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Gearing Up 2

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Last month we started on a series of articles that will cover the gear and tools necessary for your survival under long term escape, evasion and resistance situations. It is my belief that we are now seeing the implementation of a Marxist police state that has usurped our Constitutional Republic. There will be a demonization of American liberties and freedoms followed by false flag events similar to the Columbine and Virginia Tech shootings, then legislation giving color of law to bureaucracies allowing them to ban our constitutionally guaranteed rights.

At this writing it's been just barely over a month since Barrack Hussein Obama has been placed in the office of president. Upon occupying the office, Obama began pushing a Marxist agenda very hard as predicted in this newsletter (issue #108). Obama has continued the neo-con economic policies of bailing out a banking oligarchy whose greed and predatory lending practices is turning out to be the straw that broke their own fiat money camel's back. Had politicians and bankers been able to employ some self discipline instead of eating out as much of the real wealth of Americans as they possibly could, an economic collapse might have been made less severe or even held off for another year or two. Unfortunately, Americans did not recognize neo-cons for what they were. They were merely liberals masquerading as politicians willing to pay lip service to conservatism while advancing a liberal agenda. As the neo-cons furthered the Marxist policies of Bill Clinton, Barrack Hussein Obama is continuing the same drive into communism and has appointed to his cabinet all of the usual suspects from the Clinton regime.

As the Obama regime continues the rage against the natural rights of Americans, the time to prepare is coming to a close and the time for action is rapidly approaching. This article will continue last month's discussion on gearing up. Thus far we have covered some of the gear you will need for personal protection against the elements in a long term escape, evade, survival situation. Beside the wool shirts, socks, pants and hat, the leather jackets and pants, the parkas and boots, a couple of important items are also a necessary part of your personal shelter preparations. A most important item is in rain protection gear.

As mentioned in our last article, it is important to keep your clothing as dry as possible in order for them to maintain their insulating value. Keeping the rain off will help enormously in this. There are many items of clothing that will perform this job. Some items are more versatile and others offer higher degrees of protection. Just as the items described in our first gearing up article differed in its efficacy according to the material with which it was made, so, too, does rain gear. Rain gear can be found made from vinyl, Gore-Tex, rubber, rubber impregnated cloth even oiled cloth and leather.

Today, Gore-Tex rain gear reigns supreme. Gore-Tex fabric repels water while allowing water vapor from sweat to pass from inside the garment to outside keeping the wearer high and dry. Gore-Tex used to be very expensive, but the price has been coming down and some surplus Gore-Tex garments are now becoming available which will drop the price even lower. Don't forget to look for these garments at garage and estate sales as well. We have talked about parkas and jackets last month. They will be more insulated than a garment designed specifically for wet

weather. If you don't have a Gore-Tex parka or jacket, it is OK to look for these while you are bargain shopping, too, but, be certain you pick up a garment designed specifically for repelling the rain whether it is made of Gore-Tex or not.

Perhaps some of the most convenient and, coincidentally, cheapest rain gear are the thin, vinyl suits and jackets that are folded and stored into the small plastic squares bought at sporting goods stores. The whole suits are actually pretty useful. They cover the entire body and though they are thin and you will feel every drop of rain, they will keep that rain from getting to your clothing and you will stay dry in all but a very forceful downpour. They are even used as a part of expedient MOPP suits. Their impermeability is their secret. Water can't get through their vinyl fabric, so you don't get wet. That also means that water vapor, or sweat, does not get out, so in hot weather you sweat. These suits are very thin, however, so in even slightly cool weather your body will have opportunity to cool off. The drawback to these suits is that they are frail. Their thin, vinyl material is very vulnerable. A walk in even the lightest of brush can tear the fabric right off your body. They are usually a "use once and lose" emergency item. Their greatest virtue is that their small size allows them to be carried conveniently in pack or pocket and they are of very light weight. If you have donned one in the field and it has been torn, do not through it away. The left over pieces make good rain catches.

