

Come and Get It – It's Free

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Biden and his socialist ilk continue to spout lies about free services and items that people can get. They want all of us to believe that there is a utopian world if only we would follow them.

The fact is, a utopian world cannot exist with the current situation of world affairs. By definition, a utopia doesn't exist. It was a word coined by Thomas Moore in 1516 to describe an idealized community on an island in the south Atlantic. In other words, a utopia is thought to be an idealized way to live.

In modern times this includes such concepts as free education, affordable and equitable housing, creating communities that integrate the rich and poor, the races and ethnic groups, and even everyone taking care of each other. It also includes living more sustainable, fighting climate change and doing things to improve communities. These are false concepts simply because human nature does not allow them to flourish. The problem with utopias is that they are an "ideal" conception of all aspects are perfect.

With people's "free will" to choose their paths and what they do, the utopias that socialists promise will never happen. It is said that there are only two things guaranteed in this world – taxes and death. This certainly is not very utopian.

Our government is spending more and more with each passing year. While there are things that can bring our national debt and spending down, none of our leaders are taking steps to do so. Let's look at a couple of facts.

Between 1975 and 2017 the US population grew about 50%, yet the number of people on food stamps grew by 147%!

Today, about 49.2 percent of Americans get some form of welfare from the government. That's nearly 1 out of every 2 Americans.

The media narrative tells us that the average person doesn't have enough money to send their kids to college, buy a home, or have affordable healthcare.

The socialist agenda promises free college, affordable housing, and free healthcare for all. But all of this comes with a huge price-tab for the American people.

Families are already paying increasing taxes for K-12 education. Yet socialists want to make college education free and to forgive student loans. What does this cost? Take a look at this table:

The Real Cost of “Free” College

2-year Public Institution	\$75 billion
4-year Public Institution	\$950 billion
Student Loan Forgiveness	\$1.4 trillion

Total Cost to Taxpayers = \$2.4 Trillion

The costs are even higher when other “free” things are provided. Included of our higher taxes is Obama’s program to welfare recipients smart phones. Not only were they provided with smart phones which cost more than plain cell phones, but they were also provided FREE unlimited data, texts, and minutes, all at a cost exceeding \$1.75 billion per year. And this doesn’t even include the cost of crimes committed using the phones.

Adding even more taxpayer costs in the technology world is Biden’s program to provide “affordable” broadband cable and internet services to low income people, students, and “those who have had to sit in parking lots or outside a public library to catch a wifi signal.” Three point two (3.2) billion dollars have been set aside for this program.

There are many other benefits that people can qualify for. There are sixteen benefit groups. Each of these groups have free or low cost benefits. Similar to the areas already mentioned, the free or low cost benefits also cost taxpayers.

According to a 2014 study of “The Fiscal Burden of Illegal Immigration on North Carolinians,” illegal immigration costs North Carolina taxpayers about \$2 billion per year or \$578 per household. This amount represents five cost areas:

Education	63.5%	\$1.3 billion
Health Care	11.5%	\$232 million
Legal	10.7%	\$216 million
General Government Services	10.5%	\$212 million
Public Assistance	3.9%	\$79 million

Undoubtedly, seven years later, these costs are significantly higher.

Whatever government gives away, it has to acquire it by some means. That means is typically done through taxation, and it is usually through taxation not approved by the people or otherwise illegal taxation. But taxation is not the only means.

So-called “reasonable” charges may be applied to “services rendered” to the citizens. Sometimes government will “confiscate” (steal) items only to turn around and give them to someone else. The Fourth Amendment to our Constitution helps to protect us against illegal seizure, but that has only recently been ruled on in the Supreme Court with regards to seizing firearms.

The socialist movement on our country is out to make us all dependent on government to run our lives – feed us, cloth us, take care of us. From birth to death, socialists want to control every aspect of our lives. And we are allowing it, because “it is free.”