

**SECRET
TO
SOVEREIGNTY**



**OR
HOW TO SURVIVE THE
SECOND AMERICAN REVOLUTION**

by
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inherently and defiantly sovereign

Dedicated to the tired, the poor,
the huddled masses yearning to breathe free.

Foreword

My first introduction to Michael Badnarik was during his 2004 campaign for the Libertarian Party nomination for President of the United States of America. After fifteen years of political activism I knew very well how rare it was for an individual seeking office to have actually studied the responsibilities, powers and limitations of the office being sought. Michael's knowledge and, even more important to me, his understanding of the promises made the American people during the ratification process of the United States Constitution was what left me feeling very encouraged by his example.

Michael made his campaign an opportunity to share his knowledge and experience with veteran libertarian activists that appreciated the education and the perspective of someone that took the role as candidate and teacher seriously. Michael's nomination as the Libertarian Party's candidate for President was a sigh of relief to those that understood the power and responsibility of representing Liberty.

But this book isn't about his accomplishments or his national notoriety as a man of integrity, intelligence and influence advocating for a peaceful society that respects an individual's expectation to be left alone and unmolested by gangs with flags... and guns.

Michael's educational focus continues to have a longer lasting impact on more people than I'm sure even he realizes. Instead of concentrating on the often impossible task of 'convincing' another to advocate for a particular perspective, or what is the true meaning of important documents, Michael relied on the power of explaining why HE was so convinced. No arguments required, just a walk through his experiences and the recorded history of those that actually did the writing of our founding documents, and the promises made the American people.

A question not asked enough in my opinion is, "Why?". Why would a man filled with possibilities and opportunities seek to share his understanding of how things really are and how they should be? Why would material comforts have less appeal than living with integrity? Why would an individual take on the most powerful government in the history of the world to publicly stake a claim to his own life?

Why?

Are such men born or raised? What are the circumstances that produce such individuals with the confidence and the courage to live the life Michael Badnarik has? That's what this book is about. It answers the really important questions so we can encourage future liberty lovers to be as steadfast and effective as Michael Badnarik.

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Preface

I am subjected to a constant stream of e-mail and telephone calls asking numerous "HowdoI?" questions. "HowdoI drive my car without a license?" "HowdoI stop filling out my 1040 form?" "HowdoI carry my gun without a concealed carry permit?" This book is *not* a step-by-step how to instructional guide. There is no piece of paper that you can sign and mail that is going to make the government go away and leave you alone. If there *were* such a document, *that* is the class I would be teaching. And it would cost you 100 ounces of silver to sit your butt in my class. I am hoping, however, that you will eventually be able to answer each of the above questions yourself. No one can answer them for you.

There are nearly 1.5 billion Chinese people. I've never been to China, but it is my understanding that they live under a totalitarian Communist regime. It is also my understanding that the average standard of living is very low. My guess is that the number of people who are actually in charge of that government is relatively small... perhaps as low as 3,000. Mathematically, the population is several orders of magnitude larger than the people who claim to be in control. Assuming my estimate is correct, there are half a million people for each person claiming to be in control. Even if there are 3 million people who comprise the government, if push ever comes to shove, the population would win without question.

How can such a large disparity continue to exist? Sadly, the answer is that most of the Chinese population believes that this is the way things are, and that they are powerless to do anything about it. The Chinese are subordinate and subservient to their government simply because they think they should be. What would happen if I could magically teach that population overnight, that they have the power (and responsibility) to stand up for their individual rights? What would happen if the entire Chinese population woke up tomorrow morning and said, "No more! We're no longer willing to live under a Communist regime!" I think it is safe to say that the members of that totalitarian regime would be crawling through the sewer system trying to avoid detection.

The main thesis of this book is that you can only be dominated by someone else when you are willing to be submissive.

The population of the United States is slightly larger than 300 million, or one fifth the population of China. When I tell my story about the 1,500 million Chinese people, some of you will feel sorry for those "poor bastards" that are too ignorant to realize they are far more powerful as a group than the tiny fraction of people by which they are subjugated. "Why don't they stand up and defend themselves?" you might ask. I ask the same question about the "poor bastards" here in the United States, who blissfully fill out their tax forms every April, and submissively comply with every statute, code, and ordinance handed down by federal, state, county, and city

bureaucrats who (sincerely) believe that they are smart enough to make decisions about your life.

