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◇ VOTE ◇

Dissertation on First Principles of Government (1795) makes Thomas Paine's most forceful case, perhaps, for the right of voting. Paine used the pamphlet in the French National Convention to argue against various reactionary provisions in the proposed Constitution under discussion in July 1795. The following scattered excerpts relate principally to equal rights and voting rights.

"The true and only true basis of representative government is equality of rights. Every man has a right to one vote, and no more in the choice of representatives. The rich have no more right to exclude the poor from the right of voting, or of electing and being elected, than the poor have to exclude the rich; and wherever it is attempted, or proposed, on either side, it is a question of force and not of right. Who is he that would exclude another? That other has a right to exclude him."

"Personal rights, of which the right of voting for representatives is one, are a species of property of the most sacred kind: and he that would employ his pecuniary property, or presume upon the influence it gives him, to dispossess or rob another of his property or rights, uses that pecuniary property as he would use fire-arms, and merits to have it taken from him."

"Whenever it be made an article of a constitution, or a law, that the right of voting, or of electing and being elected, shall appertain exclusively to persons possessing a certain quantity of proerty, be it little or much, it is a combination of the persons possessing that quantity to exclude those who do not possess the same quantity. It is investing themselves with powers as a self-created part of society, to the exclusion of the rest."

"In any view of the case, it is dangerous and impolitic, sometimes ridiculous, and always unjust to make property the criterion of the right of voting."

"But the offensive part of the case is that this exclusion from the right of voting implies a stigma on the moral character of the persons excluded; and this is what no part of the community has a right to pronounce on another part. No external circumstance can justify it: wealth is no proof of moral character; nor poverty the want of it."

"On the contrary, wealth is often the presumptive evidence of

dishonesty; and poverty the negative evidence of innocence. If therefore, property, whether little or much, be made a criterion, the means by which that property has been acquired ought to be made a criterion also."

"The right of voting for representatives is the primary right by which other rights are protected."

"When we speak of right we ought always to unite with it the idea of duties: rights become duties by reciprocity. The right which I enjoy becomes my duty to guarantee it to another, and he to me; and those who violate the duty justly incur a forfeiture of the right."

"In a political view of the case, the strength and permanent security of government is in proportion to the number of people interested in supporting it. The true policy therefore is to interest the whole by an equality of rights, for the danger arises from exclusions. It is possible to exclude men from the right of voting, but it is impossible to exclude them from the right of rebelling against that exclusion; and when all other rights are taken away the right of rebellion is made perfect."

"[I]t is the nature and intention of a constitution to *prevent governing by party*, by establishing a common principle that shall limit and control the power and impulse of party, and that says to all parties, *thus far shalt thou go and no further*. But in the absence of a constitution, men look entirely to party; and instead of principle governing party, party governs principle."

"An avidity to punish is always dangerous to liberty. It leads men to stretch, to misinterpret, and to misapply even the best of laws. He that would make his own liberty secure must guard even his enemy from oppression; for if he violates this duty he establishes a precedent that will reach to himself."

THOMAS PAINE, Paris, July, 1795

---selection by Martha Spiegelman

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The Mission of Thomas Paine Friends, Inc., is to encourage people to learn about and from Thomas Paine, his times and philosophy so that they may be inspired to participate in public affairs reflective of the spirit of Paine's life, thought and ideals.



To Know Paine, Read Him

Florence Stapleton -- Thomas Paine Chronicler

Some Websites and Blogs

thomas-paine-friends.org --Our TPF website is maintained by Edward Dodson. Anyone advocating for Paine can send Paine-related news to: edod08034@gmail.com.

facebook.com/thomaspainefriends?ref=br_tf --Facebook page of TPF. Join discussions here.

religionpaine.org --Maurice Bisheff maintains this site of several essays and seminar pieces by him and James Tepfer, about Paine's religious and philosophical views.

valorww2.com --This site, maintained by Victor Madeson, contains many articles about Paine, including Common Sense Clubs, Societies of Political Inquiry, and other subjects.

cooperativeindividualism.org --The School for Cooperative Individualism, Director, Edward J. Dodson, contains a large archive of articles about Paine. Also, summary of the life of Henry George and list of courses at the Henry George Schools.

historyisonourside.wordpress.com --Frances Chiu's blog has excerpts of writings of 18th century and later authors, such as James Murray, Richard Price, certainly Thomas Paine, with relation to our current political, social, cultural matters.

algerblog.blogspot.com --Blogger Algernon D'Amassa writes on a range of subjects, such as Paine's life, ideas, and influence, plus Zen Buddhism, politics, environment, arts, and more.

floridaveteransforcommonsense.org --In Sarasota FL, it sponsors an annual Paine birthday gala, as well as many human rights, peace and justice forums. TPF members Gene Jones and Mike Burns are officers in FLVCS.

