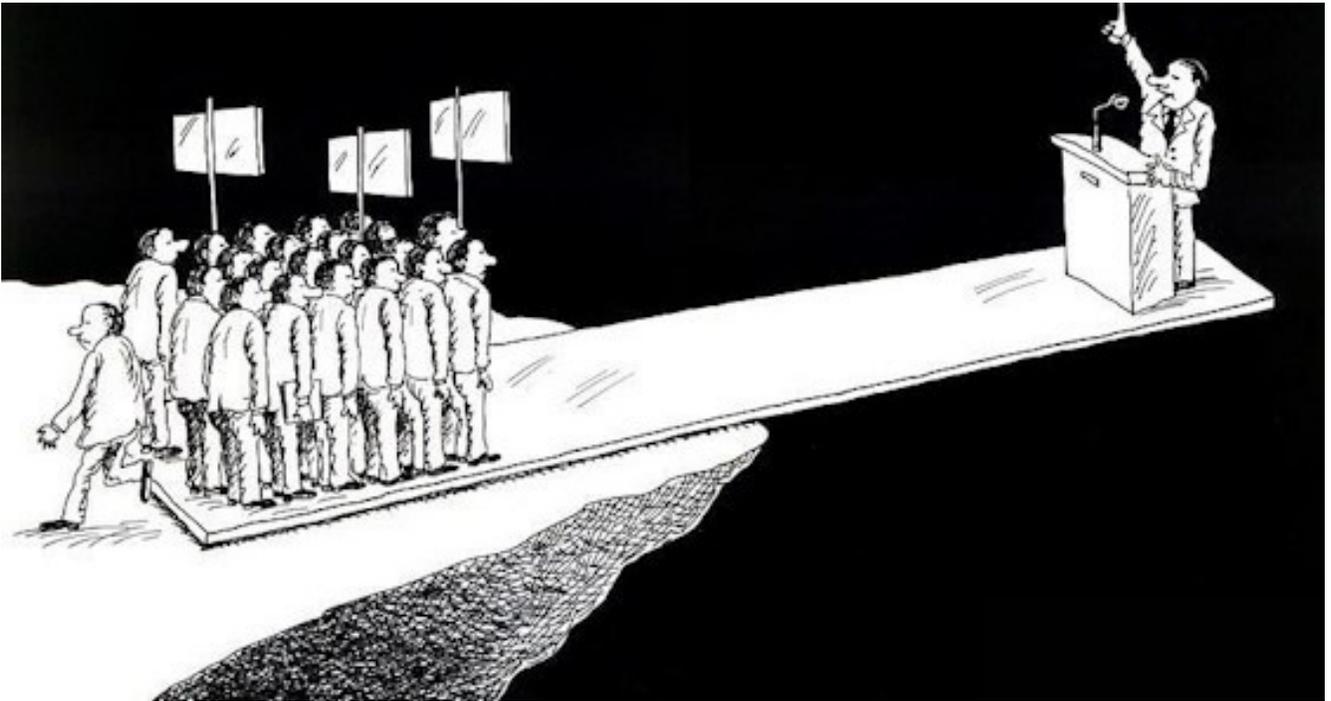


# FREEDOM



*and* **HOW TO FIND IT**

Jim Davies

“Be resolved to serve no more, and there you are, free. I do not want you to push him or topple him, but merely no longer hold him up, and you will see him, like a huge colossus with the base taken away, collapse under his own weight and break up.”

*Etienne de la Boétie, 1574*

Nobody rules,  
If nobody obeys

*Anon*

Those who want you to doubt that anarchy (self-ownership and individual responsibility) is the best, most moral, and ethical way to live among others are asking you to accept that theft, aggression, superstition, and slavery are perhaps better.

*Kent McManigal*

## Preface

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There are just three chapters:

**The War on Freedom** (page 4) briefly reviews a little of the huge catalog of violence done to your freedom. Many large volumes have been written on these and in a short space the review must be sketchy – so it contains outbound links in order that readers interested in a particular topic can find more detail.

**Life in a Free Society** (page 12) outlines what daily life will probably be like after government rulers have vanished. Everyone will keep everything they earn, but will also need to pay for services they want, some of which are now provided without direct charge. Our freedom will be very real; so will be our responsibility.

**How to End Government** (page 17) is for those who agree that nothing less will do; that rulers must be repudiated, altogether – that their whole structure must be demolished. No violence is proposed, none at all; for violent revolutions merely replace one government with another. The peaceful method described here will root it out, permanently.

The booklet ends with a short Afterword, at page 21.

Perhaps you'll have encountered already some of the material in the first Chapter, as well maybe as some of that in the second. But the third Chapter has not, as far as I know, ever been proposed by anyone else.

Enjoy your read! - and your taking part in this thrilling, epoch-ending adventure.

Jim Davies

## Chapter 1: The War on Freedom

Government is in the business of ruling, or governing. That is, it takes a multitude of decisions that all, properly, by nature, belong to each of us as individuals.

Your life belongs to you, nobody else. And that applies to everyone. Therefore, you (and everyone else) can do whatever you wish – but with your own life *only*. So the one thing *nobody* has the right to do is to rule anyone else.

