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**To the Ventura Board of Supervisors:**

### **How the "Greater Good" is Used as a Tool of Social Control**

The great citizens of a country are not those who bend the knee before authority but rather those who defend liberty. Instead of respect for reason, and individual rights, governments are becoming increasingly authoritarian. Deceptions and lies, manipulation and propaganda, fear-mongering and psychological operations are all being used to justify political actions and policies that destroy life. How do politicians continue to convince the public to do away with their freedoms in favor of heavy-handed government control? Why are so few people defending liberty when a world without it is a world of mass suffering?

It is often said that one cannot solve a problem if one is not even aware of it. Many people still believe themselves to be free. The tyrant's favorite motto: "The perfect slave thinks they are free.". Unfortunately, those who believe themselves to be free are oblivious to the fact that to be governed in a totalitarian world is to be ...watched, spied upon, indoctrinated, controlled, censured [and] commanded, by beings who do not have the right to do so.

But for those of us who are discerning of the "COVID scam demic, the only way of overcoming injustice, is to be just ourselves.

But widespread ignorance is not the only reason why our freedoms are being trampled on; there is also an idea that has infected many minds. This idea is *collectivism*. To understand collectivism, we must consider the question: "Does the individual exist for the sake of society? Or does society exist for the sake of individuals?" Those who adhere to collectivism believe that the individual exists for the sake of society and therefore that the individual has to subordinate and sacrifice his personal interests for the benefit of society and for the common good. This collectivist mindset is the foundation of **communism**: The doctrine of collectivism (*the common good before the individual good*) has been put into practice by many dictators such as Lenin, Stalin, Pol Pot and Mao—where death and mass suffering was the end result. Sound familiar????

At first glance collectivism may seem to be a virtuous position to take, but on closer investigation, it is a philosophical error to treat an abstraction (society) as if it had a concrete existence. As Carl Jung points out:

""Society is nothing more than a term, a concept for the symbiosis of a group of human beings. A concept is not a carrier of life." So what's the problem? Because a society (a concept) cannot think, act, speak or choose, it means that

someone else gets to define the so-called societal greater good; and then they are granted the power to force individuals to act in service of this good. Obviously, it's the ruling classes who pick themselves as the arbiters of the greater good, which more often than not, merely amounts to the good of those in power. Which is exactly what is happening with this scam demic.

"With such [collectivist] systems, the individual has always been a victim yet they are portrayed as the villain. This is Orwellian double speak: *The hero is the monster, and the monster is the villain*. "Oh those anti-maskers who have the nerve to defend their freedoms peacefully!! We'll show those 'irate' shoppers by giving the green light to businesses to call the police to escort them out of the store !!!" How is that not communism?? To be sure, those who support individual rights are not insensitive to the suffering of others, but rather they know everyone deserves the freedom to pursue their own good, and the ability to help others also improves.

As long as we do not aggress upon the person or property of others, each of us has the right to freedom of speech, freedom of movement, freedom of association and assembly, and the right to property and **bodily autonomy**.

"Man is absolute lord of his own person and possessions, equal to the greatest, and subject to nobody." *John Locke, Second Treatise*

Individual rights are inalienable in that they cannot be given or taken away by any man, government, or institution. "A man's natural rights are his own, against the whole world; and any infringement of them is equally a crime...whether committed by one man, calling himself a robber...or by millions, calling themselves a government." *Lysander Spooner, No Treason The Constitution of No Authority*

When individual rights are transgressed under the pretext of public safety or the "greater good", the individual turns into mere political property which any mob or government or institution in power can oppress, detain, or eliminate if deemed necessary. As Lysander Spooner explained: "...there is no difference...between political and chattel slavery. The former, no less than the latter, denies a man's ownership of himself and the products of his labor; and asserts that other men may own him, and dispose of him and his property, for their uses, and at their pleasure."

We are now moving closer to a widespread acceptance of collectivism (communism) and thus political slavery. We need to recognize that while the majority are complicit in their servitude, those standing on the side of freedom, unite ourselves in spirit with all other guardians of freedom across the globe.

"I rebel – therefore we exist." *Albert Camus, The Rebel*

You authoritarian/communistic politicians on the other hand, should all be ashamed of yourselves for committing fraud and deserve to waste in prison.

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