

What Pisses Me Off About Western Civilization

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... it's not just religion, we've forgotten how powerful anyone who believes in anything can be. Because, what in the *West* do we believe in anymore? NOTHING! We believe in appeasement, we believe in bowing down, we believe in *not telling the truth*, we believe in **fear**, we believe in conformity, we believe in nothing! **And that's why we can't stand.**

We have fundamentally compromised our *greatest values* long before the *immigrant crisis*, long before the *migrant crisis*. And the reason why the *migrant crisis* is happening is because we compromised and destroyed our basic values generations ago. The *Welfare-State* should never have been allowed to stand. It should never allowed to rise. Private charity, community charity, religious charity, Christian charity, neighborhood charity, family charity... that should have been the barrier between the *unlucky poor* and their poverty.

But, the idea that we're going to assign to the Government, the power to move trillions of dollars around from one end of the economy to the other, and it's not going to be used to buy votes, and it's not going to be used to excuse people from *their own bad decisions*, and it's not going to cause the disintegration of the *family system* to the point where you're making hula-hoops out of two feminists and banging them six ways from Sunday on a seamy bet. So, the wages of sin is death.

This is not a *migrant crisis*. **It's not a migrant crisis, it's an *immorality crisis*. It's a self betrayal crisis.** The *migrant crisis* and the associated demographic and cultural challenges, does not result from a failure of enforcing *borders*. It does not result from a failure of allowing too much integration. **It results from the welfare-State.**

If I [intentionally] spill a whole bunch of honey on the ground, it's the honey that brings the Bears. It's not the Bears' fault. And so, there is a great opportunity, in the West, to examine the roots of this crisis. And say, "*where did we go so wrong that we have ended up in this situation?*" Now, the great

temptation, and I understand it, and I may even accept it in the short run, the great temptation is, “O-K, CLOSE THE BORDERS.” “CLOSE THE BORDERS.” Sure, that buys us, perhaps, a little time, perhaps ten-years. Perhaps! But, what do we do in those ten-years? Do we just sit there and say, “*whew, we solved the problem? Now let’s get back to spinning our way around various vaginas.*” NO, no-no-no! You buy a little time and what do-you-do?

You figure out what went wrong at the *base of things*, to the point where the entire history of a civilization may be threatened. And it’s not *immigration*. *Immigration* is a symptom. **The problem is the violation of property rights, the violation of personhood, the violation of integrity**, that allowed us slither down the slippery-slidey-pathway towards *Socialism* that starts with the *welfare-State*.

Just imagine... I was just talking about this today, just imagine... Let me take you back on a journey. I actually sent this book proposal out decades ago. I was twenty-five, I think I was, so it’s a quarter century ago, I sent this book proposal around, saying “*we need to deal with the welfare-State*”. I sent it to publishers – of course nobody was interested, nobody cared, it didn’t matter, it was crazy. All my friends were saying, “*it’s mad, who cares, it’s to help some people, do you want them to starve in the streets?*”

Now imagine, in some alternate universe twenty-five years ago, an orderly transition away from the *welfare-State* toward private charity had been organized. Well, the reversal of the decay of the family would have occurred, that would have reversed. The decay of the family, and the restitution of the family to its stable centrist society would have occurred. The National Debt, the National Deficits – it’s the *welfare-State*, now, in America it is somewhat also the *Military-Industrial Complex*, but for most of the West, the *Debt* and the *Deficit is* the *welfare-State*. And, therefore, we would have paid off most of the National Debt.

Families would be stronger, *charities* would be stronger, but more people would actually be helped rather than locked into these horrible *migrant* attracting dungeons of permanent under-classes within society. Imagine, where would the *migrants* go if there was no *welfare-State*.

They would not come to Europe! They would not be coming to Europe. If there was no *welfare-State*, you would not have all these dysfunctional people who've made terrible decisions because there's a *welfare-State*, and now thriving **in** that *welfare-State* as a result of those bad decisions and enabling themselves to make more of *those bad decision*. You wouldn't have created this giant, massive, hoard of people, desperate to vote for more and more and more and more and more Government, all the time! You would have a society that respected property rights, you would have a *moral society*.