thomaspainesociety.org --Website of Thomas Paine Society, Pasadena CA. A Research Library is a major facility of TPS; see website for details of the library and how to donate publications.

thomaspainesocietyuk.org.uk --This Thomas Paine Society in England publishes articles about liberal-progressive thinkers and movements at this website.

rjlindsey.com --One-man show, "Thomas Paine, Voice of the American Revolution," by TPF member, Robert J. Lindsey. He has a new show, "Benjamin Franklin: Stories of Revolution".

thelifeofthomaspaine.org --Ian Ruskin performs his Paine monologue at many locations. Go here for the live performance and film schedules, plus related events, and to purchase the video, "The Life of Thomas Paine".

commonsensesociety.com --This society in Hungary holds many international forums and workshops, including many in the U. S.

facebook.com/pages/Fort-Lee-Common-Sense-Society/199545953428717 --Fort Lee NJ Common Sense Society is preparing to raise its new Paine statue soon.

thomaspaine.org --Thomas Paine National Historical Association, in New Rochelle NY. Look for information here about Thomas Paine Studies at Iona College.

kenburchell.blogspot.com --This Thomas Paine Review posts recent publications and news on Paine and related subjects.

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ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION COMING UP SOON

TPF invites nominations for Board of Directors and Officers

The date of the Annual Meeting has not been determined yet, but it will take place in late November or early December. Thomas Paine Friends will send official notice of the Annual Meeting, with annual reports, and the Ballot in November. Attendance will be *via* telephone conference as usual.



ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA ~ Members can place items on the agenda. A written agenda is part of the notice of the Annual Meeting. For an item to be on the 2020 agenda, it must be sent BY NOVEMBER 6th to the president, Edward Dodson, at email: edod08034@gmail.com or *via* US postal service: Thomas Paine Friends, 185 Middle St., Amherst MA 01002-3011. So far, one item has been sent, by Edward Dodson: to hold a discussion on his proposal to arrange a series of ZOOM seminars about Paine's ideas and legacy.

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION ~ The Nominating Committee is now seeking nominees. Paid-up members can nominate and can serve as directors and officers: check your renewal date on this newsletter to see whether your dues are paid-up-to-date. Ways to nominate: 1, the Committee will ask members who are active in TPF projects to be nominees in this next election; 2, also, the Committee urges self-nomination, as we are not always aware of the interests and skills of many of our members; 3, and a member may nominate another member as well. Send your nominations to: spiegelmanmartha@gmail.com, or *via* US postal: Thomas Paine Friends, 185 Middle St., Amherst MA 01002-3011, or telephone, 413-253-7934. Please contact us as soon as you can if you wish to be a nominee or recommend a nominee. NOMINATIONS ARE DUE BY NOVEMBER 6th.

NOMINEES SHOULD EXPECT TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE WORK OF THE ORGANIZATION. Besides administering the organization and making decisions about actions to take, directors and officers typically are active on behalf of TPF in some of the following ways:

- * plan and promote Thomas Paine memorials;
- * write articles and help assemble the newsletter;
- * contribute postings to the website;
- * assist in publication and archiving of the papers of the late Klara Rukshina, a Paine scholar;
- * contact organizations with related interests;
- * prepare materials for library or other exhibits;
- * bring civic education to schools and community;
- * hold Thomas Paine Day events in your locality;
- * write letters to the media about Paine;
- * enlist other organizations in support of Paine and his principles of government;
- * and, certainly, initiate a new Paine project.

TPF has been fortunate to have a core of a few members who have taken these positions. **We recommend that others step up to serve.** Meetings and decisions are conducted by conference telephone calls and emails and are not unduly burdensome.

BESIDES THE WEBSITE AND THE NEWSLETTER, which are regular, continuing activities, TPF and its members have been the movers of several outstanding accomplishments. The following are but a few examples; omitting any others is not a slight, just a fault of memory.

Thomas Paine Day declared by 13 states, a permanent day of honor to him every January 29th.

Thomas Paine birthday annual observances on or near January 29th, held by members in their communities.

Thomas Paine Year 2009, at the 200th anniversary of his death, holding three days of commemorations on June 6 to 8, 2009, with many speeches, tours, re-dedications in New York City and New Rochelle NY.

Publication of *Thomas Paine: In Search of the Common Good*, in 2009, the proceedings of a United Nations symposium on "Thomas Paine, Visionary of World Peace" (1987).

Thomas Paine Colloquium, in December 2009, at the New School in New York City.

Paine workshop in the Left Forum, organized for several years by TPF members, in the Spring in New York City .

In the Footsteps of Thomas Paine, in October 2014, with numerous tours over nearly a full week, in Philadelphia, cities and parks in New Jersey, New York City, New Rochelle NY, all of them sites relating to Paine's life.