Rulers, therefore, are repugnant and redundant; they always and necessarily violate human nature. That's not to say *rules* are redundant; just that a group of individuals issuing edicts is redundant.

How can one have rules without rulers? - easily! The mechanism is **the contract**. An agreement, between two or more people, placing obligations on each. If no contract is in place, no obligations exist; but if there is, they do. Those are the only "rules" that will exist in a free society, and they are the only ones needed.

You agree to make me a chair, I agree to pay you \$300 for it, upon delivery on a certain date. In our separate scale of values, I value the chair more than \$300 but you value the \$300 more than your labor in making it. So we both win! - and trouble arises only if one of us reneges. Should I fail to pay, my reputation and trustworthiness will plunge. I'll find it very hard to trade with anyone else, such as suppliers of food, drink and clothing. So contract-breaking is a bad idea.

That's the natural, or "market" way a free society will work – see Chapter 2. Now look at some of the ways that has been grossly distorted by those who rule.

**The right to be armed** is a *natural* right or freedom; that is, it comes from nature, from the fact that each of us is alive. The right to life means we each have the right (obligation?) to [defend that life](#), with such means as we each see fit. Were you taught that in school? Why not? Was it a school whose curriculum is set by government, the *primary violator* of rights?

By the way, that right is not *granted* by [Amendment 2](#). What the Second Amendment says is that the newly-created Federal Government is *forbidden to infringe* that natural right. Yet it has done exactly that. In spades. On purpose.

**The freedom to work** under whatever terms of contract you and your employer or customer choose to make, is routinely and grossly restricted by government.

**Minimum ages** are usually laid down, by government law. So if you want to hire a child and the child is able to do the work and agrees to the contract offered,

tough: [Nanny Says No](#). So Junior cannot contribute to the family budget or gain some work experience, and you cannot get low-cost labor for simple jobs.

**Citizenship status** is another restriction; a new immigrant with limited English may still be good for the vacancy you wish to fill, but [Nanny yaps again](#) and your labor costs (passed on to the customer, of course – whom else?) are greater than they would otherwise be.

(Incidentally, without immigration and work-permit laws, immigrants will enter the country only when employment or business opportunities appear attractive. If none are advertised, not many will come – because, absent government, there will be no tax-funded welfare available. “Border problem” solved.)

**Minimum wage** laws are popular with Unions (because a higher floor means all wages above that floor will be higher too) but again bloat the cost of labor and so the price of the product sold; but the flip side is that anyone with skills so limited that they are not worth that minimum, to the employer, [doesn't get hired](#). He loses both the money and the chance to hone his skills, which would later enable him to get a higher-paying job. Hence, this attack on freedom creates poverty.

**OHSA Laws** are often a [painful interference](#) with liberty, because they mandate a whole raft of facilities for the workplace environment which cost money yet may not be needed at all. So many square feet per desk place. Wheelchair access ramps. Heating, cooling, lighting rules, regardless of whether you'd choose to put them in so as to attract better quality employees. All that money comes from the higher prices you have to charge, or else from the wage packets of those hired. They may very well have chosen to have a less Ritzy workplace but higher wages.

**Accounting for taxes** etc are forced upon you, and the needless labor you have to hire to perform those tasks is again paid with money from the employee's or customer's pocket. Taxation itself is theft, always, see below; but this attack on freedom is about the [cost of administering](#) it, making deductions for each employee and then ensuring it's paid over to the appointed bureaucrat.

**Limitations on contract work** is another nasty interference. It's often to each party's advantage to agree for a certain job of work to be performed, for an agreed price, without having to hire a person for a permanent position and weekly wage. The hirer is then not obliged to pay for someone without work to do, and the hiree can manage his own workload and free time and prepare his own tax returns, which usually means paying less. The tax-thieves don't like that, so they write laws to [make it difficult](#).

Why does government impose all these restrictions, and others? - partly because it gives them a great sense of power and superiority, and they all live for power; and because it yields them votes or money (as tax) or both. Always, each law is dressed up as being for the little-guy's benefit; in truth, it's for government's.

**Taxation** is the forcible removal of the fruits of labor, by government. It may be levied nominally on property (eg house or land) or company profits, or sales, or directly on labor (as "income tax") or even more wickedly on money, by inflation – but always, it boils down ultimately to a levy on labor. And always, taxation is theft; and because it comes from labor, partial slavery is endemic. Slavery has NOT been abolished, Amendment 13 notwithstanding.

If it's prop-tax, you had to earn the money to buy the house, which the State or Town then taxes you for owning. If it's on profits, you labored to produce them. If it's on sales, it steals part of your earnings when you spend them. If it's by inflation, the theft is of money that you might have saved, but which you have to spend on goods whose prices have risen due to government's creation of false money (which defines "inflation.")

Those are not of course the only taxes levied; they are just the big ones. Special taxes are there on liquor, cigarettes, cars, fuel... almost everything that moves. All of them except one are carefully written into law, so that if you agree that laws are needed (why?) you can't dispute them.

The exception is the Federal Income Tax, and all the State income taxes that lean upon it (a couple don't.) The FIT *appears* to have been legalized, but hasn't. It's collected without having been written into law, by massive deception, [see here](#).

