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Restless Boomers: America Revisits Socialism

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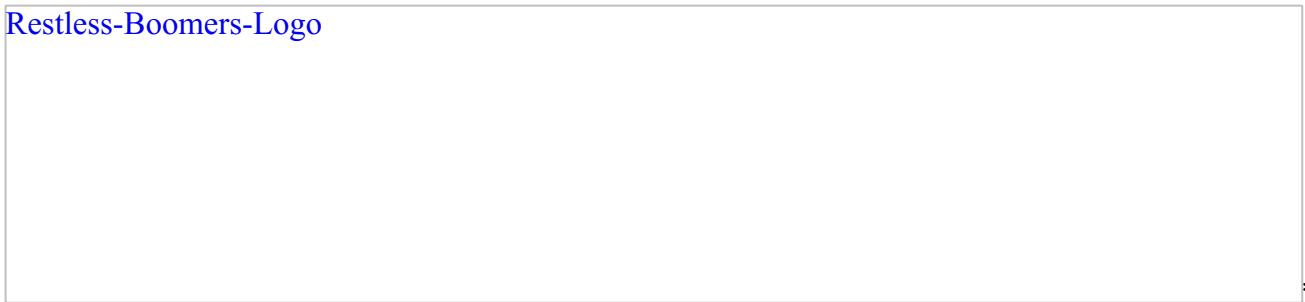
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– **Editor’s Note:** Originally [*published*](#) at their website, the following article was written by “Restless Boomers” and submitted to Oath Keepers for publication. The authors are proud members of Oath Keepers. In exploring their website I discovered a pleasing collection of wise perspectives on many topics, ranging from health to retirement to creating income to technology, politics, economics, and more. Enjoy their article here, but do yourself a favor and explore their [*website*](#), where you will find unpretentious and objective perspectives written with clarity and sharp focus.

Salute!

Elias Alias, editor

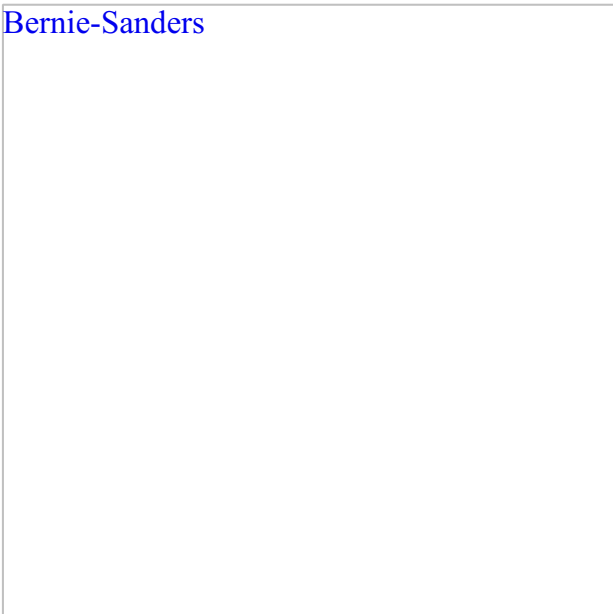
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Democratic presidential candidate, Bernie Sanders, an ‘Independent’ Senator from Vermont, generally votes along Democratic Party lines, but readily admits he’s a Socialist at heart.

Sanders’ popularity, catapulted by a plain spoken, no nonsense style, has translated into an increasing ability to draw large, enthusiastic crowds.

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The Sanders phenomenon has piqued America’s interest in ‘Socialism’ which is presently the Merriam-

Webster Dictionary's most popular online search term.

Merriam-Webster's defines Socialism as:

1. any of various economic and political theories advocating collective or governmental ownership and administration of the means of production and distribution of goods
2. a system of [*society*](#) or group living in which there is no private property
3. a system or condition of society in which the means of production are owned and controlled by the state
4. a stage of society in [*Marxist*](#) theory transitional between [*capitalism*](#) and [*communism*](#) and distinguished by unequal distribution of goods and pay according to work done

Socialism involves the taking of money, assets and property from one individual or group and giving or redistributing it, through the political process, to others, using the force and power of government.

Americans have increasingly become disillusioned with Capitalism which, it is claimed, has allowed the top 1% to gather the lion's share of our national wealth, leaving the 99% indebted, dangerously adrift, and desperately fending for them selves in an increasingly uncertain world. Some, like the very poor, get tossed a few bones, but the bottom line is: Americans are stressed following decades of shrinking real wages.

Just how fair is this criticism of Capitalism, especially since most Americans have never actually experienced it?