Fundraising for video production of "The Life of Thomas Paine", a play and performance by Ian Ruskin, in 2015.

These, as well as other, pursuits brought TPF into valuable association with several welcoming, helpful organizations and many kind and generous individuals. TPF is proud and grateful to continue these friendly collaborations.

The current Board of Directors is listed in the Masthead on page 2.

REVIEW OF *THE ROUTLEDGE GUIDEBOOK TO PAINE'S RIGHTS OF MAN*

by Frances A. Chiu, PhD

Reviewed by Edward J. Dodson, MLA / October, 2020

Historian Frances A. Chiu has produced a work that takes the reader inside the times that inspired Thomas Paine to challenge the legitimacy of Old World systems of hierarchy and privilege.

Anyone who has not read Paine's *Rights of Man* (or not read it for some years) will benefit enormously by first reading this guidebook.

As a long-time student of Thomas Paine's life and his contributions to our understanding of what constitutes just principles of governance, I found much in this guidebook that provided valuable context to the positions expressed by Paine on the important issues of his day and those that continue to haunt us in our own time. As Frances Chiu explains in the introduction:

"[T]his Routledge Guide aims to explicate, first and foremost, the arguments presented in the text itself while showing how Paine's conceptualizations of rights, representative government, and inequality fit into the broader trajectory of liberal and progressive thought in Britain, America, and France."

As I suspect Paine would agree, the times that tried men's souls never really ended. They have a long, long history that nurtured Paine's intellectual curiosity and contributed to the person Paine became. What Frances Chiu details are the many direct and indirect influences that found their way into Paine's writing. He questioned all authority and relied on his own ability to think and reason to identify common sense solutions to what troubled humankind. As Chiu notes, Paine was drawn to the longstanding *ought* questions of philosophical inquiry:

"This concept of rights, however, has a much longer history, going back at least six centuries when the idea of a natural law (e.g., all men and living creatures endeavor to sustain themselves) eventually gave rise to the idea of a natural right (e.g., all men and living creatures have a right to sustain themselves) in texts on canonic laws."

To Paine, the people of every society were engaged in a desperate struggle to realize what were their natural rights. As an Englishman, Paine cherished his own nation's tradition of dissent and rebellion, imperfect in intent and outcome as this was. "For Paine," writes Chiu, "it was the uprising of 1381 rather than the Magna Charta [1215] that warranted greater admiration."

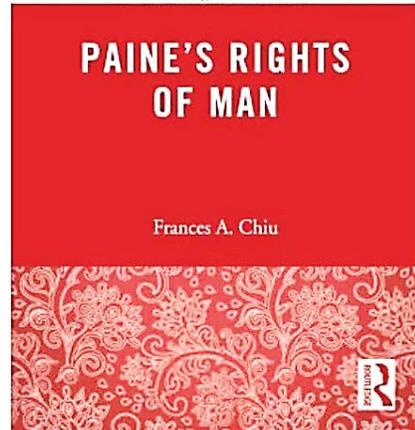
And, for good reason. Rather than the beginning of participatory governance, Magna Charta transferred power from the monarchy to aristocratic land barons interested in aggrandizement of their own privileges. Paine immersed himself in a quest to discover first principles, envisioning what life could be like for the disinherited if only the people of every nation were governed by just law, justly enforced.

Paine had observed throughout his early life the severe deprivation experienced by Britain's peasant population caused by landed privilege. Chiu introduces (or reintroduces) readers to both well-known and obscure proponents of systemic reform who to some extent shared the outrage conveyed by Paine in *Rights of Man* and, later, in *Agrarian Justice*.

Paine comes across in this guide as a person of sincere, if imperfect, heroic character. He was a visionary and an



The Routledge Guidebook to



optimist, which led him to underestimate the staying power of entrenched privilege even when confronted by united opposition. One must remember that *Rights of Man* is written before Paine's disillusionment with George Washington's leadership and the Hamiltonian influence over the institutional development of the American republic has taken hold. He had not yet watched as the French liberals he admired were pushed aside by the Jacobins, imprisoned and so frequently executed. His later writings seem to be directed to distant future generations rather than to his contemporaries.

Frances Chiu speculates to what extent the main French intellectuals influenced Paine's thinking. Although she concludes that "Turgot and the Physiocrats ... are viewed as half-hearted economists more interested in 'the administration of the government rather than the government itself,'" I think it is worth remembering that the one person who could be described as mentor to Paine was Benjamin Franklin, and Franklin thoroughly embraced the teachings of Quesnay and Turgot. Perhaps we can thank Franklin, then, for the extent to which *Agrarian Justice* is physiocratic. And yet, as explained by Chiu, Paine demanded far deeper systemic and progressive changes than almost anyone one might cite. Quoting Paine, she notes that he drew "attention to the ironic lack of civilized progress in the supposed 'Old World' countries."

