


HOUSE IN CHAOS!!! (But what about freedom?)

In 2023, the mass media produced a lot of information about the removal of Kevin McCarthy as speaker of the House of Representatives. They all told the same story: The villain was Matt Gaetz, and he was causing "Chaos!" Virtually all mass media stories shouted that same word, "Chaos! Chaos! Chaos!"

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The actions of the Republican right had plunged Washington D.C., and as a result the nation as a whole, into chaos.

That Chaos! story wasn't exactly "news" though. It was first reported about five hundred years ago.

In the 1600s, the Enlightenment gave rise to the belief that people have a right to freedom. That idea threatened the power of the monarchies, and since then rulers, and the media that they controlled, have claimed that any decrease in the amount of control by the rulers must result in *Chaos!* Thomas Hobbes said so, as he argued for totalitarian government in his book *Leviathan*, in 1651, warning that the common people can be bewitched "...by slander of the government, into rebellion... and by this means destroying all laws, both divine, and humane, reduce all Order, Government, and Society, to the first Chaos..."

But it has never been true that the only alternative to government control is chaos; there are other kinds of order than rule by rulers. Better kinds. One hundred and fifty years after Hobbes' leftist classic *Leviathan* was published, Thomas Paine wrote,

The great part of that order which reigns among mankind is not the effect of government. It has its origin in the principles of society and the natural constitution of man. It existed prior to government, and would exist if the formality of government was abolished.
Thomas Paine, "Chapter I. Of Society and Civilisation", *The Rights of Man* (1791)

In 2023, Substacker Jenna Stocker, in an article titled "[The Elites in Washington Want You to Think America Needs Them in Power](#)", wrote ...they [the government] have to manufacture their own crisis out of a nonexistent threat to convince the American people they are the only ones standing between chaos and order. But it is all a lie.

Some of the stories about Kevin McCarthy's loss of power went further in identifying the real chaos-causing villain.

What is the Terrible Thing That is Causing All This Chaos?

The leftist media said that the real source and cause of the chaos was the “information space” of the right. That is, the space that the right uses to oppose the policies, claims, and agenda of the left.

It was not Matt Gaetz alone who was plunging America into chaos. No, the villainy was much larger. It was the right-wing, and its freedom of speech.

“Matt Gaetz is a product of America’s broken information environment... as the media landscape has dramatically shifted, particularly in the right-wing information space...”

That quote is from a *CNN* article titled [“How America’s Broken Information Environment Birthed the Chaos Wrought by Matt Gaetz”](#). It is the “twisted” rightist media, not the vastly larger and more powerful leftist mass media, that is threatening our society with *chaos*. The article went on, quote, “...the Republicans who carry real power ... work in conjunction with partisan media, not those who wish to govern. Gaetz is not an anomaly. He is the direct consequence of this twisted construct.” Unquote.

In other words, the stories about the change in House leadership were one more coordinated attack by leftists in their effort to permanently silence all opposition to the left’s political and governmental agenda. The leftists even wanted to shut down those RINOs who were on the less-leftist side of the Uniparty. The leftists’ effort was an attack on what remains of the right of Americans to free speech. The goal was to permanently silence all opposition.

Evidence that the mass media stories about the House leadership were a coordinated attack was that all mass media outlets spontaneously parroted the claim that “chaos”, in the form of lack of government control, is a threat to society.

But that’s a lie.

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Rep. Matt Gaetz (R., Fla.) at a House Judiciary Committee hearing in Washington, Sept. 20. PHOTO: RON SACHS - CNP/ZUMA PRESS

A stupid, needless government shutdown looms. The culprits aren’t Democrats but hard-right House Republicans who say they won’t agree to a bipartisan