Does that matter? - not a whole lot, no; because tax is theft, whether the thieves have written laws about it or not. And a law is merely an opinion, enforced upon others at the point of a gun. Nonetheless, it's interesting to notice the deception.

In 1980 Milton Friedman calculated that in total, nearly 50% of our earnings were being confiscated by all levels of government. Since then, the rate has risen; in 2024 the Feds are creating *a trillion "dollars" every 100 days*, so raising the inflation tax, for one example. I suggest the total rate is now approaching 60%. Put another way, the wages we earn on Mondays, Tuesdays and most of Wednesdays are being confiscated. We are nearly 60% enslaved.

**"Social Security"** is the government's [war on the elderly](#), and it's disguised as an insurance scheme. While working, all must pay the equivalent of a premium, of 15% of what they earn (yes, 15; if the "employer share" of half that did not have to be paid, he'd pay it as wages) and after retirement benefits are paid out in amounts determined by Congress. Unlike an honest commercial insurance policy, those benefits are not specified by contract in advance.

During [my interview](#) of Lou Garofalo, an experienced insurance broker, he stated that he would be unable to sell "Social Security" if it were offered in competition with other commercial policies; for the rivals would pay "two or three times" the benefits for the same premium. So, they call it "insurance" but if the plan were

open to competition it would be unsaleable! The result is a lower standard of living for the elderly than they could have obtained on their own.

**Health Care** is delivered well by conscientious carers, but is vastly expensive in the USA, for a couple of major reasons, and all the money comes eventually from the wallets of working people, by tax; there is no other source. Here's why:

1. The spenders (hospitals, physicians) are not spending money that is their own or their patients' (directly) but "the government's." They have no incentive to economize. They do have incentives to avoid inadequate care, so authorize costly procedures that may not be strictly needed.
2. Pharmaceuticals are grossly over-priced; partly because the makers are obliged to spend fortunes satisfying the FDA that a new drug is safe and must recover that cost during a limited period of patent protection, and partly because there is a sinister alliance between them and Congress which Robert F Kennedy has exposed in [The Real Anthony Fauci](#). Congress is told there is a dangerous new disease, Big Pharma is commissioned to produce a cure, and then rewards Members of Congress with generous donations. He calls this the "Medical Industrial Complex." The Covid "pandemic" was one such fraud, and RFK identifies AIDS as another. One dreadful result of this swindle is that confidence in physicians' integrity has been reduced.

Health care in a free society would be a matter of contract agreements between the patient and the physician, and the latter would offer services in competition with others – on the basis of experience, reputation and price. Its total cost would be five or possibly ten times less than today's system.

**Justice** is a vital component of a peaceful society, and if the system is badly run freedom can be denied very brutally. Consider first what "justice" is.

It consists of having a wrong righted. If your right (to control the whole of your life) is damaged in some way, that's a wrong. A justice system would correct it. The damage may be accidental or deliberate, and in either case a third party (a "court" or adjudicator) needs to rule on the matter if agreement cannot be reached otherwise. But that isn't what now takes place.

Instead the "third party" is government, and it lays down some "laws" that are necessarily inflexible and universal, and considers only whether one of them has been broken. If so, the breaker is punished. But the victim – the one who was actually damaged – receives no compensation at all.

So the victim sees no justice, the damage-causer gets his life ruined in prison, the taxpayer underwrites the cost both of the court and of his incarceration. Only the lawyers come out ahead.

Because it's a government monopoly, that's not too surprising. The judge is paid

by the government. The prosecutor is paid by the government. The defense attorney is licensed by the government, and therefore is controlled by the government as to what he is allowed or forbidden to say in court. Thus, there is no freedom for a defendant to tell the jury what he wishes, without his accuser's permission. As a "justice system", [it is a sick joke](#).

**Waging war** is one of government's primary activities, and is very popular with the makers of the weapons it needs. Without warfare, they would have little business, so as with health care, they generously reward Congressmen who vote in favor of starting or prolonging wars. The present Ukraine war is very profitable, since there are not even any body bags coming back to the US, which might arouse popular opposition.

Sometimes government is alleged to exist to provide "national defense," but the history of the US one is a sordid tale of [107 wars of offense](#).

Two massive enlargements of the Union were achieved peacefully; the Louisiana Purchase and the acquisition of Alaska, bought respectively from France and Russia. But instead of negotiating to buy also the South West from Mexico and the South East from Spain, those were taken by the force of offensive war.

Then in 1861 the Southern States seceded, being fed up with paying import duties imposed by the Northern majority, and rather than accept an action the Union had itself taken 85 years earlier, Lincoln waged war to prevent it - rather like the Ukraine government is doing now, with respect to the Donbass. One American in sixty was killed.

Its conduct in the 20th Century was worse yet; in 1917 it intervened in a European war without any US defensive need, and so put Britain and France into its debt. Despite strong popular opposition, FDR did the same again in 1941 and ever since has made Europe financially dependent and turned a prosperous, relatively free country into a widely-detested, worldwide imperial power.

Its military adventures into Vietnam and the Middle East have been less productive, and the current, proxy war in Ukraine has placed the world on the edge of a nuclear holocaust. Its origin lies in the Eastward expansion of NATO - a *doubling* of membership! - since 1990. The start of negotiations for Ukraine to join too would have placed nuclear missiles closer to Moscow than Krushchev's would have been to Washington in 1962.