Rain jackets made of thicker vinyl material are prevalent at many sports shops. These are just as impermeable as their frailer, lighter weight cousins and while they are still vulnerable to a good thorn poke or scratch, they are a bit sturdier and hold up much better. I have worn mine through brush and tree stands, but purposefully avoid thorn bushes and thickets. Being



Vinyl, hooded rain jackets like this one can help keep you dry and warm.

thicker, they also hold in more body heat. By squatting down and opening the front of the rain jacket one can allow excess heat to escape while still keeping the rain out. These jackets are also usually hooded affording a great deal of protection to the head and back of the neck. These are vulnerable areas that allow rain water to trickle down through the jacket and soak into clothing. If you have the choice choose a jacket with a hood to afford more protection in that area. A great many makers and styles are available in this choice with some makers offering garments in camouflage color scheme. These are good resources for personal protection from the rain.

By far the most useful and versatile protective garment against the rain is the good old military style rain poncho. Mine has gone through many decades of use and will still be useful for many more decades. They are tough, keep the rain off and can be conveniently packed away. Folded and rolled up, a poncho can be carried inside a pack, or, as mine is, can be carried secured to a pack with a small tent or secured to the back of my web gear. These are light weight and useful in many more ways than one. In warm weather the poncho can be used alone to quickly cover the body in a downpour especially if secured to the outside of the pack or on web gear and not stuffed inside the pack. Quilted liners are sold and can be used in cooler weather to not only protect the body from rain, but also from the cold.

What makes these ponchos so versatile is their shape. The poncho is a square cut piece of heavy duty vinyl or rubberized material with a hood in the middle and a hole cut for the