Capitalism strives to provide equality of opportunity, but offers no guarantees regarding outcomes. It puts forth that individuals, with different wants, desires, ambitions, motivations, skills, abilities, agendas and needs, should, just like in a race, start from the same position (equality of opportunity), but have no expectation of crossing the finish line together.

Capitalism, like life, can be unpredictable and even a bit messy, but if allowed to proceed unfettered, tends to self-regulate and correct disparities over time. Capitalism dispenses honesty, a commodity in short supply and often in even lesser demand.

America's present economic system is not Capitalism, but a merger between giant corporations and government, sometimes referred to as Crony Capitalism. One time Italian dictator, Benito Mussolini, named this coming together of corporation and state 'Fascism' but Americans prefer to call it the Public/Private Partnership (PPP).

Many are beginning to recognize that this Partnership has run our nation off the rails and into the ditch, corrupting everything it touches. Economics, banking, finance, politics, business, industry, education, science, research, the judiciary, legal profession and electoral processes have been severely compromised.

America faces existential crises. The Republic is at risk.

While not all Americans are familiar with the details, an increasing number realize the present situation is not sustainable, and one way or another, change is coming. What has yet to be decided is: will this transition be thoughtful, smooth, deliberate and orderly, or will things be allowed to play out until the inevitable collapse leads to immense economic hardship, social upheaval, political unrest, chaos or even violent revolution?

Corporate Masters of the Universe and Ruling Elites well understand the mess they've caused and are extremely concerned that this latent energy could turn kinetic.

Police, increasingly dressed in combat gear, driving gnarly militarized war wagons is not accidental; nor is Media 'race baiting', designed to turn neighbour against neighbour, coincidental.

Deranged psychopaths are shooting up the place on an almost daily basis, despite the fact that Americans are piss tested, groped, stopped, strip searched, fingerprinted, poked, surveilled and monitored by

government agencies that record every email, keystroke, phone call and conversation using sophisticated algorithms (algos) that can predict our next thought and action with 80% accuracy.

Are we to believe that a government that can do all this, plus lock onto and drone Doctors Without Borders half way around the world, isn't able to prevent mass shootings here at home? As one former member of the intelligence community recently stated: "In today's world there are no accidents or coincidences".

As if the plate isn't full enough, a Technology Revolution, more powerful and disruptive than the Industrial Revolution, is underway and will not be denied. This wave of innovation offers unprecedented opportunity to lift up mankind, but also poses tremendous challenge.

How are we going to address massive unemployment, as bots, driven by algos and AI (artificial intelligence), displace large swaths of the work force? No sector of society will be left untouched.

Industrial processes, manufacturing, medicine, media, journalism and the legal profession are already being impacted along with fast food workers, wait staff and bar tenders. Have you tried the beer vending machines now appearing at sports stadiums? What about those commercial scale coffee machines producing espresso, fraps and a whole lot more, better and faster than any barista? How about cars, trains, trucks and planes that require no drivers, operators or pilots? Continuous, unsettling change is about to become the new normal.

Joseph Sobran defined politics as "the conspiracy of the unproductive but organized against the productive but unorganized". In case you haven't noticed, the unproductive have been extremely busy creating untold rules, regulations, laws and financial weapons of mass destruction that are being sanctioned by all too willing politicians and judges. Wall Street banksters, fraudsters, corporate masters and political lap dogs have engineered a massive train wreck. Signs of instability are everywhere and people are becoming frightened. Chickens are coming home to roost.

Every decision we make has consequences.

The 2016 presidential election season is upon us. While several candidates have already folded their tents, it's much too early to be picking the winner. It's going to be a long and dusty road and Americans could very well be in a different frame of mind come Election Day. One thing is for sure, before it's over, all but one candidate will have stumbled and faltered.

America has fallen hard and it's going to take more than another charismatic snake oil salesman to set things right. The wizard knows exactly which siren songs we desire to hear, and candidates magically appear before us singing those very words and phrases, that is, until they're installed in office, when it's back to business as usual. Americans are being played like a fiddle, and despite being knocked over the head several times already, we seem to like the tune as much as ever.

Self-governance, never meant to be a spectator sport, is being severely tested, as apathy, generated by endless entertainment from TV, Hollywood, sports, video gaming, social media, gambling, electronic gadgets, the Kardashians, selfies and propaganda masquerading as news, have captured our hearts, minds and attention.

'Pray for Our Nation' signs are sprouting on lawns like weeds after a hard rain. Americans know their nation is in trouble.

Restoring confidence, sanity, fiscal responsibility, prosperity, freedom, peace and liberty isn't going to be easy.

It's time to set the toys aside and get to work.

God help us.

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