Governments exist primarily for the enjoyment of power, over people; and that is the exact inverse of freedom, ie the right of every person to run his own life. Wars are popular with government because they give more excuse to exercise that power; they convince people we are all in danger from some foreign threat, and bully us into joining or financing the fight and managing without food or other things we enjoy in peace time. No wonder Ralph Bourne wrote that "War is the

health of the State”, meaning that rulers are never happier than when waging war. Unless they lose, of course.

War is utter folly, and there was never any war that government didn't wage. You want to end war? Then you must end government. Chapter 3 shows how.

**Money** is essential for a prosperous society; it is a “medium of exchange” and without it everyone would be bartering, which is highly inefficient. You want some loaves and have a hammer; to get loaves, you must find a baker who needs a hammer. By using instead a medium of exchange, that search is eliminated.

Transactions between people are called the “market” and tens of millions of them take place every day, using money. When the market is free of interference, prices are agreed (the sale and purchase occur) or not agreed (no sale.) Prices serve as a vital indicator to all participants, about what needs to be supplied. When the market is not free (government interferes with its laws) those prices are distorted, meaning that that the right stuff may be available in the wrong place, or perhaps nowhere. Distortion hurts buyers, sellers, or both.

When the interference relates not just to products and their prices but to the medium of exchange itself – the money – the distortion is far greater yet; and that is exactly what governments have been doing for over a hundred years.

The choice of what constitutes money ought to be made by people actually using the market; that is, you and I. We'll choose something that *keeps its value* over time, because if you earn 1,000 units of money now, you may wish to keep it for a while before spending it. We'll choose something that *can't be counterfeited* easily, because if it could, malefactors would be able to double (say) the amount of it circulating and thereby double the prices of everything and halve the value of what you're holding. False price signals cause shambles.

For 5,000 years past in the whole world, [markets have chosen gold](#) for that purpose and for those reasons. But from time to time, governments have counterfeited the coins and bank notes so as to be able to spend money without first stealing it as visible taxes. Prices rise the following year, so it does take money away from those who earned it, but it's much less visible. Even now, not many people can understand this wicked “inflation tax.”

The governments of the [Roman Empire](#) did it, by adding base metals to the silver *denarius*, the coin in most common use – while keeping the gold *aureus* for its own use. This was one of the main reasons the Empire collapsed, yet the average inflation rate during its last three centuries was 3.72% a year – almost exactly what we've had in the USA since 1913.

The FedGov viciously prohibits the market from using a proper form of money, such as gold or silver or crypto. After [Ross Ulbricht](#) created an eBay-like

marketplace on line using Bitcoin, he was sentenced to life in prison without parole. Rulers jealously monopolize money, and that savagely denies freedom.

**Education** has been [taken over by governments](#) – mostly, the States – and the result has been appalling. Compulsory, tax-funded schools began in Prussia in 1805, and the idea has been copied worldwide. It provides government with an unparalleled opportunity to indoctrinate each rising generation. If this booklet is giving you information that seems unfamiliar, that's the reason.

Like most assaults on freedom, government has done the job gradually. At first (1840, in the US) it seemed to everyone a good idea: all children were to be taught the Three Rs, teachers had steady jobs, and the proper religion was taught to new immigrants. Only the taxpayer's nose was out of joint.

But now, less than two centuries later, about half of school graduates cannot functionally read their certificate, and kids under 10 are being taught that they can choose their gender. The cost per student, extracted by the States as taxes on property or sales, is on average [\\$14,347 a year](#) – and in some Districts, often where education is most needed, it's double that. Like government-controlled health care, above, there is no control over pricing, nor incentive to be efficient.

“Higher” education is much the same; the most intelligent students do well enough, but for others the quality of teaching is poor and the cost, astronomical. [Here](#), Dr Tom DiLorenzo identifies colleges as Communist indoctrination centers.

At all these institutions, the first and primary lesson taught is that government is a good and necessary idea, and should be respected and obeyed as the first duty of citizenship; and that “Democracy” and “Freedom” are terms almost interchangeable. In truth, they are almost diametrically opposed.

The institution of government-controlled education has turned a freedom-loving, sturdy, self-reliant people into a nation of sheep; and one proof of that is the



appalling alacrity with which so many obeyed the CDC directives to wear face masks during the Covid "pandemic", which has proven to be a [total fraud](#). Masks were useless, fatalities were grossly exaggerated, the lock-downs were ruinous and the "vaccines", ineffective and dangerous.

This first chapter has outlined nine major ways in which government has robbed us all of our natural right to live free. Its power – its very nature! - is unalterably opposed to individual freedom; were it not so, it would not be *government*.

Hence, it is reprobate, incapable of being reformed or tamed. In the 20<sup>th</sup> Century alone, governments [murdered over a quarter of a billion civilians](#) in their "care." Starting late in the last Century the US one has been systematically spying on all our phone calls and emails; over three billion even in 2012, according to the documovie "[Snowden](#)." Eventually it will turn us all into automata, mere tools in its hands. It will rob us of humanity. The dystopian novels of Huxley, Orwell and Bradbury will become real. To some degree, they already have.

Therefore, it has to be terminated. Eliminated, root and branch. The rulers must be repudiated. How, is the subject of the third chapter.



