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## Benefit Corporations: The Demise of Free Enterprise

By Wynne Coleman

In 2010, Maryland was the first US state to enact a bill that gives class status and legal protection to a new type of corporation called the benefit corporation. Vermont and New Jersey quickly followed. Soon, bills were filed in a number of other states. State legislators passed the bills no questions asked. Benefit! That sounds good doesn't it? What could be wrong with helping corporations to do good things for society? Things are seldom as they seem. Opponents of Agenda 21-Sustainable Development know that only too well.

In March, 2012 when **SB 26 North Carolina Benefit Corporation Act** was filed in North Carolina, it sailed through the North Carolina Senate 50-0. Then, an opponent of Agenda 21 learned of it. She read between the lines and realized that the benefit corporation is intended to benefit supporters of Agenda 21-Sustainable Development, not US citizens.

With little time left in the Legislative Session to oppose SB 26, she recruited the help of fellow activists and worked rapidly to contact certain Republicans serving on House Committees that were to review the SB 26. The Republican majority on the Judiciary Subcommittee C were receptive to the warnings. They prevented SB 26 from going to the House Floor for a vote before the 2011-2012. Benefit corporation lobbyists returned in the new 2013-2014 Session. Consequently, identical North Carolina Benefit Corporation bills were introduced in the Senate (**SB 99**) and House (**HB 440**) by bipartisan Sponsors. Activists persisted in their opposition to the bills resulting in the defeat of HB 440 on the House Floor on May 15, 2013. The defeat prevented HB440 from crossing over into the Senate. Therefore, a new bill cannot be introduced until 2015.

The North Carolina House has set an example for all states where there are bills pending. It is vitally important to prevent new bills from being filed in other states.

### Where does Agenda 21 fit in?

The benefit corporation concept is driven by powerful institutions that are run or influenced by the founding fathers of Agenda 21-Sustainable Development, such as *The Rockefeller Foundation* and *The Aspen Institute*. *The Rockefeller Foundation* initiated and funded the model benefit corporation legislation.

### Sustainable Development: Know the Philosophy!

A Benefit Corporation is a new type of corporation that, in the name of "Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)," uses profits to pursue social and environmental missions. This new business model fundamentally changes the way we do business in the U.S. by shifting the economic focus from making profits for shareholders (known as the "**single bottom line**") to diverting profits from shareholders in order to fulfill social and environmental missions (known as the "**triple bottom line**," or "People, Planet and Profits"). The "triple-bottom line" sets socialistic precedents in economy, society, and environment that are incompatible with our free market/free enterprise system.

Benefit Corporations push Agenda 21 goals through the back door in a clever and subtle way using three essential elements of Sustainable Development (or "sustainability) known as the **3Es**. They are **E**conomy, (Social) **E**quity and **E**nvironment. They are inseparably related, can be stated in no particular order and are symbolized by three interlocking circles..

The 3E-words do not conform to traditional American definitions based on our U.S. founding

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documents. They conform to the definitions of Agenda 21 and many other United Nations documents. Economy blurs the lines between the economic sectors. It combines government with business to create public-private partnerships (PPPs) that often lead to temptation, corruption, monopolies and corporate cronyism. This undermines the checks and balances that should separate the sectors in our free enterprise system. Equity, known as “social equity” or “social justice” is unlike our free enterprise system of equal opportunity for individuals. Social equity emphasizes equal outcomes or results, equality of materialism for groups, not individuals such as the poor, employees, laborers, women, youth, etc. This type of equity calls for a redistribution of wealth from the wealthy and middle-class to the poor. Environment brands man as a threat to nature. The human population must be reduced. Precautions must be taken to prevent or stop disasters, crises and shortages despite the lack of scientific certainty that these crises or threats are real. Government dictates these precautions through countless laws and regulations.

The Rockefeller-funded model legislation (upon which all state laws for benefit corporations are based) requires that a benefit corporation must have a corporate purpose to “create a material positive impact on society and the environment.” (1) The legislation ensures that benefit corporations fulfill the **3E** formula in which benefit corporations use profits (**economy**) to fulfill **social (equity)** and **environmental** missions.

**The Third Party Standard**

A key aspect of the state bills is that legal benefit corporations must undergo assessment by third party organizations (called “standards”) for how well they fulfill their selected missions to benefit society and the environment.

