

## CONFUSION OF PRIORITIES

### philosophy 1A

There is a movement which has been called Tea Party. It is political. It is also a philosophy of lesser is better.

The idea is to tax less, intrude less, pay attention to the scriptures, and live free.

That is an interesting idea, but lacks some things to make it worthwhile following.

I can see the need for freedom. But, their freedom is militant. It appears to mimic something the Afghanistani people had to deal with for years.

This movement in Afghanistan almost mirrors the ideology of the American Tea Party. However, in Afghanistan it is called The Taliban.

We can easily re-name our Tea Party political movement, The American Taliban.

Tea Party/American Taliban demand less regulations, restrictions, and rant against unions – many union members are actually involved with Tea Party/Taliban.

The Hurricane of 2005 was devastating. 80% of New Orleans was under water. Part of that was due to shoddy work by engineers, the Corps of Army Engineers, as a matter of fact. Government agency.

Now the city is recovering. We could, with the theory of the TP/AT group rebuild without those restrictions and regulations which are onerous, making time pass slowly before a structure would/could be built.

They TP/TA would have the building inspectors disappear. They would have unions disappear. They would have government out of the business of checking for flaws in plans and/or in actual construction.

Likely, by their philosophical thought, without those regulations, restrictions, and inspections, the city of New Orleans would have returned to the old glory of yesterdays.

Alas, that would be interesting if it were not for the shoddy work which would be

done using old lumber, failing to re-wire homes with proper electrical methods, or laying concrete slap dash with oatmeal as the binder.

Philosophically, the TP/AT, have missed lesson one in taking care of their customers. Safe and useable items would now not be inspected. These things could be sold, by the TP/AT theory, to anyone without the intrusion of government.

However, insurance rates would rise dramatically. Costs for building would be only slightly lower. People would not be paid for their talent, but only because they showed up for their work.

The lack of government would be disaster waiting to happen.

No one would be safe. No one would have the guarantee of quality. No one would be able to trust the next person with “builder” printed in felt tip pen on the side of their beater truck.

TP/AT have clearly not thought this through.

Their philosophy of government has failed.

Taken to the extreme, deaths would increase from injuries due to failing structures, cars without proper safety devices, and life-guards would no longer be necessary at any pool or beach.

That is a philosophy that fails the test of wisdom.

Faith in their party platform is belief without fact.