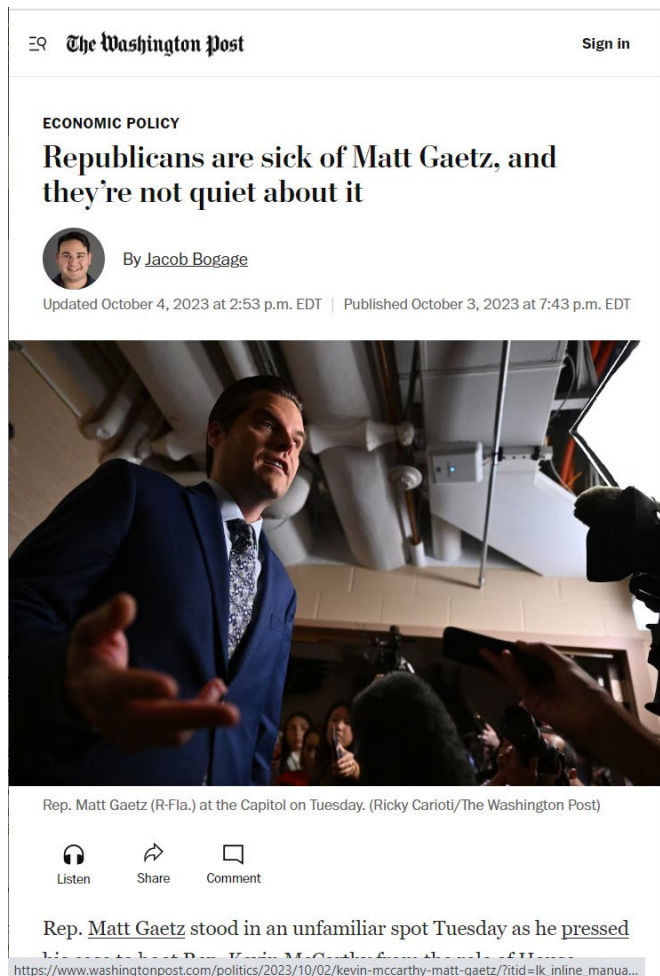
Spontaneous-Organization

Stuart Kauffman, in an article titled “Antichaos and Adaptation”, in *Scientific American* in 1991, wrote:

Chaos, fascinating as it is, is only part of the behavior of complex systems. There is also a counterintuitive phenomenon that might be called antichaos: some very disordered systems spontaneously “crystallize” into a high degree of order.

The leftists like to falsely equate *spontaneous order* with an *absence of order*. They say that *their control* over us is the only order that society can have. It isn’t true. Spontaneous-Organization and Freedom are anti-chaos.

Rightly, most of our societal systems, such as our economy, work best not by being controlled by government regulators, but by what is called Spontaneous-Order or Self-Organization. Generations ago, most Americans understood that very well: The invisible hand of Spontaneous-Organization is the basis of our freedom, and of our prosperity. But for a long time, leftists have used the mass media and their increasing control of academia and government, to virtually erase that idea from the American mind.



The screenshot shows a Washington Post article. At the top left is the logo and at the top right is a 'Sign in' button. Below that is the category 'ECONOMIC POLICY'. The main headline is 'Republicans are sick of Matt Gaetz, and they're not quiet about it'. The author is 'By Jacob Bogage'. Below the author's name are two dates: 'Updated October 4, 2023 at 2:53 p.m. EDT' and 'Published October 3, 2023 at 7:43 p.m. EDT'. The main image shows Rep. Matt Gaetz in a blue suit, gesturing with his hands while speaking to a crowd. Below the image is a caption: 'Rep. Matt Gaetz (R-Fla.) at the Capitol on Tuesday. (Ricky Carioti/The Washington Post)'. At the bottom of the article are icons for 'Listen', 'Share', and 'Comment'. Below these icons is a snippet of the article text: 'Rep. Matt Gaetz stood in an unfamiliar spot Tuesday as he pressed...'. At the very bottom is a URL: 'https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2023/10/02/kevin-mccarthy-matt-gaetz/?itid=lk_inline_manua...'

Is it true that freedom is “chaos” and government control is always required for our society to work?

Over the past few decades, the leftists have gained more power, and the size and power of government have increased, as government regulators intervene in our lives more and in more ways. Has this control increased order and efficiency and decreased disorder? Has more government control of the public school system made it more efficient and effective, or less so? Has leftist control decreased disorder in our society, such as widespread unrest, and out-of-control protests by the likes of Antifa and BLM, and the dissolving of our nation’s borders, and the increasing violent crime in cities? If we have more real chaos today, is the decreasing power of the right really the cause, or the increasing power of the left? Is too much freedom what is really causing the chaos? The leftists say so.

In a [September 2023 RealClear Opinion poll](#), a full one-third of Democratic voters said Americans have quote, “too much freedom.” Unquote. (47% of Democrats said that free expression should be legal, Unquote. “only under certain circumstances.” Unquote. A full three-fourths said that government has a responsibility to limit “hateful” social media posts. And by “hateful” the leftists mean anything that opposes them.

How much damage does *freedom* do? Does our freedom really harm us by causing chaos? Our society does have enemies, that is true. But maybe the most threatening enemy is that group of people who have the most *power*

to do damage to America. Maybe the one group of people that does the most harm and damage to the rest of us, and who are the biggest threat to our society, is the government regulators, including the RINO, and the other leftists. Instead of those of us who want freedom, who are truly in the right.

Yes, our society faces real threats. But the most destructive and dangerous threat is not “too much freedom”, it is the left’s control. What is called the “mass media” or “mainstream media” is a coordinated system for advancing leftist control and destroying freedom, working hand-in-hand with government regulators. These are the real enemies of freedom and the real bringers of chaos.