*B Lab* is a non-profit organization certifying corporations trademarked as “B Corps.” Displaying the “Certified B Corporation” logo gives special validation, similar to a Good Housekeeping Seal of Approval. *B Lab* is the primary lobbyist for state legislation to create a legal form of benefit corporation in which the benefit corporations are assessed (not merely certified) for fulfilling social and environmental missions. *B Lab* receives funding from *The Rockefeller Foundation*. *B Lab* collaborates with *The Rockefeller Foundation* to create the **Global Impact Investment Rating System (GIIRS)**, a comprehensive transparent system for assessing the social and environmental impact of companies in order to change investor behavior. (2)

All three founders of *B Lab* are Henry Crown Fellows of *The Aspen Institute*. It is noteworthy that, to be certified by *B Lab*, the benefit corporation’s Board of Directors must sign a *B Corp Declaration of Interdependence*. (3) The Declaration aligns with the conviction of *The Rockefeller Foundation* and *The Aspen Institute* that national sovereignty must be forsaken for global interdependence? (4)

To keep sustainable development under the radar, *B Lab* does not openly speak of sustainability when lobbying in the legislatures. But, *B Lab* is not the only third-party standard willing to assess benefit corporations. A short list of third-party standards posted on the B Lab website make it very clear that assessing benefit corporations for sustainability requirements is a priority of these organizations. (5)

**Why become a benefit corporation?**

At this time, the purpose of the benefit corporation laws is solely to protect corporate Board of Directors and other benefit corporation Officers from shareholder liability.

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Tax breaks for benefit corporations are not yet written into benefit corporation state laws. But, this could happen in the future. Benefit corporations are beginning to receive special incentives from cities. Philadelphia and San Francisco are already giving benefit corporations incentives, either as tax breaks or as the ability for certified benefit corporations ("B Corps") to go to the head of the line for licenses, permits and contracts. If business owners don't get on board with benefit corporation standards, they will be left out in the cold. (6)

Citizens should make every effort to keep benefit corporation legislation out of their states. If your state already has a benefit corporation law, it is never too late to ask your state legislators to repeal it. The corporation is not to the benefit of American citizens. It is intended to benefit the supporters of Agenda 21-Sustainable Development – and that is the triple bottom line.

(For a legislative map and a list of states that have passed or introduced benefit corporation legislation, go to:

<http://www.bcorporation.net/what-are-b-corps/legislation> and <http://www.benefitcorp.net/state-by-state-legislative-status/>.)

**Update: The Governor of Delaware has now signed the Delaware Public Benefit Corporation legislation (on July 17, 2013). The pro-benefit corporation advocates are ecstatic. They say that that "this is a tipping point in the evolution of capitalism" because Delaware is "home to 1 million businesses, including 50% of all publicly-traded companies and 64% of the Fortune 500, it is the most important state for businesses that seek access to venture capital, private equity, and public capital markets. The path is now clear to scale business as a force of good." After Governor Jack Markell Signed the Delaware legislation on July 17<sup>th</sup>, he traveled that day to New York City to attend a program on benefit corporations hosted by the World Economic Forum.**

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Footnotes:

(1) [http://benefitcorp.org/storage/documents/Model\\_Benefit\\_Corporation\\_Legislation.pdf](http://benefitcorp.org/storage/documents/Model_Benefit_Corporation_Legislation.pdf), lines 100-102

(2) "The Rockefeller Foundation Awards Grant to B Lab", February 28, 2008, Press Releases <http://www.rockefellerfoundation.org/newsroom/rockefeller-foundation-awards-grant-b>

(3) "B Corp Declaration of Interdependence" <http://www.bcorporation.net/what-are-b-corps/the-b-corp-declaration>

(4) On *The Rockefeller Foundation, The Aspen Institute* and global interdependence:

Annual Report for 1974, *The Rockefeller Foundation*, <http://www.rockefellerfoundation.org/uploads/files/792ba919-3f58-47f6-9953-212ba0c64a4b-1974.pdf> p. 66 Annual Report for 2000, *The Rockefeller Foundation*

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(6) <http://www.triplepundit.com/2009/12/in-philly-b-corps-to-win-healthy-tax-break-in-landmark-law/>  
<http://www.bizjournals.com/sanfrancisco/news/2012/04/23/san-francisco-b-corp.html> ●

## PETA's Shelter Killing Gets NYTimes Treatment

People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals' name should say it all: A group of people who are standing up for dogs and cats to be treated well. At least that's what PETA would have you to believe, such as when it pictures a cute dog on its "Donate Now" webpage. But as a recent article in The New York Times makes clear, if that dog ends up in the radical animal liberation group's "animal shelter," it may need to run for its life.

