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**August 19th, 1991 - Boris Yeltsin Stands on a Tank to Stop the Coup**

## AN APOLOGY & CLARIFICATION

I believe I should have been more specific when explaining the historical precedent of how government uses the military against the people. There have been no exceptions to this historical trend. However, the troops have not always attacked the people. On August 19<sup>th</sup>, 1991, the attempted coup in Russia propelled Boris Yeltsin to position of President when he had the courage to stand on the tanks and plead with the troops to stand down. There was the unknown rebel who stood down the tanks in Beijing on June 5<sup>th</sup>, 1989.



**Unknown Rebel Stands Down Tanks on June 5th, 1989**



**Theodosius handing Laurel to the Victor at the Hippodrome**

Byzantine Emperor Justinian (527-565AD) had established a commission in 528AD to re-codify the Rule of Law that produced a legal code in 529AD and 530AD, followed by the Digest in 533AD. His legal reforms attempting to root out corruption were unpopular and contributed to the Nika Revolt of 532AD. The Byzantine culture divided into what we would call a right and left wing system of politics. It was the Great Nika Revolt of January 532AD that brought to the forefront perhaps the most important woman in Roman society since Cleopatra VII (69-30BC) who was the lover of Julius Caesar and Mark Antony. This woman was Theodora (500-548AD) who reigned between 527AD and 565AD in Constantinople as Empress. She had been an actress and in those days typically meant a prostitute. She did have one child before being married. Yet she was a famed beauty and very intelligent. She became the mistress of the heir to the throne, Justinian, who married her in 525AD raising quite a scandal. When he succeeded to the throne, he crowned her Augusta (Empress).



*Empress Theodora and Her Attendants (circa 547 AD)  
San Vitale, Ravenna*



*Hagia Sophia Built in 537AD*

Theodora's intelligence made her a respected advisor to her husband and she even championed religious theories. Yet when rioting broke out in the Hippodrome between the right and left wing political factions known as the Blues and the Greens, this led to a major revolt that destroyed much of the city and nearly led to Justinian fleeing until she took charge. Theodora rose to the occasion and told her husband to stay. She then instructed General Belisarius to defend the city. The local troops would not attack the citizens being from that city. Belisarius had a legion stationed outside the Constantinople that was composed of minorities/foreigners from the various provinces. They had no problem attacking the citizens of Constantinople regarding them as the wealthy in any event. Belisarius herded the rioters into the Hippodrome and massacred them all. From the ruins, rose Hagia Sophia that was completed in 537AD. Today, it is known as the Blue Mosque. This is a symbol of the political ashes of the Nika Revolt of 532AD.

My family has fought in every war including the American Revolution. My cousin who recently died earned the Medal of Honor in Viet Nam. I have had family in Iraq and still in Afghanistan and I lost numerous friends to Viet Nam. There are many in the military who are great patriots. What must be understood is that not all those above barking out orders are cut from the same cloth. They have a clear self-interest of preserving their power and when the day comes that they order the troops to defend them, be mindful that the oath is to protect the people against all enemies including those within.

Government has promised, like Rome, free bread and games to keep the people occupied while they rummage about wallowing in their corruption. This is always a contest between Public v Private. There is simply no exception. The military has been a vital tool in maintaining that power. Just look at so many military dictatorships from Egypt, Iraq, Syria, Libya, Burma not to leave out South America and countless other places all within our own lifetime.

## Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA)

The Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA) is an important development in U.S. efforts to improve tax compliance involving foreign financial assets and offshore accounts.

Under FATCA, U.S. taxpayers with specified foreign financial assets that exceed certain thresholds must report those assets to the IRS. This reporting will be made on Form 8938, which taxpayers attach to their federal income tax return, starting this tax filing season.

In addition, FATCA will require foreign financial institutions to report directly to the IRS information about financial accounts held by U.S. taxpayers, or held by foreign entities in which U.S. taxpayers hold a substantial ownership interest.

