



## **Life, Flight and Liberty Part VI**

**An essay by Henry Nicolle**

*Community Prosperity and Pride*

*All Politics are Local - Prosperity also begins at home.*

The conditions of society into which we are born create our de facto "normal". This "normality" denies history, but it provides a convenient and exploitable circumstance for bureaucracies and rulers. As time flows, "normal" evolves. A normal life for our parents was different from the normal life our grandparents knew.

We see first hand today that our children's understanding of normal is a world apart from our own. In fact, if we are paying attention, we will notice that we have several simultaneous generational divides in progress, each with their own unique "normal".

Don't laugh! We know that this is true, but it is not a laughing matter. The more we learn and advance, the faster we can learn and further advance. Often, our ability to ride the coattails of rapid advancement exceeds our social capacity to adjust to our new circumstances. Technology advances; manipulation of mass consciousness become more finely-tuned; public opinion is herded in uncertain directions with cynical deception. In combination, these create seemingly insurmountable barriers to civil conversation, regardless of the chosen topic.

Our Wyoming communities are small, isolated and partly immune to Federal manipulation of our independent reasoning and development of opinion. The "normal" within which we struggle is no less false than the fantasies that suffocate metropolitan communities.

What are those fantasies? First, is that Federal central planning is a rational policy. Second, is the belief that the Federal government can borrow endlessly, rolling over old debt and creating new debt without accountability or consequence. A third fantasy is the belief that it is possible to borrow one's self out of debt. These are ideas that any child can refute until government school indoctrination destroys their inherent ability to reason.

Within our small communities, we struggle to create rational individual and community prosperity, while compromising with the mostly contrary dilemmas imposed under parasitical Federal policies and other out-of-state "stakeholders". These conflicts rise from the shadows to appear in our individual view when we consider the benefits and burdens of serfdom. "Public Services" in the form of "Public Safety, Protective Services, Jails, Prisons and Courts"; "Municipal Services" including "Water, Electrical Power, Sewer and Runoff Control, Streets and Highways, Animal Control, Street Lighting, Traffic Controls and Signage, Fire Prevention and Control", and other presumably desirable common benefits not easily or affordably available to individuals or neighborhoods.

All of these benefits have initial costs, replacement costs, and ongoing expenses. None of them can be provided at zero cost. Each of these suggest some loss of individual choice and impose upon the individual the burdens of expense, management, and compliance.

Original settlers, homesteaders and businesses found conveniences in association as a community. Communities always require members to submit to some level of restrictions of freedom and Liberty,

usually relying upon informal cooperation. Growth and evolution of a voluntarily organized community usually leads to some form of formal communitarian structure. The resulting institutions are initially adopted to provide reasonable and predictable community functions, but soon, and without exception throughout history, they all succumb to the temptations of wealth re-distribution and manipulative ambitions.

From this point on, I am venturing into a mix of unknown territory. These comments and opinions will be mostly my own, built upon the foundations of our unique American culture.

I begin with American ideals for governance as were conceived and developed during the "Age of Enlightenment", by our Revolution and our separation from monarchy, the creation of our Peoples' thirteen free and independent states, and the initial period of the "Great American Experiment"; finally ending this initial part by recounting the division of the States and defining the military conquest and "reconstruction" of the new Union.

Wyoming, Carbon County and our locations, towns and cities, will be the context for conversations relating to the present and future of my new home, my new neighbors, friends, and communities.

For the record, I moved myself and my businesses to Rawlins just over two years ago. My primary business requires year-round big truck highway access. Rawlins' location on Interstate 80 serves that function. Prior to relocating to Wyoming, my several visits were brightened by the quality of the people of Rawlins and the welcoming attitude of the community. I have never been disappointed by my new home.

I joined the Rawlins Chamber of Commerce early on and was recently elected to the Chamber's Board. I serve there as Chairman of our Membership Committee. I am a contributing member of the Carbon County Economic Development Corporation's "Moving Forward Together" program. Recently, I have been privileged to receive a weekly spot on the Rawlins Times Opinion page.

Rawlins and her sister communities of Carbon County have talented, resourceful, educated and energetic populations. The people here retain much of the character that made America a light in the political and economic chaos of the modern global community.

The Peoples of the world have seen Americans as examples of what we all can achieve in Liberty. From my experience here in the USA and in many other countries, the Federal government's ambitions and excesses have caused separation in the eyes of observers between the respected American People and the disreputable conduct of our representative government, "The Government of the United States/The Government of the United States of America". For the fastidious-minded, the "United States" means the Federal government". The "United States of America" means the fifty (the several) States. In common usage, the terms are interchangeable. However, when naming parties to litigation, the two are not synonymous and cannot be interchanged. This is another example of the differences between our common language and the language of "authority".

Regarding Carbon County, Rawlins and our sister communities, we can rise above passive submission to boom and bust fatalism with just a little clear thought and conversations within our communities. We can build our economic resources from within our communities. We can have both prosperity and security without surrendering the profit of our efforts to out-of-state/out-of-country stakeholders or abandoning our Liberty for parasitic Federal "benefits".

Join a conversation; if you can write, compose thoughts, poetry, items of interest to you or your neighbors, please join me. We need writers and conversations if we are to guide our future. It is not formal. All I am asking is that you offer your thoughts on any subject that you choose. A dozen words, a paragraph, an essay or a book. If you are better with verbal ideas, we can find a writer to partner for transcription. Join the conversation, Please!

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