The Times piece restates what we have written on numerous occasions about PETA's dirty secret of killing overwhelming majority of the dogs and cats in its care. As the Times observes:

PETA, considered by many to be one of the highest-profile animal rights groups in the country, kills an average of about 2,000 dogs and cats each year at its animal shelter here [in Norfolk, Virginia]. And the shelter does few adoptions – 19 cats and dogs in 2012 and 24 in 2011, according to state records.

These killing sprees have put PETA square in the crosshairs of other animal rights organizations, especially those advocating for so-called "no kill" shelters. As the Times notes, such no kill shelters are "generally considered to be a place where at least 90 percent of dogs and cats at local shelters are put up for adoption."

If a 90 percent adoption rate is considered "no kill," then PETA's Norfolk shelter may aptly qualify as simply a "slaughterhouse" — one Virginia state official suggested it should be classified as a "euthanasia clinic" — since between the years 2006 and 2011 it killed over 90 percent of dogs and cats in its care annually. • [info@consumerfreedom.com](mailto:info@consumerfreedom.com)

### If You Give Money to PETA, You Contribute to Pet Killing

People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA), an animal liberation group made notorious by its providing financial support to arsonists; giving money to the Earth Liberation Front, a group then-Deputy Assistant Director of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives Carson Carroll testified was one of "the most active extremists movements in the United States" in 2005; and killing roughly 2,000 pets per year at its Norfolk, Virginia headquarters has launched another attention-grabbing advertising campaign. USA Today reports:

*People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals is about to shed the sexy models for an in-your-face campaign aimed at eliciting shock — and guilt.*

*Striking photos of animals being skinned have been doctored to show well-to-do consumers on-the-scene at the skinning — even as they wear or tote products made from the skinned animal.*

The ads are supposed to shock consumers into trading in real products for vegan fakes, but it's not clear whether anybody actually will. And two can play PETA's "When you buy it, you become part of it" game.

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Following PETA's logic, when you donate to PETA, you become part of killing homeless pets. That PETA kills the overwhelming majority of the pets in its care is undeniable: The state of Virginia says so; the New York Times says so; shoot, even PETA boss Ingrid Newkirk says so.

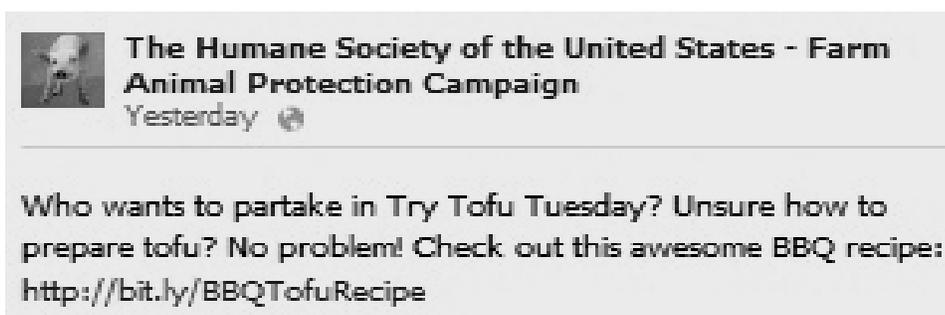
By PETA's logic, then, every person who contributed to the group's \$30 million budget “became part of” sticking a lethal needle in dozens of unfortunate dogs and cats. If that's what PETA's donors want, they can keep funding PETA's pet slaughterhouse. ● [info@consumerfreedom.com](mailto:info@consumerfreedom.com)

## [HSUS Moves Towards the PETA Endgame](#)

The phrase “moving the goalposts” refers to someone constantly changing the rules in the middle of the game. Imagine if a father tells his son he'll give him \$20 to mow the lawn, and after the son complies, he's told he'll have to weed the garden, too. That's hardly a fair deal for the kid.

In the case of the vegan Humane Society of the United States, it says to farmers, companies, and the public that it's not against meat, but that it just wants a handful of changes to livestock farms. Yet its real agenda — by its own admission — is to completely end the use of animals for food. This is a goal shared by PETA, but PETA is open and honest about its agenda to get rid of meat, cheese, eggs, and milk. Their strategies are just different. To use another analogy, think of PETA and going for a Hail Mary pass every play, while HSUS is focused on getting first downs.