## Chapter 2: Life in a Free Society

Partly as a result of the very widespread reading of this book, and well within the life span of most readers, America will be rid of its rulers and we shall be free. What will life be like?

A few books have been written about that, but surprisingly, not many. For that reason, I wrote one: a short e-book, [A Vision of Liberty](#) (and since its price is zero, its value is infinite.) It greatly amplifies this Chapter. Also recommended strongly is the Tannehills' [The Market for Liberty](#).

Can you imagine it? - Try! You are by right your own person, and always have been; but now, with all rulers removed, that basic right is yours *in practice* and in reality, not just in theory! Free at last!

Incidentally, **let's pause a moment**: how can we be certain that we do each have that basic, natural right to own ourselves? - because *there is no alternative*. If not you, then who? Try to refute the proposition, that you own yourself. Who might replace you, as owner? Whoever it is, has the same rights as you, since he is a human being; and if you don't own yourself, nor does he. And if he doesn't own himself, he certainly has no right to own anyone else! (And who owns *him*, and so on *ad infinitum*.)

Or try it this way: the very instant you start to try to refute the self-ownership premise, you engage the brain. Whose brain? - yours! For if it's not yours, what right do you have to engage it, without the owner's permission? The same is true of the vocal chords or the fingers, if you were to express an argument in speech or writing. There is literally no logical alternative to self-ownership. We have to assume its truth implicitly, even while trying to refute it explicitly. Therefore it is not a matter of faith or superstition, but is known as an "axiom"; something undeniably, fundamentally true.

Okay, pause over. Freedom is yours, in reality as well as theory. What next?

Everything you now choose to do and become is at your disposal. You answer to nobody but yourself. Your purpose in life is to enjoy it, certainly. There are a few prerequisites: you need shelter, clothing, food, drink; yet nobody owes you any of those things. How can they be acquired?

Answer: **by exchange**, under explicit, voluntary contracts<sup>1</sup>. For example you offer to perform some work at which you have good skills, in exchange for an agreed amount of gold, which in due course you spend on those necessary items.

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<sup>1</sup> **Gifts** are, of course, an equally valid and voluntary way of acquiring property.

(Very likely you'll already have many of them, acquired during the Governed Era, so you won't be starting from scratch.) Contractual exchange is the way we shall all interact with each other, in this coming free society. There will be no compulsion, unlike today; no force.

Those exchanges and contracts may relate to what's usually called a "job", in which you trade the availability of your labor for an agreed period (hours/week) or they may be about exchanging goods or services you produce and sell; that is, you go into business for yourself, maybe selling your temporary, special services as a consultant or expert, or maybe producing tangible goods for sale to many buyers. In my opinion there will be much more of this second kind of contract than the more conventional employer-employee arrangement.

Already, unprecedented business opportunities have arisen for dealers on, for example, eBay; with low startup-capital requirements. Some diligence is needed to find out what products are in demand and what can be obtained, then the pricing and promoting on a platform already built. All the more profitable when the curse of government oversight and taxation is removed. There is much pleasure and satisfaction in "being your own boss."

As the rule of government is being destroyed, its 20 million employees will have left their jobs and so will want others. Some of the work they were doing (such as maintaining roads, handling trash, guiding aircraft...) will still need to be done, though in a much improved manner; that translates to a *massive opportunity* for entrepreneurs and their employees to fill the vacuum, meet the demand.

Important: whatever the agreed exchange, the only obligations arising will be those specified in the contract. No third party such as government rules about hours, conditions, pay rates or whatever, will arise; for government won't exist. It will therefore be a good idea to read and negotiate the contract carefully. Bear in mind that the other party to it needs you, just as you need him. You meet him on equal terms, or you part company and deal with someone else.

So much, briefly, for setting up how you **earn** a living. Now consider **spending** it.

Our rulers – government – dominate almost every aspect of daily living, so after they have disappeared we shall keep all the resources we earn, but will have to buy some services directly. Since we'll each choose which to buy and from whom, and which not, the total will be a lot less than we're forced to "spend" now, as tax. But it won't be zero. Let's pick a few examples, related to items in Chapter 1.

**Personal Defense:** no rulers means no rulers' police, tax-funded and bloated. Suppose bad guys give trouble?

Three factors will affect the answer. First, there will be far fewer "bad guys" – because, as we'll see in Chapter 3, this free society will not come into being at all

until everyone has learned about self-ownership and responsibility; hence that stealing etc is not only wrong morally but unprofitable anyway, compared to ways of earning a living that are honest.

And second, everyone who so wishes will be well armed, because no laws will make that difficult. Hollywood conveyed the fiction for decades that the "lawless West" was a violent place, with gunmen ruling the frontier towns. It was not so. Since nearly every person carried a piece, it was an unusually polite society. So will be the coming free one.

Then third, anyone who feels unable to manage his or her own defense will be able to hire the services of "defense companies" who patrol the neighborhood and provide the needed protection. That will depend of course on the demand for such service, but if the demand is there the market will certainly provide it.

**Retirement:** Pension plans have been offered by insurance firms for a long time, and they will expand to fill the market demand from everyone – who will be well able to afford the premiums once released from the "Social Security" scam.