You know people say, "*why has Europe lost pride in its history?*" Answer: BECAUSE EUROPE **SUCKS!** And has for generations. "Europe" is like a dead body washed up on the shore of history. And everyone says, "*well, why isn't he putting on any sun-screen?*" BECAUSE HE'S **DEAD!** *Europe* betrayed ALL of the precious liberties, carved out of the hide of humanity and the *carrion feasted body* of history. **Europe** betrayed those values generations ago by creating this *syrupe* – trapping the poor like prehistoric *flies in amber* – *welfare-State*. That massive, FORCED, IMMORAL, EVIL VIOLATION of property-rights that is undermining and destroying society.

It's not the politicians, *it's not the politicians*, **it's the voters**. And the *voters* have been bribed. And the *voters* have become sentimental. And the *voters* have been backed into a corner where it's the *welfare-State* or general starvation. They've believed, and accepted this false dichotomy.

You know, hmm, Ingrid Carlqvist was on this show, and I like Ingrid a lot, and she was talking about how great Sweden was in the seventy's, *you could do anything, everything was wonderful, everything was grand ...* sure, sure, of course it was, ignorant *boomers*. Because, if you borrow like crazy, you don't have to work. But then what happens is that *your kids* end up inheriting **the DEBT**.

Europe betrayed itself generations ago, this is the outcome of the self betrayal of Europe! And *Europe* had the example of *the late Roman Empire*. *Bread, circuses, and entertainment*, provided by the State. And **welfare**. And *multiculturalism*. But *multiculturalism* has a lot to do with the *welfare-State*. Why did you need a *welfare-State* before you had *multiculturalism*, because

multiculturalism is financially, NOT EFFECTIVE, NOT EFFICIENT. So, once you have the *welfare-State*, you can pay people to come in, and you can pay people to pretend that they can peaceably live side by side, when all the data and all the evidence shows that it decays *social trust* and all the stuff I've talked to you about a million times before.

Everyone surrendered the conscious to the State and said, "*you take the money of our children and you take care of the poor. I don't want to get involved. It's messy, they're smelly, sometimes they have bad breath, they have halitosis, I don't know what they eat, where they sleep, what happens, I don't want to get involved. LET THE STATE TAKE CARE OF IT! I don't feel like getting up early and going to church, I don't feel like getting to know my neighbors. I'm going to sit home with my T.V. dinners, stuff my face and get fat and watch the boob-tube until my eyes dribble down my cheeks.*

And this laziness, this deference, of course to what women want, **women, in general, will choose security over liberty**, and nobody pushed back. "*Oh, we've got to please the ladies*". Oh-yeah, because they're really going to be pleased at the future of Europe, I'm sure of that.

So, it just frustrates me. If people had listened to Ayn Rand regarding the *welfare-State*, or to Milton Friedman, if people *had-listened*, if people had accepted the arguments, which were very clear and very well validated, morally, economically, empirically, if people *had-listened* in the past, the *welfare-State* would not have come into being as a fundamental violation of every precept of every principle of every goal that the West and all moral societies had bended themselves toward. Which is NOT just that *a man's home is his castle, but a man's wallet is his castle*. Keep your robot statist hands out of my wallet, let **me** help people as **I** see fit !!! Because I have a private incentive to see people get better where my money is spent, all you people do is wall-paper houses, tin shacks, mobile homes with *money* to buy their votes and trap them into dependence upon these mechanical, slowly dying, blood soaked *State robot udders* of *fiat currency*. **So, Europe betrayed itself generations ago.**

Europe decided to go for the *cheap and easy out*, *Europe* decided to go for the *redistribution, to satisfy the ladies, welfare-State*. Sweden, 800-years, **800-**

years – no welfare-State. A few years after women get the vote – WELFARE-STATE! Why didn't people push back, why didn't they stand up and say, "*ladies, you're kind of new to this, let me explain how it works, let me explain why we don't want this.*" And people didn't push back, they didn't fight back.