The latest example of this — and there are plenty of examples— is with HSUS's promotion of the “Meatless Monday” campaign. People in the loop about HSUS knew all along that HSUS wouldn't settle for one day of the week being meat-free — it wants every day meat-free, for everyone. So we weren't surprised to see this pop up on Facebook the other day:



So there you have it. After “Try Tofu Tuesday” it'll be “Where's the Beef Wednesday,” “Tofurky Thursday,” “Fake-Meat Friday,” and “Seitan Saturday/Sunday.” After all, folks at HSUS are the kind of people who think that farms are nothing more than concentration camps. They're not going to be satisfied with just one day of the week.

For the record, we're not against vegetarianism by any means, but we are against deceptively raising money off of pictures of dogs and cats and then using it to attack livestock farming. For those who aren't on the meat-free wagon — the vast majority of the country — here's a guide to a week free of “meat-free.” If you're tired of HSUS's deception, snubbing of pet shelters, and self-righteous propaganda, you can stick it to them the next time you sit down to eat. ● [info@consumerfreedom.com](mailto:info@consumerfreedom.com)

# Fracking Brings Employment and Economic Revival

But anti-energy activists promote falsehoods about this vital, safe job-creating technology.

They inhabit a callous parallel universe and wage war on cheap energy, jobs and the poor.

By Paul Driessen

Signs of pride and prosperity were evident all over Williamsport and the gorgeous northern Pennsylvania countryside around it. Friendly, happy people greeted us. New cars, trucks, hotels and restaurants sparkled in a clean, bustling downtown. New roofs topped barns and houses, while late model tractors worked the fields. Formerly dirt roads are now paved.

Men and women again have high-paying jobs, young people are coming back instead of moving away, their salaries are supporting other businesses and jobs, and many are taking college programs in oilfield technical and business specialties, Vince Matteo told me. As president and CEO of the Williamsport/Lycoming County Chamber of Commerce, he's witnessed the transformation. "98 percent of the change has been positive," he says. Contributions to United Way are increasing each year, county infrastructure has improved enormously, and environmental impacts are minimal.

Visits to several Anadarko Petroleum drilling and fracking sites explained why. The operations are far more high-tech than what I had seen previously on rigs in the Rocky Mountains, off the Louisiana and California coasts, and last fall in Alberta's oil sands region. Hydraulic fracturing was first employed in Kansas in 1947. But steadily improved fracking technology is now combined with computers, down-hole sensors and microseismic instruments. Drilling equipment lets crews send a bit 6,000 feet down and 8,000 feet laterally into Marcellus Shale formations – and end up within three feet of their intended target!

The operations are conducted from atop a multi-layered felt and impermeable plastic pad, surrounded by a berm, to keep unlikely spills from contaminating farm and forest land. Multiple wells are drilled from a single pad and "kicked out" horizontally in various directions. The drilling rig is skidded a short distance to four or five more locations around the pad, the entire array is fractured at high pressure, and short wellheads are installed to collect natural gas, and send it to local and interstate pipeline networks.

A nearby impoundment is also lined with plastic to hold water for fracturing operations. Topsoil removed to prepare the pad and pond is stored nearby. As operations are finished, the land is reclaimed, topsoil is replaced, and local grasses, flowers and shrubs are planted, to create meadows for deer and wild turkeys – or anything else the landowners prefer. To launch 20-40 years of hydrocarbon production from a 15,000-acre (23-square-mile) area requires barely 2% surface disturbance, most of it for just a few months.

Once the work is completed, the area quietly and unobtrusively produces decades of energy – and revenue for farmers, wildlife organizations, hunting groups, and local, state and federal treasuries.

Hydraulic fracturing takes place some 5,500 feet (almost four Empire State Buildings) below the water table. To prevent groundwater contamination, pipe penetrating the first seven hundred feet is surrounded by layers of steel casing and specialized cement. During the drilling and fracturing process, even rainwater collected from the drill pad is saved and used. Some of the water used to fracture the shale is also recovered during gas production; this "flowback" water itself is filtered, treated and reused.

The hydraulic fracturing process requires some 2.0-4.2 million gallons of water per well, but fresh or brackish water works equally well. A 2013 Ceres study concluded that hydraulic fracturing consumed 75 billion gallons of water per year on average nationwide, in 2011 and 2012. EPA says fracking consumes 70-140 billion gallons a year nationally, and the Texas Water Resources Board estimates that Lone Star State oil and natural gas companies used 27 billion gallons of water for fracking statewide in 2011. However, Texas homeowners used 495 billion gallons for lawns and gardens, the TWRB found (18 times what fracking consumed), and household landscape irrigation nationwide consumes nearly 3 trillion gallons of water annually, according to EPA (21-43 times the EPA and Ceres estimates for hydraulic fracturing).

