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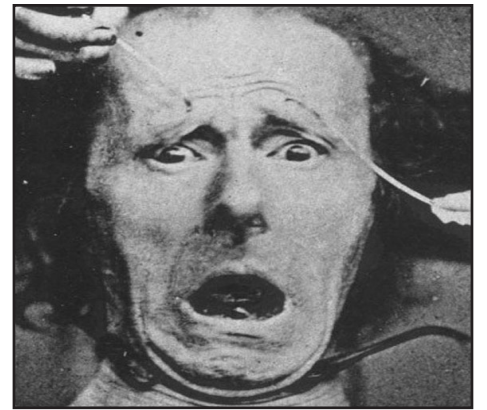
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## ESSAY

### High Anxiety, Low Relief

by Henry Nicolle



We have become accustomed to people from "government" inserting themselves into every activity and cavity of our personal lives, that we no longer feel their warm breath on our neck. We do not resist their most intimate invasions.

Our abuse has become so common and prevalent that we are barely aware of their hands groping around in our underwear or the sting as they draw our life from our veins as surely and methodically as they extract the product of our life's labors in fees and taxes.

It is our rape. If we resist or complain, they tell us that it is our own desire and demand to be gang-raped. If we point out the difference between rape and consensual relations, we are informed that that is only our misguided opinion.

We say nothing, we do nothing, we take no offense,

government. If we are not involved, we are governed by those who take the time to become involved. We are all driven by self-interest, even the most altruistic of us. (Were their self-interest not to be interested in the benefit of others, they would not be considered altruistic.)

For most of us, self-interest is played out in satisfying our urges for personal achievement, procreation and pleasure. Those activities do not leave



we make no resistance. We don't want to make trouble for anyone. We don't want trouble for ourselves. We suck and fuck and give it all up in "fair exchange" for the beatings and insults and our pimps peck on the cheek while we wait for the next demand upon our personal honor, liberty, security and prosperity.

We have no current, credible claim to personal honor, liberty, security or prosperity. We are proud of our freedom to serve our exploiters. We argue with each other over the attributes of our rapists and plunderers, each of us claiming our own to be preferable to any others. We beg our tyrants for favors and pay for privileges, not remembering that we are asking only for what is inherently our own that has been taken from us by violence, stealth and misdirection.

Ask any of America's Founders, (were any still alive) "Why must we have a government?" and the response would be an unhesitating "Our government is self-governance, which merely represents our wisdom to cooperate for the preservation of our inherent, individual Rights and our Liberty to pursue our lives as we each choose for ourselves."

Our Declaration of Independence formalized the new philosophy of Rights and Liberty in American terms by these words, "We hold these Truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness. That to secure these Rights, government are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed." Our institutions for self-governing are unique in the history of modern civilization.

Successful self-government demands participation by the People, else it is not possible to claim self-

much time or resources for keeping accounts on the others of our People whose ambitions are to achieve the power and wealth necessary to direct the mundane activities of the People.

We have no time to direct those whose time is mostly spent in the construction of the Chutes and Ladders of our playpen. We have no individual freedom or self-determination. Forced choices and managed freedom are the invisible bounds of our lives. Other people's ambitions and achievements are the fruit of our labor.

We cooperate and rejoice in our servitude and peonage. We do not see or feel our chains, because we have been taught from infancy that our slavery is the Liberty of Civilized Society, for which we must be grateful, not resentful.

There is an option for those of us who love and prefer tumultuous Liberty more than a secure and passive existence in submission to the ambitions of the powerful, aggressive and violent. Our Declaration returns to our attention our option when things go badly.

"That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness."

Seventy-percent or more of Americans play quietly in their cribs, awaiting their next call to submit to the passions of the powerful, pretentious and insatiable "Guardians of American Democracy and Opportunity".

Of the remaining thirty percent or so who love Liberty, I see only a handful who practice what they preach and none, who would water the Tree of Liberty.

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