated. The punishment? Another chip cut from the granite of freedom.