Even more revealing, according to the U.S. Department of Energy, fracking requires just 0.6 to 5.8 gallons of water per million Btu of energy produced. By comparison, "renewable" and "sustainable" corn-based ethanol requires 2,510 to 29,100 gallons per million Btu of usable energy – and biodiesel from soybeans consumes an astounding and unsustainable 14,000 to 75,000 gallons of water per million Btu!

As to chemical contamination, fracturing fluids are 99.5% water and sand. Moreover, the 0.5% chemicals portion is increasingly basic, nontoxic household or kitchen stuff. Anadarko's chemicals today are only "slickeners" (to help the sand get further into cracks created by the pressurized water) and "biocides" that prevent bacterial buildup in the well pipes. Which chemicals are used for any single well in the United States can be determined by going to [www.FracFocus.org](http://www.FracFocus.org) – and every EPA, DOE and other study conducted to date has concluded that fracking has never contaminated a single US well.

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Hydraulic fracturing has created 1.7 million new direct and indirect jobs in the United States, with the total likely to rise to 3 million jobs over the next seven years, IHS Global Insight reports. It has injected billions into North Dakota, Pennsylvania, Texas and other state economies. It's added \$62 billion to federal and state treasuries, with that total expected to rise to \$111 billion by 2020. By 2035, U.S. oil and natural gas operations could provide over \$5 trillion in cumulative capital expenditures into the economy, while generating over \$2.5 trillion in cumulative additional government revenues.

In the process, fracking has revived America's petrochemical, steel and other manufacturing industries, and reinvigorated American ingenuity and economic competitiveness. One shudders to think how awful the US unemployment, part-time employment and economic picture would be in its absence.

This game-changing technology has also transformed US, EU and global political equations and power structures. With the United States, Argentina, Britain, China, Israel and many other countries collectively sitting atop centuries' worth of now economically producible oil and natural gas, OPEC and Russia can no longer control prices and threaten customer nations. For poor developing countries, natural gas from shale provides fuel to generate abundant, affordable electricity that will transform lives.

Then why do Hollywood and radical greens celebrate misleading films like *Gasland* and *Promised Land* – even after Phelim McAleer and Ann McElhinney's documentary *FrackNation* completely demolished *Gasland's* lies and half-truths? Why do outfits like Food and Water Watch and the Sierra Club, and ill-informed activists like Yoko Ono, continue to scream hysterical nonsense about the process?

Follow the money – and the ideology. Big Eco is big business, and big egos. It seeks ever more power and every greater control over our lives. Fracking threatens all of that.

“What you get in your mailbox is a never-ending stream of crisis-related shrill material designed to evoke emotions,” former National Audubon Society COO Dan Beard once admitted, “so that you will sit down and write a check” – or click the “Donate Now” button. This multi-billion-dollar-per-year industry would collapse without the crisis du jour it conjures up, with help from the news media, politicians and regulators.

Deep Ecology adherents view fossil fuels as evil incarnate, and believe fervently in “peak oil” and Climate Armageddon. They are frustrated that fracking guarantees a hydrocarbon renaissance and predominance for decades to come, and helps reduce carbon dioxide emissions without massive economic sacrifice.

They also tend to be well-off, and clueless about the true sources of modern living standards. They have disturbingly callous attitudes about people who have lost their jobs because of Mr. Obama's war on coal and cheap energy – and about poor rural New York families that are barely hanging onto their farms, unable to tap the Marcellus Shale riches beneath their land, because Governor Cuomo refuses to lift his moratorium on fracking. Many don't give a spotted owl hoot about the world's impoverished billions, whose hope for better lives depends on the reliable, affordable electricity that “frack gas” can help bring.

These shameful attitudes hurt people and planet. We need to frack for a better, cleaner, happier world!

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with a large group of unemployed youths, the prospects for protests and other problems are a historic fact. They have a lot of energy and no place to apply it. They are also easily manipulated.

In addition to bad economic policies, the government is going all-out to impose thousands of new regulations on all aspects of the economy and our lives. Historian Niall Ferguson, writing in a June edition of *The Wall Street Journal*, cited the Competitive Enterprise Institute's Clyde Wayne Crews' annual survey of the federal regulatory state, noting that “the 2012 Federal Register—the official directory of regulation—today runs to 78,961 pages. Back in 1986 it was 44,812 pages. In 1936, it was just 2,620.”