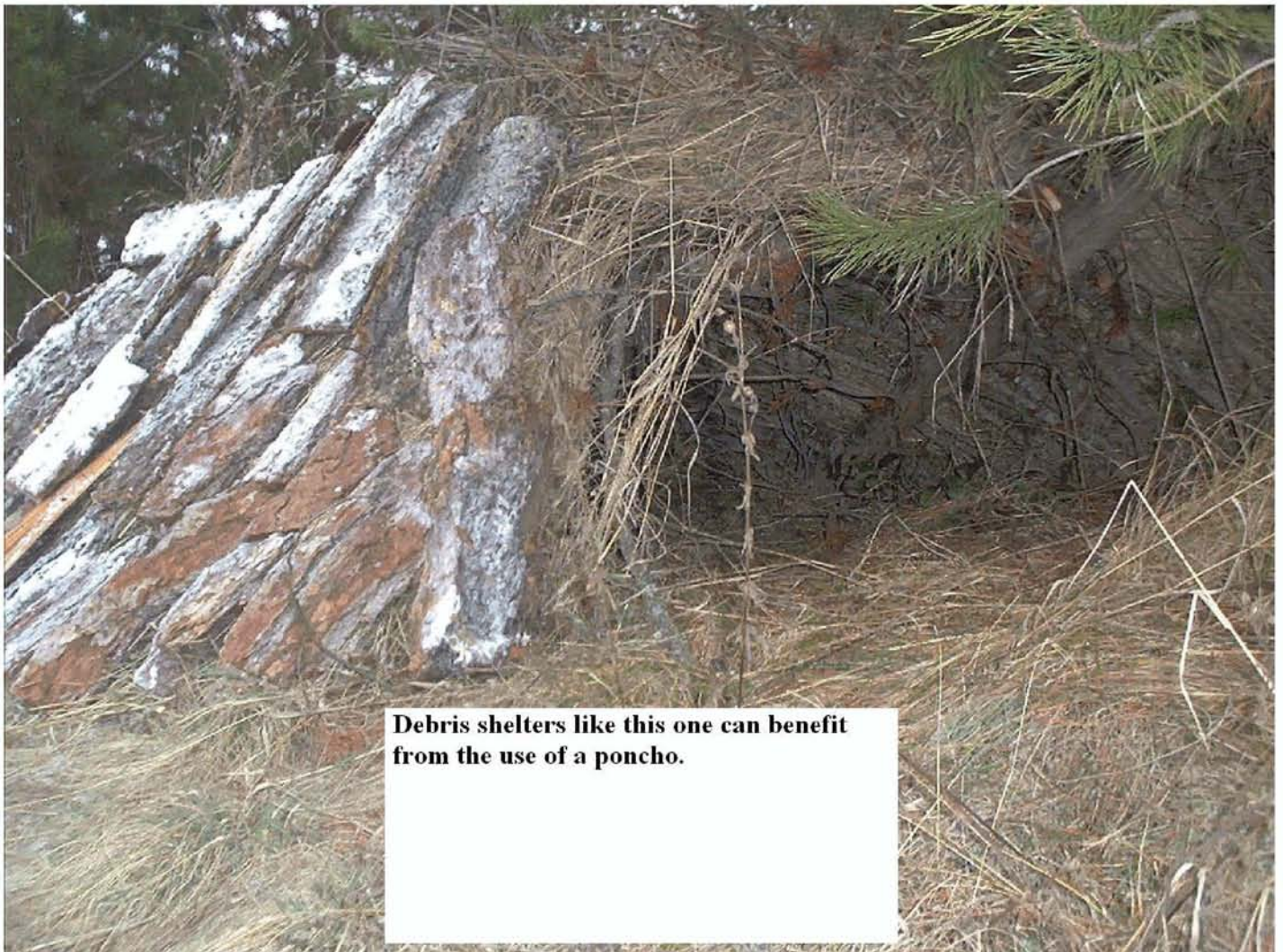


You can't carry as much on web gear, but a coat and waterproof poncho are easily hung on the back.

head to fit through. The edges of the poncho are doubled over and sewn together with grommets/snaps fastened along the edges. For ease of work, the edges can be snapped together around the arms for efficient coverage of the body while allowing the arms to protrude and accomplish tasks. Unsnapped and kept in its square shape, the poncho doubles as a waterproof ground cover, tarp and even a shelter or rain catch.

Expedient debris shelters or lean-tos are some of the easiest and fastest shelters to build when in the field. These can be made even more efficient and cozier with the use of a poncho. Placed on the ground inside your shelter, the poncho will keep ground water from seeping into your shelter and off of your body. Build a bed on the inside of your shelter by laying down some green boughs and covering with bundles of grass. Lay the poncho over top as you would a tarp and you will have a waterproof dais on which to sleep. By positioning your shelter on a piece of raised ground so that water can't seep in, you can avoid laying the poncho down on the inside of your shelter and tie off the hood of the poncho so that rain does not find its way through the opening and use the poncho as a tarp to place across your shelter's roof. In this manner you can further waterproof your shelter.

If you have a tent or have built an efficient shelter for yourself, you can lay poles cut from saplings on the ground in a tic-tac-toe pattern. Place any gear you have on top of the poles and tie off the hood of your poncho and cover your gear with the poncho. Anchor your poncho to the ground by cutting wooden stakes and pounding them into the ground. Tied the poncho down to the stakes with cord through the poncho's grommets. Place brush over the poncho to camouflage.