Those will often be supplemented by individual savings portfolios, as people find once again that they can save money they have earned, instead of losing it to taxation and especially inflation. Today it makes little sense to save because in 20 or 30 years the dollar will have lost value; but when gold is used money will actually *increase* its purchasing power! We can be sure of that, for it actually happened during the whole of the 19<sup>th</sup> Century (except during the "Civil" War.)

**Health:** This industry will see one of the biggest changes of all, for regulation will have been removed and the wickedly corrupt system whereby pharma firms are handed a "demand" for new products by a Congress which fabricates a false disease and then takes a share of resulting profits, as exposed brilliantly in Robert F Kennedy's book [The Real Anthony Fauci](#), will have become history.

Nurses and physicians will be free to advertise their services as they see fit, and charge accordingly in a competitive market. Some will even offer *house calls!*

Experience and academic qualifications will be made clear, and the customer – the patient – will shop around as he does now for many other products and services. The huge and expensive workload of conforming to a raft of government rules will have become history, so prices will tumble rapidly. Medical insurance may still be offered, but I'll be surprised if any of the policies include offers to pay for regular "office visits" - rather, they will be keyed to protect the insured from the rare and unexpected surgical necessity. That's why insurance was invented.

**Justice:** "Lawyers" will still remain (to the dismay of some) but I think will call themselves "Advocates" or some other term; for there will be no laws. Their job will be to act for anyone who claims his rights have been damaged, who wants to

hire an expert spokesman rather than negotiate himself.

The restoration of lost or damaged rights will be the only reason a justice industry will exist; the old (current) notion of exacting revenge for infringing a law will have been tossed into the ash can.

The first step will be to identify the one who caused the damage – deliberately or by accident – and if he is not already known, that will need a detective to locate him (read: *business opportunity*.) Once identified, the next step will be to invite him to put the damage right. Often, a settlement may be agreed without resort to a third party mediator.

But if not, the plaintiff will invite him to a court the plaintiff has chosen<sup>2</sup> and its judge (or jury) will resolve the matter. Costs will be borne by the loser. If the damage-causer flouts that court order, his *reputation will be ruined*. He will be shunned, and have a hard time even to buy provisions or sell his services. That's his powerful incentive to comply.

In 2019 I wrote a Blog about justice without government, and it's more detailed than these few paragraphs; it may be worth a [look, here](#).

**War:** This one's easy: there will be none. Every war in history was begun by a government, and once it's gone, so will its wars.

Exception? - one possible, that I can imagine; it is that while the rulers are in the process of being repudiated, a foreign government might invade to intervene. Its motive would be that the idea of ridding the society of its rulers might spread, for example to that invading neighbor; best therefore to throttle it at birth.

This is so unlikely, especially for America, that I have a hard time responding. How exactly would Canada (or Mexico) carry out that invasion? Americans already own almost 400 million firearms. The attempt would be a dead loss.

So: wars, which cause so much ruin and heartache and for which we are forced currently to pay, will cease. Even if there were no other benefit of ending the era of government, this one alone would profoundly suffice on its own.

**Education:** As we saw above, the government school monopoly is horribly expensive and we're all forced to pay that price, even if we have no children! - and even if we do but choose to pay a private school to teach them! This expense will vanish, leaving parents of two children with the gold equivalent of about \$30,000 a year to spend as they wish.

Competing for a little of that former spend will be an array of *educational services*

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<sup>2</sup> Courts, too, will be competitive business enterprises – and so will flourish only while they maintain a reputation for *fairness*. Hence, there is no danger that a court will favor a plaintiff just because he chose that particular court.

– designed to draw out the student's natural curiosity. Long after leaving school myself I was taught that *learning happens only when a question is answered* – and it's true! Unless the child wants to know something, it's wall-to-wall boredom.

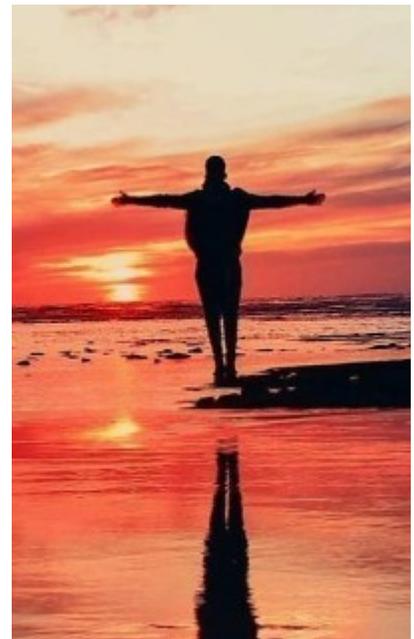
This market will bristle with opportunities for the brighter among the government-school teachers who were laid off; to form small-class, home-based mini-schools for nearby parents who don't wish to home-school their children themselves, or to offer them specialized teaching of advanced subjects to teens whose parents have insufficient knowledge of them, or to help build interactive on-line schools.

I think a majority of those home-school offerings will be on-line, and some already operate. Compared to the government-monopoly costs, their prices are trivial. Already (and thanks in part to the otherwise ruinous lock-downs in the Covid Scam) there are [about 4 million](#) students already being home-schooled, and after the rulers have been repudiated that will rise to a large majority of all. The rest will go to for-fee schools, which will adjust their offerings to market demand; that is, there will be some that remain expensive, but many new ones that are very affordable. [Marva Collins](#) pioneered a few decades ago a way to provide excellent education for a bare-bones price.