This is national death by regulation strangulation and the President recently unleashed the Environmental Protection Agency even more by declaring “climate change” is a top

priority. The EPA is in the process of killing coal-fired plants responsible for just under 50% of all the electricity we use. It wants to increase the amount of ethanol in our gasoline, damaging our auto's engines at the same time it reduces the mileage they produce.

So, if you think we are still functioning in a free market economy, it is as great an illusion as was Communism in the former Soviet Union. When it was no longer defensible, that nation collapsed and was replaced by a truncated former empire, the Russian federation.

If the United States should face total financial collapse, there will be no real freedom left anywhere in the world. Just as any true Communist would want.

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# Living in a Communist Economy

By Alan Caruba

In the former Soviet Union, the joke was “They pretend to pay us and we pretend to work.” It took over four decades of the Cold War to finally put an end to the lie that Communism as an economic system works. After the Berlin Wall fell in 1989, the Soviet Union came to an end on December 25, 1991. By then Communism worldwide had killed hundreds of millions of people.

Now, it is true that America is not a Communist nation, but by doggedly pursuing the theories put forth by Karl Marx and Vladimir Lenin, as well as the historically failed theories of Keynes, a British economist who believed that the government must pump money into the economy to keep it afloat, Obama has been trying to turn our Capitalist economy into a Communist one.

Calling our economy “Communist” may seem unduly harsh, but under Obama and his predecessors, the government is in charge of the banking sector, the health and insurance industries, General Motors was nationalized, the government is deeply involved in mortgage lending and now controls student loans. Now stand back and ask if the government—the State—is not now more Communist than Capitalist?

Wedded to failed economic theories, Obama has utterly failed to turn around the economy after the 2008 financial crisis and ensuing recession.

Writing in the August 2012 edition of *Forbes* magazine, Louis Woodhill said, “If mismanaging an economic recovery were an Olympic event, President Obama would be standing on the middle platform right now, accept the gold medal. Deep recessions are supposed to be followed by strong recoveries, but, under Obama, the worst recession since the 1930s has been followed by the slowest economic recovery in the history of the republic. In a very real sense, there has been no recovery at all—things are still getting worse.”

Obama still has three and a half years to make things ever more worse than they are. A Marxist in every sense of the word, Obama is so wedded to his belief in “redistribution” of wealth, that he spent the first term blaming his failed economic policies in George W. Bush and blathering endlessly about “millionaires and billionaires.” If the government confiscated all their wealth, it would barely pay for its operation for a month, if that.

The way most people experience a bad economy is

whether they are employed or not. The self-employed feel it in reduced income, It is always one of the best indicators of the success or failure of whether things are improving or not.

As of July 2013, the United States has been in 54 straight months with an unemployment rate at 7.5% or higher. As Terrence P. Jeffery, the managing editor of *CNS* news, recently noted, it is “the longest stretch of unemployment at or above that rate since 1948, when the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) started calculating the national unemployment rate.”

Under normal circumstances, Obama would have been defeated by Bozo the Clown in 2012, but he has had the support of the mainstream media from the day he started campaigning for the presidency. That is a powerful instrument of influence, but there is nothing to say it will continue what Bernard Goldberg called its “slobbering love affair” with Obama.

In June *CNS* news reporter Elizabeth Harrington noted that there is still “a near record 89 million Americans not in the labor force.” The BLS put the number at 89,705,000 in May. “9.3 million Americans have left the workforce during the presidency of Barack Obama.” When broken down into categories, it means that Afro-Americans saw a rise in May to 13.5% or 11,599,000. Even the employer of last resort, the federal government, saw a decline to a mere 20,361,000. In a Communist society, in theory everyone works for the state.

Where the government becomes the source of all good things, it is worth noting that, as of April, the Department of Agriculture reported that a record number of 23 million households in America are now on food stamps. There are, according to the U.S. Census Bureau, 115,310,000 households, meaning that one in five is receiving this government handout.

Virtually everyone knows someone who has lost their job and is searching for a new one., but life under Obama has been especially harsh for the newest generation coming out of high school and college. Generation Opportunity, a non-partisan youth advocacy organization announced its “Millennial Jobs Report” for June, specific to 18-to-29 year olds. With the overall unemployment rate at 7.5%, for this cohort, it is 16.1%!

It is worth keeping in mind that a nation—any nation—

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