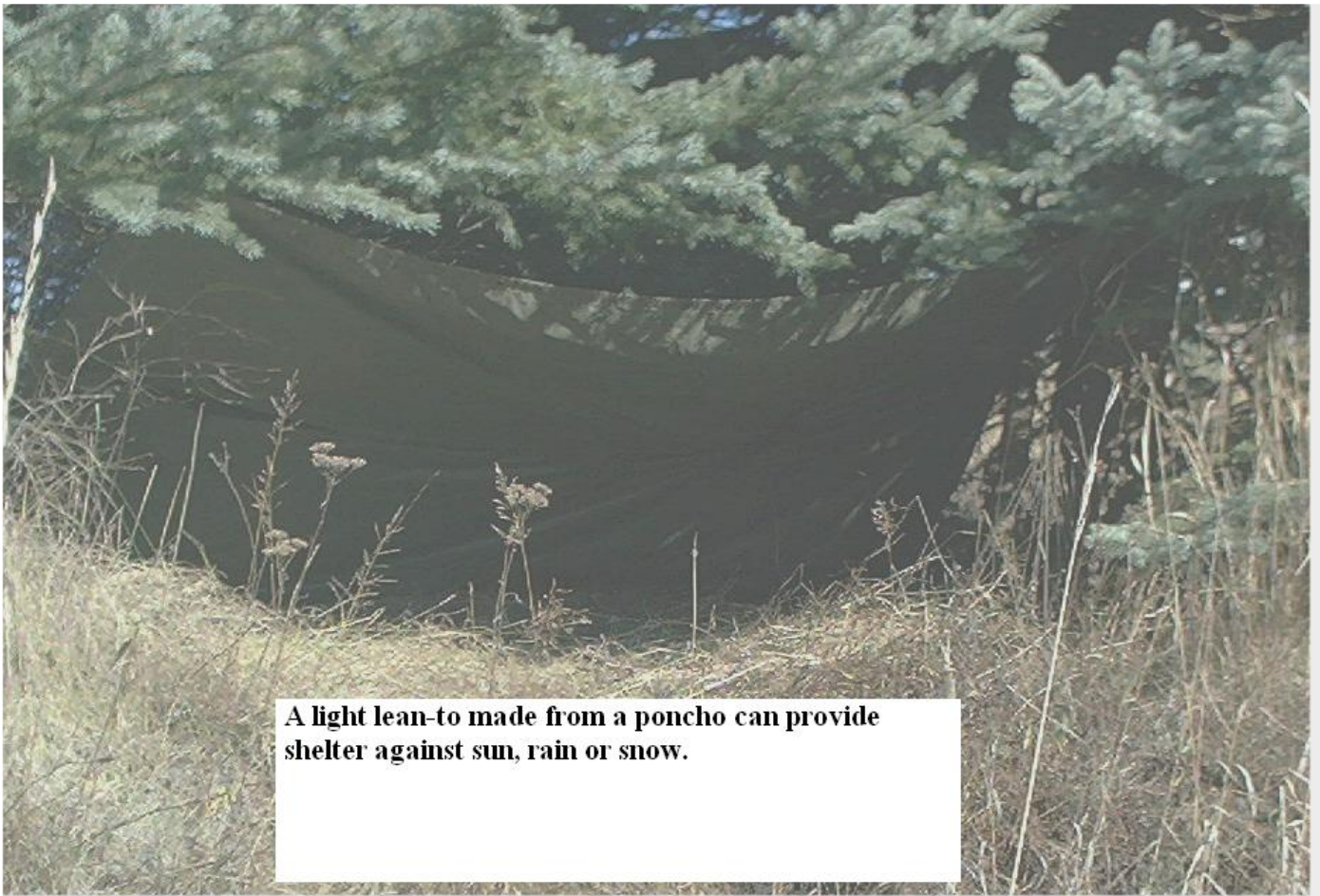
Debris shelters like this one can benefit from the use of a poncho.

You can temporarily store gear and keep it dry in this manner.

A light lean-to shelter can be made using your poncho. The US Army Survival Manual details a method to build a shelter from your poncho. This method utilizes cord tied between two trees. The poncho's hood is tied off and the poncho is placed over the line. One side is anchored to the ground via the grommets and wood stakes cut in the field. The other side is folded over the cord at a ninety degree angle and secured in place by tying the ends of the poncho with cord to trees. This basically fashions the poncho into a light lean-to. If one is short of cord, a long enough pole can be cut to fit between two trees. The pole is placed into the trees by fitting it onto boughs that are as high on the tree as the poncho is at half its width. The poncho is then placed over the pole. The poncho can be fixed to the ground by cutting thin, wooden stakes and pounded into the ground through the grommets. The lean-to's roof is made by folding the poncho over the pole at a ninety degree angle and tying in place through the grommets using twine made from bark.

