Current Health/Position Of The United States Democracy

EIGHT CYCLES OF DEMOCRACY By Alexander Tytler

A democracy is always temporary in nature; it simply cannot exist as a permanent form of government. A democracy will continue to exist up until the time that voters discover that they can vote themselves generous gifts from the public treasury. From that moment on, the majority always votes for the candidates who promise the most benefits from the public treasury, with the result that every democracy will finally collapse due to loose fiscal policy, which is always followed by a dictatorship.

The average age of the world's greatest civilizations from the beginning of history has been about 200 years. During those 200 years, these nations always progressed through the following sequence:

- 1. From bondage to spiritual faith;
- 2. From spiritual faith to great courage;
- 3. From courage to liberty;
- 4. From liberty to abundance;
- 5. From abundance to complacency;
- 6. From complacency to apathy;
- 7. From apathy to dependence;
- 8. From dependence back into bondage. (Tyranny)

"First they came for the communists, and I did not speak out—because I was not a communist; Then they came for the socialists, and I did not speak out—because I was not a socialist; Then they came for the trade unionists, and I did not speak out—because I was not a trade unionist; Then they came for the Jews, and I did not speak out—because I was not a Jew; Then they came for me—and there was no one left to speak out for me." —

Pastor Martin Niemoeller (Oppressed Minister) – Post WWII Quote

Annual Francis Cleaves Labor Day Memorial – Mott Community College – May 1st Flint, Michigan

Year	Speaker	Title	Message
2008	Leroy McKnight	National Retiree/Labor Advocate	Apathy – Prevalent (6 th Cycle)
2009			
2010			
2011			
2012			
2013			
2014	Larry Roehrig	AFSCME Council 25 – Treasurer	Tyranny – Encroaching (8 th Cycle)

From Apathy To Tyranny In Six Short Years

"There is no greater time than now, for working men and women to stand together, act and speak out!"

Leroy McKnight