

Promises . . . Promises . . .

It's that most wonderful time of the year when multitudes of politicians and would-be politicians assail us on television and radio with promises about what they're going to do for us if only they can get reelected or elected.

It's the same promises year after year. And nothing changes regardless who gets into office. The impotence of these dorks is especially glaring when we look at the track record of the upscale hookers who inhabit the District of Criminals.

Every year, Democrats pledge themselves to universal, affordable health care. Republicans tell us they'll end abortion and shrink the size of government.

And, every year, there's no affordable health care, no movement on abortion, and greater expansion of all levels of government.

Oops. Almost forgot. Our tough guy politicians are gonna kick some oil oligarch butts to bring down the price of fuel.

And, when they're done with that, they're gonna shake the Federal Reserve up.

Unfortunately it's Big Oil and The Fed that wag the politicians.

And remember this: The Federal Reserve is not a government entity. It is a private bank that sucks the financial life out of us through the unratified amendment known as the 16th, which lovingly burdened the working class for eternity with the income tax.

Understand, too, that the second plank of the Communist Manifesto is "A heavy progressive or graduated income tax."

Hmmm.

The state races are no better. What's especially sickening is when these characters tell the Florida voters that they're going to whack Big Insurance upside the head to bring down those skyrocketing home-owner premiums.

Wake up, our premiums aren't coming down. Okay, maybe a few bucks, but we're getting stuck for the rest of our life because politicians strike no fear in the heart of Big Insurance. In fact, it's quite the other way around. It's another example of corporations whacking the politicians.

And the education promises?

Same promises. Different year. And the only change is that the system stays broken so that the Feds can charge in to the rescue and ultimately mandate a national curriculum and increase their control over our children.

Longer school days. Longer school years. A pre-kindergarten introduction to the system. Greater behavioral modification.

All of this designed by the Powers That Be to intensify the continual usurpation of parental rights.

To get an idea of the way things really are, read the following transcription of a not-so-comedic bit from George Carlin.

The case he makes could've been stated in a more genteel manner, but that's never been Carlin. And, sadly, what he says is true:

Politicians have traditionally hidden behind three things: the flag, the Bible, and children. *No child left behind. No child left behind.*

Oh, really, well, it wasn't long ago when we were talking about giving kids a head start. Head start. Left behind. Someone's losing some ground here.

But there's a reason. There's a reason. There's a reason for this. There's a reason that education stinks. And it's the same reason that it will never, ever, ever be fixed. It's never gonna get any better. Don't look for it. Be happy with what you've got.

Because the owners of this country don't want that. I'm talking about the real owners now. The real owners. The big wealthy business interests that control things and make all the important decisions.

They got the politicians. They're irrelevant. The politicians are put there to give you the idea that you have freedom of choice. You don't. You have no choice.

You have owners. They own you. They own everything.

They own all the important land. They own and control the corporations. They've long since paid for the Senate, the Congress, the state houses, city hall. They've got the judges in their back pockets. They own all the big media companies so they control just about all the news and information you get to hear. They got you by the shorts.

They spend billions of dollars every year lobbying to get what they want. Well, we know what they want. They want more for themselves and less for everybody else. But I'll tell you what they don't want: They don't want a population of citizens capable of critical thinking. They don't want well-informed, well-educated people capable of critical thinking. They're not interested in that. That doesn't help them. That's against their interests. That's right.

You know something: They don't want people who are smart enough to sit around the kitchen table to figure out how badly they're getting screwed by a system that threw them overboard 30 years ago. They don't want that.

You know what they want? They want obedient works. Obedient workers.

People who are just smart enough to run the machines and do the paper work. And just dumb enough to passively accept all these increasingly crummy jobs with the lower pay, the longer hours, the reduced benefits, the end of overtime, and the vanishing pensions that disappear the minute you go to collect it.

And now they're coming for your social security. They want your retirement money. They want it back so they can give it to their criminal friends on Wall Street.

And, you know something, they'll get it. They'll get it all from you sooner or later 'cause they own this place. It's a big club. And you ain't in it. You and I are not in the Big Club.

By the way, it's the same Big Club they use to beat you over the head all day long when they tell you what to believe. All day long, beating you over the head in their media, telling you what to believe, what to think, and what to buy.

The table is tilted, folks.

The game is rigged.

And nobody seems to notice. Nobody seems to care.

Good honest hardworking people—white collar, blue collar—it doesn't matter what color shirt you have on. Good, honest, hardworking people. These are people of modest means who continue to elect these rich creeps who don't give a crap about them. They don't give a crap about you. They don't care about you. At all. At all. At all.

And nobody seems to notice. Nobody seems to care.

That's what the owners count on: the fact that Americans will probably remain willfully ignorant.

Because the owners of this country know the truth: It's called the American Dream.

Because you have to be asleep to believe it.