An improved shelter can be made by cutting three poles and placing them on a low bough of a tree. Place the poles so that they form a triangle a little thinner than the poncho is wide. Place the poncho over top of the poles and secure to the ground via wooden stakes. Tie the poncho to the stakes through the grommets. Shelters made using the poncho will not be insulated against the cold, but will definitely keep you dry and that is most of the task that a shelter is necessary for.

The poncho can also be used to catch rain water for drinking. Cut a wooden stake approximately twenty four inches long and secure by pounding into the ground. Place the poncho over the stake making certain the hood rests on the stake. You may secure the hood in place by



A light lean-to made from a poncho can provide shelter against sun, rain or snow.

tying it around the stake with cord. Stretch the poncho out in all directions so that it forms a tent. Cut eight more stakes about ten inches long and pond into the ground directly under the poncho's grommets. Cut a notch into the top of each stake and tie the poncho to these stakes with cord through the grommets. This will form "gutters" around the poncho tent. Rain will fall onto the poncho and flow from its center and collect in its "gutters."

As you can see, rain gear is necessary to keep your body and your clothes dry. There are several garments that are capable of performing this task and all are useful. I find the military style ponchos the most versatile and necessary to pack in with me in an emergency kit. I also keep a vinyl rain jacket with me when the season is rainy and cool, but the poncho is with me during every season because I have found it useful for protection against all elements. It provides me with shade in the summer, sheds water in the spring and fall and even sheds snow in the winter. Of all the equipment I have described so far, the rain poncho is the piece of personal shelter garment I would insist on any member of my group having on their person all the time.



Cut stakes from material on the sight and secure the poncho to the ground with twine or cord.



A rain poncho can be secured over a frame like this one in order to form a shelter



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Marxism: What Is It?

by Corcceigh Green

Readers of TAP Newsletter are fortunate to be able to educate themselves in the use of technology and tools to advance their position in life, and more importantly, to advance their ability to survive. Those that have been following my advice on the subject of survival know that I skew my advice to help the reader to survive a hostile government that has completely re-invented itself as a Marxist Empire. Now, I have had no criticism as to the hostile nature that government has taken on. I have, however, received some criticism about my use of the term Marxism to describe the nature of America's new and unconstitutional government. One such criticism suggesting that I have not figured out what Marxism actually is. Well, let's clear that up now and perhaps I can educate some readers as to what is happening around them and Marxism's role in it.

First, what is Marxism? Let's take a page from Webster's New World Dictionary and look at how it is described there. "Marxism: noun. The system of thought developed by Karl Marx and Joseph Engels, serving as a basis for Communism and Socialism." This explanation puts Marxism at the core of thought which guides the structures of socialist and communist institutions.

As an example, American Constitutional Republicanism (a system which is completely opposed to Marxism) is based upon individual freedoms, individual liberty and individual rights. To ensure that this philosophy, or core of thought, is followed founding Americans instituted a form of government divided in three branches and limited in its scope of authority and duties. Their aims were to keep government small and limited, so as to allow individuals a maximum amount of freedom without interference from government.

In contrast, Marxists believe that individual labor and the goods produced by individual labor must be controlled by the State and redistributed by the State to ensure what Marxists believe to be equality of the masses. Individual liberty, rights and freedom are sacrificed because Marxists believe that a centralized authoritarian State is the only political entity through controlling bureaucracies that is able to redistribute goods and wealth for the common good. They believe that through this method humans will achieve their next step in evolution and become enlightened.

Marxists apply this train of thought to all aspects of life including economics. Marxists believe that individuals in a society produce goods according to their ability and the State redistributes those goods according to a person's needs. Of course, the State determines the needs. Self determination is looked upon as a crime against society. In direct opposition to Marxist philosophy, American Constitutional Republicanism limits government's scope of power so that it has no authority to take goods from an individual which that individual has labored for or built for him or herself and give those goods to another.

