

Guntersville, Alabama – an example of “Globalized Harmony”?

Socialism, according to Wikipedia the online encyclopedia, is “...a broad array of ideologies and political movements ...in which property and...wealth are subject to control by the community.....control may be either direct—exercised through popular collectives such as workers' councils—or indirect—exercised on behalf of the people by the state.

“Indirect Control”

Guntersville, a small picturesque Alabama community located on the Tennessee River has chosen the “workers councils” approach – an “indirect” method to socialization. The municipality refers to their “worker council” as the “Design Commission” which was created after local elected officials adopted the International Building Code¹.

The appointed “Design Commission” is charged with the responsibility of “harmonizing” (see footnote 2) the exterior color of buildings in Guntersville. The “harmonization/socialization” process utilizes points of contention, e.g. a building's exterior color to mask its true intent – the absolution of individualism.

The “Design Commission's” first victim is Trends Salon, a Guntersville beauty shop which has been cited for an “unharmonious” color scheme. See photo following footnotes. Ruling that the owner of Trends Salon must repaint a portion of the building's exterior in a color that is deemed to be in “harmony” with the dictates of the local government violates private property rights and freedom of expression.

“Direct Control” - Elmore County, Alabama

Officials of Elmore County are proposing to utilize the “direct” route to socialism (the typical path selected by local governments), through the adoption of a “comprehensive plan”. The County's proposed “plan” declares the right of government to violate every “right” to property ownership. Protection for the county from a taking lawsuit brought by a property owner is, according to the County's “comprehensive plan” afforded by leaving the property owner one “right”, e.g. the right to pick a flower growing on his property³.

Fabian Socialism

The purpose of Fabian Socialism is to advance the socialist cause by gradualization and reform, rather than revolutionary means⁴. The Guntersville and Elmore County examples are but two of the many “Fabian Socialist” process occurring across this country. The process may take years but the end result will be the same as their bloody communist counterparts - loss of personal freedom and liberty.

History teaches that the socialization process does not end with the loss of personal freedom and liberty. For if socialism/communism is to prevail every individual must demonstrate an enthusiastic endorsement.

The following example from the first recorded “Communist Revolution⁵” aptly explains the results of noncompliance with the “enthusiastic endorsement” requirement.

“At Troyes, at the house of M. Fardeau, an old non-conformist cure' (*clergy*), an (*unauthorized*) altar decked with its sacred vessels is discovered, and M. Fardeau, arrested, refuses to take the civic oath (*pledge of allegiance to the new order*). Torn from his prison, and ordered to shout “Vive la Nation!” he again refuses. On this, a volunteer, borrowing an axe from a baker, chops off his head,⁶”

Such actions obviously instills in others “harmonious conformity”!

1. Sec. 5-8. Technical codes adopted. (2) International Building Code, 2000 Edition <http://www.municode.com/Resources/gateway.asp?pid=12318&sid=1>
2. Guntersville's International Building Code Sec. 5-27. (d) Building design: (4) Colors shall be harmonious, with bright or brilliant colors used only as accent. <http://www.municode.com/Resources/gateway.asp?pid=12318&sid=1>
3. "The Takings Clause is often misconstrued as a prohibition against any regulation that either decreases property value or prohibits individuals from "doing what they want with their land." "A loss of potential market value is not enough to trigger a takings claim." Page I-9 <http://www.alabamapropertyrights.org/all%20elmore.pdf>
4. http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fabian_Society
5. "The French Revolution began in the domain of philosophy and social theory. French materialist philosophy, social theory and socialist ideas were significant influences on the development of Communism and major contributors to Marx's ideas. ". <http://www.marxists.org/subject/france/index.htm>
6. The French Revolution (volume 2; by Hippolyte Taine
<http://onlinebooks.library.upenn.edu/webbin/gutbook/lookup?num=2579>