**Wonder:** As well as the huge improvement in the daily life of earning a living and spending what's earned, in the coming free society, this Chapter must end by repeating that the sense of being free, of being in sole and proper charge of your own life, is enormously liberating and invigorating.

Life, and the world in which we live it, is a wonderful thing! An inexhaustible list of experiences to enjoy, understanding to gain, awaits us. Of course, much of it can be enjoyed here and now, but once freed from the shackles of external control we shall be that much more human, more able to enjoy them. We'll be able to *wonder* at the vast resources of art, literature, astronomy, music, travel etc., and perhaps add some to that store.

An ocean of possibilities awaits us.



## Chapter 3: How to End Government

Surprisingly, very little has been written about this crucial subject. If one knows where to look there is a good deal on the evil that rulers wreak (the subject of Chapter 1 above) and a little about how it will be after their rule has ended, as in Chapter 2; but not much at all about how to bring about the change.

It's widely agreed that **education** about freedom is a vital necessity, and indeed it is, and a good amount is being done; but aside from my own ideas I've seen very little by way of a plan to cause government to vanish.

Such a plan is essential. It may need amending as soon as it has begun, and it may not work, but *without a plan it will certainly not work!*

Some good people suppose that somehow **politicking** will do the trick. I did myself, for twenty years in the Libertarian Party. That has done a great job of teaching liberty – I learned most of what I know there – but a political party isn't a school, it's a movement to attain political power and, in its case, then to abolish political power. It has made no such progress in half a century, and I'm now very skeptical that if it ever did, it would stumble over that abolition.

What then can possibly overcome the massive entrenched power of government, to maintain and enlarge its own grip on the population?

The answer as I see it requires one further question: on what does it **depend?**



All rulers depend on the implicit support of those they rule. That support may not be enthusiastic or explicit, but it has to take the form of acceptance, at least. The public must obey its orders, more or less; pay its taxes, fight its wars. Etienne de la Boétie, a 16<sup>th</sup> Century French lawyer, poet and advocate of civil disobedience, is quoted on page 2 of this booklet:

*"Be resolved to serve no more, and there you are, free. I do not want you to push him or topple him, but merely no longer hold him up, and you will see him, like a huge colossus with the base taken away, collapse under his own weight and break up."*

He was fascinated by the fact of "voluntary servitude"; that people were for all practical purposes enslaved, yet apparently submitted to it without compulsion. His brilliant insight is that if support is removed, the bluff will be called and the tyrant will collapse; without any violence whatever. So, what is the "support" we need to remove?

That support seems to me to have three legs: **tax, votes and labor**. Government appears to need all three: money is indispensable, votes serve to cement ruler to ruled and give the impression that it's "by the people" as well as "of the people", and labor forms the actual composition of government; without clerks and janitors its Very Important Leaders could not function.

So we might consider: how about a tax strike? - deny it the use of our money?

At some point in the past, perhaps that would have worked. But today, as well as being extremely dangerous and difficult, refusal to pay taxes would not be a showstopper. Money can be, and is being, simply printed or created electronically.

Okay then, suppose nobody showed up on election day? Could government get by without votes? Answer: yes it could. It would simply lie (it's quite good at that) by saying on every TV and Internet channel to which we have access, that the turnout was high and the vote very close, but Party D or Party R won the race. So would our masters be chosen for another few years. Some think (I'm one) that the 2020 election was rigged; that somehow ten or twenty million votes were fabricated for Biden that were never actually cast by real, live people. The voting machines (special purpose computers) are reportedly quite easy to program to produce any desired result.

So the rulers can get by without votes, too. How about labor?

**There is the solution; they can't operate without labor.** Take that away, and they are finished. There are about 20 million people working for all three levels of government (1 in 7) and even after AI has replaced as many as it can, the rest of them will remain indispensable (assuming it continues to do what it now does.) **When they quit their jobs, government will have evaporated.**

Government offices have to be maintained. Heating and A/C systems need repair. Desk computers need programming and fixing. Floors have to be swept. Doors have to be locked, and unlocked. Supplies have to be ordered and stocked. Coffee has to be fetched, lunches served, lighting switched on and off, mail distributed.

Outdoors, police have to ensure that we rubes remain intimidated, and their uniforms have to be laundered; and the military must march to and fro in some 200 foreign bases to keep "allies" in line. Lawyers must labor to keep up the illusion that an impartial system of justice exists, teachers must keep millions of kiddies disciplined, and so on *ad inf*. The [QuitGov site](#) has a drop-down menu of twenty four types of government job, and while some of them may not be essential to its survival, that list is only partial.

So yes, the rulers depend heavily on a wide range of professionals and ancillary staff to keep themselves comfortably in power. Take away those supporters, and the muckety-mucks can shout orders to their hearts' content; the only reply will

be echoes. There, then, is the start-point for a plan to end their rule.