Does the FDA really have the authority to prevent you from drinking raw milk? Does the federal government (fedgov) really have the power to force you into healthcare insurance that you don't want or can't afford? Are you really going to stand there and submit to mandatory injections, or passively accept the universal RFID chip under your skin? If so, this book is most assuredly not for you. Close the book now, and look furtively in all directions to make sure nobody saw you holding this book. You are already a slave and you shouldn't get caught reading objectionable literature such as this.

For the rest of you, get ready for a serious reality check. Please do not skip to the end of the book in order to find the conclusion. There is no destination. The secret is in the journey. When people ask me, "Michael, how do we solve this problem and get our Liberty back?" I tell them, "I have the answer - but you're not going to like it."

*"Now they stood beside the treasure,
On the mountain, dark and red.
Turned the stone and looked beneath it...
"Peace on Earth" was all it said."*

[Last minute update:

CBS Sunday Morning with Charles Osgood shared an ironic story about a large statue erected to honor Chinese Communist leader Mao Zedong (a.k.a. Mao Tse Tung). The report said the statue was erected twenty years ago, shortly after the televised events that occurred in Tiananmen Square in the spring of 1989. We are told that the protest generated an uneasy truce between the government and the people that amounted to "we'll leave you alone economically if you leave us alone politically". The result has been a huge increase in the standard of living for many people as capitalism begins to spread without resistance. The irony is that the area around the base of Mao's statue has become a tourist haven, complete with souvenir photos, miniature statues, and memorabilia honoring Chairman Mao - and making money "hand over fist" for the vendors. What an incredible lesson in philosophy to see capitalism flourishing at the foot of one of communism's most famous leaders!

However the cat is out of the bag now that the people have gotten a taste of freedom. The Chinese people are demanding *more* freedom, and the reluctant government is being backed into a corner. China is in the process of transferring power to new leadership with the promise of "cleaner government". Please note that the Chinese congress is comprised of "2,200 plus delegates". Add 800 more making the actual decisions, and my estimate of 3,000 people in control of the government is spot on!

The communists are losing their grip on power as scandal is linked to some of the current leaders. An online Canadian newspaper reports that "In recent months, one top leader, Bo Xilai, has been purged after his wife murdered a British businessman; a top aide to Hu was sidelined after his son crashed a Ferrari he shouldn't have been able to afford." Hu is quoted as saying, "If we fail to handle this issue well, it could prove fatal to the party, and even cause the collapse of the party and the fall of the state."

Perhaps the Chinese people *have* had enough! It is doubtful they will be voting in democratic elections anytime soon, however when 1.5 billion people start to flex their political muscle, even the Communist Politburo is required to take notice.

Americans should take notice, too. When that many Chinese people begin to adopt the principles of capitalism in an effort to raise their standard of living even higher, American workers are going to have to start working longer hours for less pay - or stand in very long unemployment lines. How ironic for American patriots if we begin to look to communist China for examples of how to reign in an out-of-control government.

Stay tuned! The famous Chinese curse says, "May you live in interesting times", and things are going to get very, very interesting in the very near future.]

Chapter 2

Assertive vs. Submissive

"With reasonable men I will reason; with humane men I will plead; but to tyrants I will give no quarter, nor waste arguments where they will certainly be lost."
-Wm. Lloyd Garrison-

Tic-Tac-Toe is a logic lesson. The only way for you to win is for your opponent to make a very simple mistake. Once you learn the necessary logic, it is impossible for your opponent to win. That is why we only play the game with children. They have yet to learn the sequence of moves that result in a loss or a draw. After they have played to a draw several times, the game is no longer any fun. They have learned that lesson and are too intellectually advanced to bother with it.

The same is true of dominant and submissive people. In order for one person to win (dominate), the other person has to be willing to lose (submit). When both parties refuse to submit, neither party can win, or dominate the other.

