

Tax Day Tea Party
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The Colorado River Tea Party (CRTP) is a grassroots movement that was founded in hopes that individuals might become somewhat aware of their loss of liberty due to high taxation, and excessive, irresponsible, and unconstitutional government spending.

With that in mind, it is easy for us to start pointing fingers at those we feel are responsible for that loss of liberty. We blame Ted Turner and the group of left-wingers running CNN and the CNBC News Networks; we blame Peter Jennings and the other major network news anchors for the liberal bias they display every weeknight on the six o'clock news; we blame the folks out in Hollywood because, in fact, ninety-nine percent of what they produce for the movie screen is nothing but violence punctuated by political correctness; we blame the New York Times, the Los Angeles Times, the Arizona Republic and other major newspapers for the way they slant their coverage of local and national news, and finally, we blame our elected officials because most of them just don't seem to much care about the opinions we hold dear.

Folks, we're looking in the wrong direction, blaming all the wrong people, and for all the wrong reasons...

Let's take a short look at our nation's history....

The Mayflower Compact is a written agreement composed by a consensus of the new Settlers arriving at New Plymouth in November of 1620. In it, the settlers arriving in New Plymouth, Massachusetts acknowledged the importance of God in their everyday life.

156 years later, in our Declaration of Independence, our founders made reference to God four times when they wrote of "the laws of nature and of nature's God," and we are told that "all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights," the authors then are "appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world," and they close stating that "with a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence," they pledged their lives, fortunes, and their sacred honor.

Throughout the first 175 years of our republic, our nation's leaders were unashamed in their belief and faith in God.

Abraham Lincoln once said, "Sir, my concern is not whether God is on our side; my greatest concern is to be on God's side, for God is always right"

On June 6, 1944, president Franklin Roosevelt spoke to the nation over the radio; he asked the American people to join him in prayer asking that God watch over and protect our soldiers as they were storming the beaches of Normandy.

Up until the 1960's, prayer was allowed in our public schools; then in 1962, the Supreme Court ruled that organized, officially sponsored prayers were not to be allowed in our nations public schools. Have we seen a better society emerge as a result of this ruling? I think not...

In November, 2003, the Judicial Ethics Panel of the State of Alabama removed Judge Roy Moore from his position as Chief Justice of the Alabama Supreme Court because he refused to remove a monument of the Ten Commandments from the lobby of the State Supreme Court.

John Adams said, "Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other."

Adams realized that unless the general population was constrained by some higher authority, namely by the word of God, the minority would have no protection from the will of the majority. That, by the way is one of the reasons that our founders opted for a Constitutional Republic form of government over a pure Democracy.

I said earlier, that we're looking in the wrong direction, blaming all the wrong people for the ills that seem to be befalling our nation.. Well, just who should we blame??

Let's start by taking a good long look in the mirror, because, my friends, admit it or not, that is where the fault lies.

In the Bible, in chapter 7, verse 14 in the second book of Chronicles, God tells Solomon, "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

When America was a nation that prayed, America was a nation that prospered. To be sure, we had our share of problems, but we always seemed to prevail.

Now, we have become a nation that not only doesn't pray, we have become a nation that seems to deny the very existence of God and His teachings.

Ronald Reagan once remarked that, " Our coins bear the words 'In God We Trust'. We take the oath of office asking His help in keeping that oath. And we proclaim that we are a nation under God when we pledge allegiance to the flag. But we can't mention His name in a public school or even sing religious hymns that are nondenominational. Christmas can be celebrated in the school room with pine trees, tinsel and reindeer, but there must be no mention of the man whose birthday is being celebrated. One wonders how a teacher would answer if a student asked why the holiday is called Christmas."

To change tack for just a second... Let me ask you, my friends, just how many of our senators and representatives in Washington do you believe have taken the time to actually read the recently passed 3000 plus page health care bill?

In the book of Proverbs, 18: 13, we read, "He that answereth a matter before he heareth it, it is folly and shame unto him."

For the past fifty years, we have been sending to Washington men and women who regularly pass legislation that they have not read and for which they hold with no regard as to how it will affect the population they are purported to represent, so long, of course, as they can exempt themselves from the effects of their folly and shame.

We active in the "Tea Party" became involved because we believe that being an American holds certain responsibilities, and that those individuals we proudly name as our nation's founders lived in accordance with the principles of integrity, honesty, a strong work ethic, and mutual respect of others. They were Christians, and they were not ashamed to stand up for the biblical, Godly principles found in the Ten Commandments.

Unless you believe in the US Constitution, the Declaration of Independence, and the philosophy of our Founding Fathers; unless you believe that must we face up to the fact that we are being destroyed by politicians who no longer respect those founding values; unless we start electing to office men and women who are statesmen, not politicians; unless we get on our knees and invite God back into our national discourse; unless we ask for His help and guidance, to our grandchildren, the greatness of America will be nothing more than a fading memory.

Now, will you join me in praying for our country in the words our savior taught us? Please stand, and pray with me "The Lord's Prayer."