### What else?

There's the target: to persuade 20 million government employees to quit and switch to honest employment; as well as 120 million others not to replace them. There are a couple of other must-have items, and the first is obvious: **how?**

This very booklet will, I hope, play an important part. If you, dear reader, will do what it asks on page 3 and a few of your friends like what they see and buy a copy and send it to *their* friends, it will "go viral" and rather quickly impress the minds of millions of Americans, and motivate them to leave government employ. This is exponential math; [take a look!](#)

Those will learn here about the evil that government does, from Chapter 1; they may always have supposed that it was beneficial and/or necessary. It's neither. They will see from Chapter 2 that there is a much more desirable alternative way for everyone to relate to each other, and gain some understanding of how they will need to arrange their lives and careers. And from this third chapter, they will see there is a way to cause it to happen. That's a very big start. On the strength of it, **those who have a government job will quit, and the others will resolve never to accept one. That's the key action this plan requires.**

So if you work for government in some way now, **decide to quit your job**. You'll want to figure out where to work after leaving, and that job-search will take some time, but aim to move within six months. Notice from the [QuitGov site](#) that although you may have to accept a drop in pay (because generally, government workers are overpaid) you will gain greatly from the increase in self-esteem that results from working in an honest job. That site presents the *powerful* moral and self-interest arguments for taking that step.

If you already work outside government, no action is needed except to resolve **never to do so**. That's because as others walk out of their government jobs there will be attempts to replace them; and it's important to prevent that.

Then, for a more in-depth course in freedom, take the [TOLFA](#) course; that's The On Line Freedom Academy. Once deeply convinced about the need for it, no graduate will hesitate to avoid government employ.

That's "how" the rulers will be made powerless, by removing support for them - just as de la Boëtie prescribed.

Lastly is the need to **be prepared** to live and work in the resulting free-market society. For that, I suggest first to revisit Chapter 2, followed by a read of my zero-price book [A Vision of Liberty](#), mentioned there. That covers similar ground but has twenty times the detail. These should convey an understanding of what

the free market and its opportunities will probably be like.

Then, prepare to prosper in it by planning to use the skills you have, to best advantage. More often than at present, the best way will be to run a business you establish and own. Look for and study a variety of self-help material about doing that. I can't recommend all that is published by Prager U, because it's conservative and so fails to call for the outright termination of government; but some of its material is excellent and a particularly fine series begun in 2024 is "The Hustle", which portrays young people who start and operate small businesses. Just what you might need! It's video-based and has a ["trailer" here](#).

While government is in the process of collapsing for want of employees, there will be a period of great turmoil; and that itself will present multiple chances to replace those of its functions which attract a market demand; employees with relevant experience, and investors to furnish capital and provide management. In addition, the removal of constraints will open up a whole new market for fresh ideas, products and services; the newly-free society will fairly bristle with opportunities. When that time comes, stay alert and see if you can spot them!

Finally, get reading! There's always more to grasp, and the Afterword below offers some additional material to enjoy.



In 1775 Tom Paine wrote the booklet [Common Sense](#), to show why America should declare itself an independent country. Without even a dream of an Internet to accelerate distribution it sold about 500,000 copies, or one for every two households at the time. No book more effectively triggered the Revolution.

Its best-known phrase was:

[Society in every state is a blessing, but government even in its best state is but a necessary evil](#)

Like the other founders, Paine continued by proposing to set limits on the powers – and so, the evils – of the new government. But Chapter 1 above showed that its evil has not been limited, and Chapter 2 that it's not necessary at all.

Now Chapter 3 has offered a way for you to help correct his errors.

## Afterword

The first step I ask readers of this booklet to take is to send copies of it to some friends by email, in the way described on page 3. Take your time, but if you can write a brief covering note with each over the course of a week or so, to something like 20 people or more, that would do fine. Out of those 20, a few will decide to do as you are now doing. That's why this will work.

I suggest not discriminating much, when you select recipients from your email address list. Let them choose whether to buy and promote the e-booklet, or not. There will be some disappointments, but also some pleasant surprises. At the same time it may not be a good idea to write to people you don't really know, but whose eaddresses you just happened to acquire. Each note should be personal to him or her; maybe add a few words about the last time you met or corresponded. On the next page is **an example**.

Then, as we've seen, there are then **two key actions** to take: (1) familiarize yourself with what life in freedom will be like, and (2) never work for government.

My [A Vision of Liberty](#) covers the same ground as Chapter 2, but in much greater detail. That will help with the first of those actions.

Then the [QuitGov site](#) will flesh out Chapter 3, showing why it's both dishonest and self-destructive to enter or to stay in a government job.

Beyond those, continue self-educating! First and foremost comes the interactive, self-directed freedom course, [TOLFA](#). Next, [The Anarchist Alternative](#) mini-web site gives a valuable overview. Then, there's a selection of good books [here](#) and I particularly recommend the Tannehills' [The Market for Liberty](#). An especially delightful one is Lou Carabini's [Liberty, Dicta & Force](#). The importance of economics to the new free society is vital, and an excellent start is Per Bylund's [How to Think About the Economy](#).

On the Internet there are some excellent web sites; two of my favorites are that of the [Mises Institute](#) and the Foundation for Economic Education ([FEE](#).)

I myself write a weekly Blog which you may like; the [latest edition is here](#) and if you click on the "RECENT" icon you'll be offered hundreds more in the archive.



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