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Each year our nation celebrates the Fourth of July as the birthday of the United States of America. It is also the celebration of our liberties.

Many people, both military and civilian, have died in the process of obtaining and preserving those freedoms. We offer a prayer for our military, law enforcement, firefighters and emergency personnel, past and present.

We need action as well as prayer.

The military continues in harm's way, operating under dangerous rules of engagement. Gone are the advantages of force multipliers, superior strength, and the speed of execution. Gone are the lessons learned. The pacifist, Arthur Neville Chamberlain, enabled Adolph Hitler, and a holocaust followed. Conversely, speed, power, and resolve combined to optimize force during Desert Storm, when Generals Colin Powell and Norman Schwarzkopf kicked Saddam Hussein out of Kuwait.

Our country dawdles along in the Middle East, stuck in a Vietnam like quagmire. Until we fight to win, deployment only exposes our military to trauma. Far too many veterans were injured in countries subsequently ceded back to the enemy by default. Winning wars and losing the peace is just as stupid as fighting wars without an exit strategy. It is not the military's job to cover for indecision, lack of leadership, and/or apathetic citizenry. Additionally, the veteran's health care system is still inexcusably broken.

Law enforcement continues to be under siege, and then condemned as crime rates spiral. Society cannot have this argument both ways. Well, they can pretend, but the self-delusion will not improve results.

We celebrate the holiday with fireworks.



We salute our flag, honoring our nation and all who have served. Thank you.

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Freedom is the purpose behind the Fourth of July celebration. It is time to question how well current citizens, and our government are preserving these hard-won liberties.

My book, Freedom and Opportunity - Stop Redistributing and Downsizing America, contains a chapter titled Coming Soon - A National database of you. It is a comprehensive perspective on information and its effect on society. Following is an extract with a new test. Do the evaluation and write the score.

The following chart breaks information use into four categories, starting with knowledge, and progressing into social control. Somewhere between propaganda and control, the free press disappears, compromising all personal freedoms and rights. The process can be so subtle; society in general may not realize it has occurred until it is an accomplished fact.

Information Sharing "Government and Press"



Knowledge "as it is"

A free press is dedicated to finding and reporting the truth, from all perspectives. A press that will fight government attempts to control access to information or manipulate the facts. Individuals are able to manage personal data.

Propaganda "How we want you to see it"

Propaganda is the opportunistic manipulation of or denial of facts by government to the press and media. A complicit media moves propaganda closer to a state of social programming. Business and

government use personal data collected from a variety of sources for target voting or buying demographics.

Programming "What we want you to do"

Access to information is limited in terms of what, how, when, and where. Content is controlled to reinforce bias (path most traveled). Access to all personal data, control of the media, and corrupted governmental agencies. Privacy no longer exists.

Control "Do what we tell you"

Government and others can manage information to coerce, intimidate, or otherwise control the actions of groups of people or individuals. Medical care can be withheld, cronyism prevails. Free enterprise is dead. This type of society is labeled dystopian.

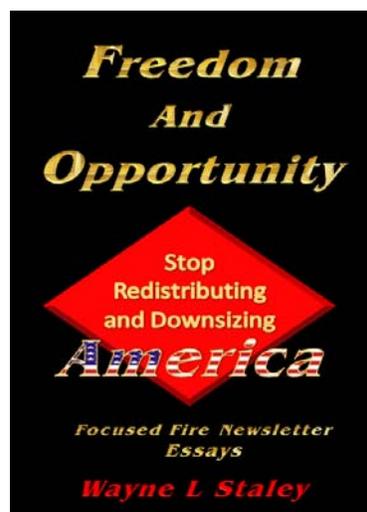
In his book, Nineteen Eighty-Four, George Orwell described a dystopian world called Oceania, where the government-controlled everything through the collection and manipulation of information. Our health care records are partially integrated into the IRS database. The IRS, used politically during presidential campaigns, is not an impartial governmental entity working for the good of the people or the fair application of the law. The national database of you (and me) appears to be an unstoppable reality. The only remaining fight is who will control and use it, and the way we react.

Test

Look at the chart and grade where you believe America resides on the freedom scale. Does it indicate the kind of world you want to live in, or for your children to inherit? If you hate the grade as much as I do, make a commitment to help change it.

Vote for honest and transparent government. You will not get many more chances.

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