I have always had mixed feelings about this lesson. That's because the word dominate has a pejorative tone which implies a willingness to take unfair advantage of someone else. Most people have no desire to take advantage of others, and I certainly do not condone such action. In an effort to find a more acceptable term, I

wondered what word would best convey "non-submissive". I think "assertive" successfully meets that need. By "assertive" I mean confident and self-assured, but without any desire to subjugate someone else.

This is the very first secret to sovereignty. You can't be submissive to government authority and still be sovereign. That is not to say that you cannot be respectful and polite, but you should never cower with fear just because someone wears a uniform and a badge. Never overlook the fact that government agents are supposed to be respectful and polite to you, too.

You only have the rights you are willing to defend. Simply knowing your rights is not enough. If someone is walking out the door with your television, you may know that a theft is being committed, but if you don't stop the perpetrator in their tracks, then you no longer have your television. You only have the knowledge that you've been wronged.

Imagine that you are confronted by an officer in uniform. If you are like most people, your sphincter will tighten and your stomach will feel like you swallowed a rock. Why? Because most of us have been *conditioned* to respond in this manner. After hundreds of episodes of Law and Order, CSI, and decades of film and television propaganda, we now take it for granted that the "good guys" are allowed to use any form of coercion and any level of violence to subdue the suspect. Note that the person is only

suspected of committing a crime. Hollywood often leads us to believe that the wrong person is guilty for no other reason than setting up the surprise conclusion at the end. None the less, our "heroes" (i.e. the stars of the program) are often given exceptional latitude in their efforts to catch the crook. The next time you watch your favorite crime drama, imagine yourself as the person being interrogated. Would you really want to be treated in this manner?

So you've been confronted by someone in uniform. How should you react? Well, unless you're standing over a dead body holding a smoking gun, you shouldn't have much to worry about. Above all, remain calm, and try to look relaxed even if you're not. As the deodorant commercial says, "Never let them see you sweat". The officer has been trained to evaluate you, and if you look nervous, you look guilty. Do your best to remain friendly and non-threatening. I like to open with a jovial, "Good afternoon, Officer. Can I help you?"

Chapter 10

Grub, Gold, Guns, and Groups

*"Okay, Houston, we've had a problem here."
- Astronaut John Swigert Jr. from Apollo 13*

The crew of Apollo 13 heard a loud noise and saw fluctuations in the electrical power of their space craft. They were informing Mission Control of these anomalies, not yet aware that they had just lost half of their oxygen supply 200,000 miles away from the Earth. This egregious understatement has resulted in the popular American idiom, "Houston, we have a problem".

To say that "the American economy is going to crash" is like telling Captain Edward John Smith of the Titanic that "passengers are reporting high levels of humidity on the lower decks". There have been riots in Athens, Greece because the people were angry that government handouts have run out. The French recently replaced President Nicolas Sarkozy because they disapproved of his austerity measures. In other words, he was eliminating many of the government welfare programs the French had grown accustomed to. That's why the French replaced him in 2012 with Francois Hollande who helps lead the Socialist Party in that country. (Mes amis, vous venez de voter pour détruire votre propre pays et assujetti vous-même à l'esclavage.) Germany is the only European country that is still solvent, and they

have announced they will no longer loan money to spendthrift countries that have no means of repaying the loans. China and Russia have both announced they will no longer purchase oil using American dollars, but will exchange gold or their own currencies, instead. Add to that the nearly one hundred years the Federal Reserve has been counterfeiting our currency, repeated "Quantitative Easing", a euphemism for the criminal act of dumping truckloads of counterfeit cash into an already ailing economy, and you have created a problem that makes the Apollo 13 situation look insignificant. "This is Houston. You boys go ahead and figure that out on your own, OK? We seem to have our hands full here on Earth."

If you *don't* know there is a problem with the economy, you are metaphorically standing on the stern of the Titanic with water up to your knees asking, "Is there a problem with the boat?" You may be a little late to the party, but if you are still breathing there are some steps you should take *immediately* if you want to stay alive through whatever is about to happen. You don't have to be a Boy Scout to adopt "Be Prepared" as your motto.