

Crime Pays

"Great robbers punish little ones to keep them in their obedience; but the great ones are rewarded with laurels and triumphs, because they are too big for the weak hands of justice in this world, and have the power in their own possession which should punish offenders." (John Locke)

You ever hear that saying: "Crime doesn't pay?" I'm gonna keep it real with you, that's a bold face lie, or at the very least a misrepresentation of the truth. I guess though, it can be argued that crime doesn't pay for the person who does the crime, gets caught, and has to serve a lengthy sentence.

I don't necessarily accept that premise because, for one, a person can go undetected for a long time, all the while blowing through millions of dollars in ill-gotten gains; ask Bernie Madoff. Is it reasonable to conclude that crime didn't pay ole Bernie-Bern?

Another dimension to this is the guy who does the crime, gets caught, gets the court punishment, but has friends in high places who sees that he gets a pardon. Such as the case with "Scooter" Libby or that Cal. State politician's son whom Arnold granted partial clemency to (Arnold basically admitted that he did it as a favor for his politician friend). Ask "Scooter" if

Crime pays.

Then there's the people who commit crimes yet, due to their status and position in U.S. Society, never get prosecuted. Anybody remember the "Iran-Contra" affair? Plenty of evidence has surfaced that implicates the CIA with drug smuggling- trafficking during this era; as there were reports from agents, with uncompromised integrity, filed within the CIA during this time, bringing this criminal activity to light within the Agency. Ironically George H.W. Bush, Ronald Reagan, and the upper level intelligence / Justice officials, claiming ignorance, avoided legal accountability for this criminal activity. Ask the Bush politicians if crime pays.

The government of Columbia sued the Phillip Morris tobacco company for smuggling Marlboro cigarettes in to that country, readily accepting large amounts of drug cash from traffickers, then smuggling the cash back into the U.S. (see "Crossing The Rubicon" by Michael C. Ruppert) Ironically this criminality didn't receive much focus in the U.S., nor did the Phillip Morris decision makers have to defend their criminal conduct in the U.S. Criminal Court system. Also, RJ Reynolds (Nabisco) has been sued by the entire European Union for large-scale smuggling and money laundering (again, refer to "Crossing The Rubicon," it's highly suggested reading). Ask the elite Wall Street

Collective if crime pays.

We see politicians and government bureaucrats on T.V. all the time speaking of their commitment to eliminating crime and their sincere desire "to see a crime-free America." I say that they're the grossest liars and flatterers, devoid of integrity and a healthy sense of shame for intentional deception. At best they tell half-truths on the issue. Consider this brief excerpt from Michael Ruppert's "Crossing The Rubicon":

"Allegations that the CIA and Department of Justice were complicit in the flow of cocaine into South Central LA, that the Clinton's were partnered with George H. W. Bush and Oliver North through the offices of the National Security Council in a little Iran Contra arms and cocaine trafficking operation in Mesa, Arkansas; and that Hillary Clinton's law firm was helping launder the local share of the profits through state housing agency securities and investments were never addressed by the corporate media."

Notice that this flow of cocaine wasn't into Beverly Hills or Orange County. Nevertheless, people can speak any number of untrue things with conviction but the proof is always in the pudding, the pudding being the person's

actions.

Think of crime and how it relates to your local, State, and National economies. And of course in a Capitalistic nation, one of the main obligations of a politician is to facilitate the maintenance of a strong and growing economy. Now consider all of the jobs associated with the U.S. Criminal Justice Sector. I mean there's City, County, State, and federal police; jail and prison staff (guards, probation & parole agents, medical workers, education workers, maintenance workers, food service workers, etc.); Court staff (judges, prosecutors, defense attorneys, professional witnesses, investigators, clerks, transcribers, bailiffs, legal analyst, etc.); and surely some peripheral cash flow that I haven't mentioned, such as the various telephone companies that grossly overcharge people for collect calls.

To eliminate crime and create this "Crime-free America" would be to eliminate all of these (and more) jobs/money that crime creates, that would be catastrophic to the U.S. economy. In this crime-free environment a very slim minority of the displaced workers could be absorbed into other professions, but the vast majority would be left jobless.

That many jobless citizens in a nation such as the U.S., that has a consumption based economy, is unsustainable. Also the absence of their tax dollars

would certainly diminish, very drastically, government consumption. Which in turn would cause job and services cuts in other areas, and the cycle would continue on throughout the entire economy.

Now, do you think these politicians really want to eliminate crime, synonymous with destroying the economy? Of course not! And I can assure you that even if every one stopped committing acts that are currently established as criminal, then acts which are not currently criminal, the politicians would make laws deeming those crimes. That's because the politicians know, probably better than anyone else, that crime pays.

As for the bureaucrats, the lie is much closer to the surface with them. Many of them are employed directly in the Criminal Justice Sector, so basically their livelihoods is directly dependent on the existence of crime. So for us to believe them in their professing the desire to see crime cease; we are to believe that they want to eliminate their hundred thousand dollar plus (in many instances) annual salaries, their Cadillac benefit packages, and other job related perks. This absurdity is almost laughable to any rational being. Even the ones who aren't employed in the Criminal Justice Sector are well aware of the negative effects that ~~an~~ absence of crime would

Create. Like politicians, the bureaucrats know the deal; crime pays.

Here's another relevant excerpt from "Crossing The Rubicon":

"About 30 percent of the prisons in this country are run by private corporations which trade their stocks based upon how many human beings they 'house.' In pure economic terms, inmates have become inventory. The two largest of these corporations, through their boards of directors and executive management have direct ties to US intelligence agencies, including the CIA.

"All of this means that the corrupt economy makes money by first selling drugs to people and then putting them in prison for using drugs."

The parallels between private, for profit, prisons and slave plantations are numerous. Big business / Wall Street knows the deal, crime pays.

So whether we like to admit it or not, this nation generally realizes a benefit from crime. It's usually always about the dollar here in the U.S. and crime related professions combined make up a substantial portion of the Gross National Product (GNP),

largely aiding the efforts to maintain a strong dollar.
You can believe those who chant — "Crime doesn't
pay" — if you want to. As for me, I know the real;
Crime may not pay for those whom are ground to dust
in its machinations (prisoners, parolees, probationers,
and drug addicts) but for many others, Crime does in
fact pay.

"We hang the petty thieves and appoint the great
ones to office." (Aesop, c. 550 B.C.)