Guest: "*Why didn't they know?*"

I don't know, I wasn't there. I can only tell you about what I know, and that is that I've been talking about the evils of the *welfare-State* for 34-years. Thirty-four-years. And everyone says, "*Stef, you're crazy, you're just a nasty guy, you just want people to suffer – yeah, it's like "How are they going to do over the next little while everyone?"*"

"Oh, you want the Heroin addict to get less Heroin and eventually no Heroin, you just want him to suffer".

Well, what are the alternatives? We've seen what the alternatives are!! That if you create this giant prize of **welfare** – you know, in Sweden, a migrant family, on welfare gets over \$3,200.00, U.S., a month. How much do you think they're getting in the *Middle-East*? You can't blame them, of course not. I mean, that if I could go some place, and I could get ten-times the income for **NOT WORKING...**

Guest: "*Can't you completely not blame people for taking money for free?*"

IT'S NOT FREE!!!

Guest: "*Well, it's free for them, that's the point.*"

No, no. I'm not talking about the *migrants*, I'm talking about the Europeans. Everybody knew it was a sleazy-deal with a syrupy-devil, to give the Government this kind of power. Everyone surrendered their *money* to the Government, their *health* to the Government, their *incomes* to the Government, their *CHILDREN* to the government. Yeah, lets give kids to the STATE to raise them because, Lord knows, the State has been just such a wonderful entity all

throughout European history AND around the world. Hey, you remember that Government that started the first World War which killed ten-million people and twenty-million more when the Spanish Flu hit at the end? Thirty-million-people, all the European Governments started this war killed thirty-million-people. **Hey**, how about the second World War? Oh, we got an extra ten, forty-million people. How about a hundred-million-people dead through communism? Oh, you could go on and on.

And it's like, "*hey, the homicidal maniacs at the top of the pyramid of State power, these people who wield their political power like **Smaug** wields his fiery breath, HOW ABOUT WE GIVE OUR CHILDREN TO **THESE PEOPLE** to raise?* Wouldn't that be GREAT? How about these people who care so much about humanity that they have poured a quarter of a billion people into the wood chipper of State power in just one-hundred-years. Let's give them the power to help the poor. Let's give them control of all the *health care* in the world. Let's give them all the *charity* in the world. Let's give everyone, everything who is an unproductive leach.

Why? **WHY? WHY?** For God's sake. I can understand in the late nineteenth century, when Western Europe had been largely war free for 70 or 80 years, after the fall of Napoleon in 1815, O-K. But, dear God alive, in the 1930's, and the 1950's and the 1960's, **AFTER TWO WORLD WARS? YEAH, LET'S GIVE THE GOVERNMENT MORE POWER? Because it got half of Europe killed, in the span of half a century. Sure, let's give them the kids, let's give them everything. Because they have proven themselves to be so wonderful, so benevolent, so helpful and soooooo GREAT. Send it all over, send them the kids, send them the money, give them all the power to create money, give all the power to regulate everything, give the all the power to make a third of the population dependent on stupid pieces of paper Government Licenses so they can draw breath and make money. Let's give Government the power to re-draw all the lines in the family, let's give them the power to raise the children.**

You want to know why Sweden is dying? Because 99.9-percent of Swedish children grew up in day-care and bonded with the State. Do you now think these children have the power or capacity, in any way, shape or form, to push

back and resist the State? **THE STATE IS THEIR PARENT.** They can't restrain the State, because, the State is literally, their giant maternal teat. And they are as strong with the State as a baby is with its mother. You handed your children, Swedish Moms gotta face it, you handed your children over to the State to be raised. You took *the forty pieces of silver*. You betrayed the Jesus of your principles. **And NOW, you claim to be shocked that all you have raised is HELL ON EARTH!**