Americans do not realize it but everything for which the Revolution was fought has been taken away. What about the **"no taxation without representation!"** Historically, a king could not tax the people except in time of war **WITHOUT THEIR CONSENT!** America revolted against monarchy because you were the **PROPERTY** of the king. If you were British and killed someone in Paris, the French king did not punish

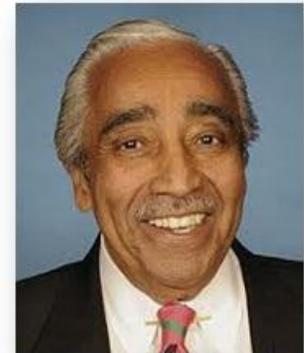


**I'm Coming 4 U - MF**

you. Instead, you were sent back to your owner (king of England) in chains and he was to inflict the punishment. Today, if an American citizen lives in Kenya and gives birth to a child there who **NEVER** returns to the United States, they still owe taxes. Why? Taxes are not **"paying your fair share"** but an obligation owed to your owner – the government. It is not about paying your fair share and never has been. Americans owe taxes on worldwide income even if they never participate in anything or receive a single benefit. They are economic slaves.

This is waging war against the people and in fact the whole world. Ordering foreign companies to

report Americans or they will have their assets confiscated in America cannot be a more stupid idea. And who sponsored this Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA)? None other than the tax cheat Charlie Rangel. Why? It was pay-back for not being thrown out of Congress. This is the way things really work. Charlie was in a lot of trouble and could have been thrown in jail for forgetting to pay his taxes. So for his penance, he is handed this bill to really screw over Americans so he remains free. This is the way things are really done.



**Charles "Charlie" Rangel**

This new Act will have **TWO** major negative effects. **First**, anyone doing business with the United States had better close their offices here real fast! This is a warning to get the hell out of town. If you need to do business with Americans, hire an agent. Under no circumstances have a branch office in the USA. If you do not do that, just look at UBS. **Secondly**, there is a flood of Americans now resigning their citizenships and guess where they are trying to get citizenship? China. Americans are headed for Shanghai by the boat load. So thank you Mr. Rangel for to save your ass, you gave the backroom dictatorship everyone else's.

## Ispettori Entrate a Capodanno a Cortina

### Passati al setaccio vip, alberghi, ristoranti, gioiellerie

03 gennaio, 12:33

(ANSA) - CORTINA (BELLUNO), 3 GEN - L'Agenzia delle Entrate cerca di stanare i vip di Cortina e gli operatori commerciali sconosciuti al fisco, ma gli albergatori locali insorgono, preoccupati che l'attenzione sui loro ospiti possa far calare gli arrivi. Una task force di 80 ispettori tra il 30 dicembre e San Silvestro ha passato al setaccio i più noti alberghi della conca ampezzana, ma anche antiquari, ristoranti e gioiellerie frequentati dai vip. Controllate le auto di lusso che circolano intorno alle Tofane.

A reader sent this news from Italy. The Italian IRS sent 80 agents into the Alp's town of Cortina for Christmas and New Year's Eve trying to arrest tax evaders by identifying hotel reservation names and staking out jewelers and art galleries located in the town. Cortina is very well known all over Europe as a hot spot for the wealthy. Governments have squandered everything, and now they are starting to wage war against the citizens. This is the nasty side of Marxism. Oh there will be those who say the rich deserve it. But this will result only in precisely what destroyed Rome. The wealthy will hoard their money, not show it, and in so doing, the velocity of money will collapse deepening the economic decline reducing tax revenues and blowing out the deficits faster ensuring the inevitable collapse.

#### **You Cannot Collect Enough Taxes**

Oh the socialists will write and send me hate mail as usual. But what they are not getting here is you cannot collect enough taxes to prevent the collapse. Governments everywhere have promised the moon. They did not bother to fund that. They have promised far more than actually exists. There are nearly \$60 trillion in unfunded liabilities ahead for the next decade. All the mortgages in the United States were \$15 trillion. Attacking the rich in this manner is going to destroy everything! If government does not reform, we are staring into the abyss of another Dark Age.

All government cares about is keeping control. They will employ every possible tool to accomplish that goal. It is time to wake up and smell the roses. This is a funeral, not a garden party! We have a herd of Baby-Boomers looking to cash in over the next decade. They paid their entire lives and are facing a future that is empty. Social Security just turned negative in October. In other words, this is the first time the payments going out are now systemically less than what is coming in. Then there are those working for government. They retire getting their full pension worth virtually what they earned during the last 3 years. Government will have to replace them so the cost of government is rising now faster than at any point in the past. This is unsustainable. So those in the military, look well to history. For those barking orders will come and it will be up to you to save the people. Make the right decision.