As an example of the above, government recently gave hundreds of billions of tax payer's money, money that comes from your labor and the labor of your neighbors, to financially burdened banks. Government's excuse for this redistribution of wealth is that it would be bad for the economy if the banks failed. Let's examine, however, if you made some bad business decisions. Suppose you went into business building a better mouse trap. Your mouse trap is superior to all others and you are certain people will buy them. You purchase a piece of property, you build a factory and hire employees. You build plenty of mousetraps, but people don't want to pay the extra two cents for yours and you run out of money. Now, should you go out of business, or expect your local bureaucracy to collect a percentage of your neighbors pay and give it to you to pay your bills because your product was the most useful rather than the most successful in the market?

In the American system, bad ideas are weeded out by the market. If people aren't buying, it's time to close the doors. If a bank employs predatory lending practices to trick those without the resources to obtain loans, then when sliding interest rates rise and borrowers can't pay their mortgages, those banks employing such bad business ideas should be weeded out of the market. In this way Americans are ensured a superior product and the freedom to work toward the goals of their choice.

In contrast government in Washington, D.C. exceeded its authority and employed Marxist principles to solve a problem that would have righted itself using American principles.

The above pretty much sums up what Marxism is. It is a system of political ideology which gives all authority to the State to control labor, property and the distribution and manufacture of goods. Hopefully, readers can understand when such ideology is being deployed around them. Just in case, however, I'll explain how Marxism works to attain its goals. Better yet, I'll allow the Marxists themselves explain it to you. Everyone has at some time or another heard of the existence of "The Ten Planks of the Communist Manifesto." These ten planks give the Communist a guide and plan of attack when toppling free societies and instituting Marxist rule. The ten planks and how they are being employed in America are such:

- 1.) The abolition of private property. (Property taxes hiked too high for many to afford to keep the homes they supposedly own. More and more regulations concerning how one may use his or her property from bureaucracies. Corrupted Supreme Court rulings allowing Counties to steal private property and sell it to corporations and developers to increase property tax rates.)
- 2.) Heavy progressive income tax. (IRS)
- 3.) Abolition on all Rights of inheritance. (Now being accomplished through the inheritance tax and gift tax which makes receiving an inheritance too costly for most individuals.)
- 4.) Confiscation of property of all emigrants and rebels. (RICCO statutes allow for the theft of any property that law enforcement "suspect" of having been used in a crime. Law enforcement officers may confiscate money, cars, firearms or any property without charging an individual with a crime or proving such charges in a court.)
- 5.) Establishment of a central bank. (Came about in 1913 replacing America's constitutional money with debt based phony reserve notes.)
- 6.) Government control of communications and transportation. (Government controls most communications through the FCC. All mainstream media today is owned by a handful of multi-national corporations who enjoy special status from government bureaucracies. Government controls transportation through phony oil crunches and artificially inflated fuel prices as well as EPA regulations. Driver's licenses which, through the Real ID Act, are becoming Soviet style internal passports.)
- 7.) Government ownership of factories and agriculture. (America's factories have been sold and transported to the Chinese communists while agriculture is firmly in the hands of large agri-corps. Through immoral banking practices, family farms have been forced out of the ownership of families and have been acquired by agricultural corporations while American individuals are facing legislation which regulates against growing even small gardens.)
- 8.) Government control of labor. (Ever try getting a job without your socialist security number? Your labor history is tracked and your earnings are sucked from you through taxation and redistributed into programs which continue to weaken America. Still think government doesn't control your labor?)

9.) Establishment of corporate farms and regional ecological planning. (Accomplished through the use of immoral banking practices to take family farms out of the hands of families and placed into the hands of super large corporations. Regional ecological planning is taking place through zoning regulations and so called "green laws" which regulates the use of the land you supposedly own.)

10.) Government control of education. (Accomplished with the "No Student Left Behind Program", Goals 2000 and fronts like the NEA. Home schooling is being attacked in the main stream media and through bureaucratic harassment as well as unconstitutional legislation.)

Real American government sharply contrasts the above Marxist ideology. American ideology holds that individuals are endowed with certain unalienable rights that no government has the authority to abridge. When governments do abridge any of those rights those governments become destructed of the ends of good governance and must be altered or abolished and a government respective of those rights be instituted. America's founders were so engrained in this philosophy that even after creating our Constitution with all of its division of powers and limits of government authority, the majority of those founders thought it necessary to include an enumeration of some of those rights further limiting government in its ability to create laws and regulations abridging those rights. They added this enumeration in our Bill Of Rights or the first ten amendments to our Constitution. Many Americans are barely familiar with the Bill Of Rights today and even less are familiar with its preamble. In fact the preamble of the Bill Of Rights is commonly left off documents today. It reads as such:

The conventions of a number of the States having at the time of their adopting the Constitution, expressed a desire, in order to prevent misconstruction or abuse of its powers, that further declaratory and restrictive clauses should be added: And as extending the ground of public confidence in the government, will best insure the beneficent ends of its institution.

The above preamble makes clear that the following amendments are meant as declaratory clauses as to some of the rights endowed upon Americans. Those amendments are also restrictive in giving government no authority or powers to in any way abridge those rights. Should government begin to become oppressive and restrict those rights, then it is our founders' declaration that government should be abolished and honest government instituted. The Bill Of Rights follows as such:

Article 1.

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

Article 2.

A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.

Article 3.

No Soldier shall, in time of peace be quartered in any house, without the consent of the Owner, nor in time of war, but in a manner to be prescribed by law.

Article 4.

The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no Warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by Oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized.

Article 5.

No person shall be held to answer for a capital, or otherwise infamous crime, unless on a presentment or indictment of a Grand Jury, except in cases arising in the land or naval forces, or in the Militia, when in actual service in time of War or public danger; nor shall any person be subject for the same offence to be twice put in jeopardy of life or limb; nor shall be compelled in any criminal case to be a witness against himself, nor be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation.

Article 6.

In all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial, by an impartial jury of the State and district wherein the crime shall have been committed, which district shall have been previously ascertained by law, and to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation; to be confronted with the witnesses against him; to have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his favor, and to have the Assistance of Counsel for his defence.

Article 7.

In Suits at common law, where the value in controversy shall exceed twenty dollars, the right of trial by jury shall be preserved, and no fact tried by a jury, shall be otherwise re-examined in any Court of the United States, than according to the rules of the common law.

Article 8.

Excessive bail shall not be required, nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel and unusual punishments inflicted.

Article 9.

The enumeration in the Constitution, of certain rights, shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people.

Article 10.

The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people.

Any politician, any media pundit, any asshole on the street who tells you that the above Bill Of Rights is radical and gives a radical amount of rights to individuals and that government must sometimes restrict those rights is your enemy and an enemy to America. Our founders had to fight a bloody eight year war to abolish the government that oppressed their rights and win their freedoms. That is what it is all about. When a government is able to take your freedoms, you have no idea what they will take from you next! Ask the victims of Stalin, Mao, Pol Pot and other Marxist "heroes" around the planet. Are you getting the agenda yet?

I have just explained Marxism to the readers and shown it in direct contrast to American Constitutional Republicanism. I have used the documents and words of Marxists and our American founders to explain what they believe. They are not my opinions, they are what each side believed and wrote down for themselves. For me, there are no "yeah, but", there is no situational ethics and "what about (insert hypothetical situation)." You can insert all the hypothetical situations you want up your ass. You are either going to stand and be counted as an American or you are going to fall to the Marxist agenda. I have figured out what Marxism is. I hope the readers now understand as well. I also hope we can all stand for what our American founders stood for and will work together to make sure their dream and their revolution does not die with this generation. And I hope you stand to help the next generation should it be left to them to make the stand. Now stop whining and stand tall!