Many pages of my copy of this guidebook have passages highlighted for later reference. I will shortly do what I hope and expect others will do after reading this guidebook – read *Rights of Man* with new insight into the power of Thomas

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Paine's remarkable intellect and moral principles. I leave Frances Chiu with the last few words on what *Rights of Man* has to say to us today:

Frances A. Chiu, a TPF Board of Directors member, is a scholar of 18th-19th century English literature, and teacher of history and literature at the New School University in New York City where she created a course, "The Age of Paine", probably the first specifically on Paine. She holds degrees from Smith College (BA), Northwestern University (MA), and Oxford University (PhD). She has published monographs on 18th-century horror novelist Ann Radcliffe and on *La Fanu*, also articles in professional journals as well as reviews and popular pieces.

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"Paine's words ring true again when we consider the lack of overall happiness in his adopted country and other parts of the world where inequality has become a looming issue, especially where the misdeeds and crimes of the 0.01% go largely unpunished."

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MORE about *The Routledge Guidebook to Paine's Rights of Man*

Watch for an absorbing dialogue with Ed Dodson and Frances Chiu on **SMARTTALK**, a video program of the Henry George School of Social Science. A date has not been announced yet, but it will be ready soon at, <http://www.hgsss.org/smart-talk/> Check the website from time to time in the near future to find this engaging discussion.



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Thomas Paine taught us, "**Reason obeys itself, and ignorance submits to whatever is dictated to it.**" (*Rights of Man*) * FLVCS stands for reason and common sense in the tradition of Paine and the other Founders.

We are sometimes criticized as partisan and "leftists" because we use common sense to point out that President Trump is a threat to our democracy. [But] we say we are conservative in the sense of following the Constitution and rule of law.

In any event, we stand by our principles without regard to whether they are 'left' or 'right.' Our positions are set out clearly on our website, such as recognizing climate change as a national security threat. Some would say our position makes us leftist. Of course, if that were correct, the Pentagon would be a

* *Four additional Paine maxims relating to Ignorance, Reason, Truth* (selected by Martha Spiegelman)

"But such is the irresistible nature of truth, that all it asks, and all it wants, is the liberty of appearing." (*The Age of Reason*)

"Ignorance is of a peculiar nature: once dispelled, it is impossible to re-establish it. ...though man may be kept ignorant, he cannot be *made* ignorant." (*The Age of Reason*)

"The mind, in discovering truth, acts in the same manner as it acts through the eye in discovering objects: when once any object has been seen, it is impossible to put the mind back to the same condition it was in before it saw it." (*The Age of Reason*)

"The mind, once enlightened, cannot again become dark." (*Rights of Man*)

leftist outfit too because it agrees with us. The President claims climate change is a hoax and denigrates those who want to mitigate the harm.

It doesn't matter to us if our positions fall to the 'left' or 'right.' We stand for what we believe is the best course for America. [W]e were criticized by Democrats when we spoke out against President Obama's surge in Afghanistan--we viewed that as a waste of blood and treasure and unlikely to accomplish much. History confirms we were correct. Also, we're confident that history will show our recent critiques to be correct too.

We encourage Democrats, Republicans, Libertarians, Greens, and Independents to join us in supporting the Constitution and building a better America.

Sent by Gene Jones, TPF Board member, Secretary of FLVCS
---adapted from flvcs website, Sept 2020



Thomas Paine Memorial House becomes Historical Landmark

From *New York Almanack* / September 1, 2020 by Editorial Staff

https://www.newyorkalmanack.com/2020/09/new-rochelles-thomas-paine-memorial-building-event/?fbclid=IwAR1jbN3aNysVEzqBzuulu_yd2GANrmdEukhw1Q3IJxJM5mBnQ_BXFPEGWUU



Photo and history, below, by Martha Spiegelman

The stately building is at the edge of what was Paine's 277-acre farm that was given to him by New York State grateful for his eminent services in establishing the United States of America. Paine Cottage, in part designed by him, is nearby. He resided in the cottage for a time after returning from France. Close by is the Paine Monument as well as the marker of his empty gravesite. All four are elements of the Paine historic site.

In 1925, William Van der Weyde, secretary of the Thomas Paine National Historical Association, raised funds to begin construction of the Thomas Paine Memorial House. Van der Weyde had compiled and published a 10-volume set of Paine's writings with a biography, *The Patriot's Edition*. He and other members took to the road to sell the set widely, especially to residents of the area at Paine Avenue and around the adjacent Paine Lake. Funds from the sales plus a number of donations were sufficient to proceed with the building. At the ground-breaking in 1925, Thomas A. Edison, vice-president of TPNHA, turned some shovels of soil. It opened in 1928, and served for about 70 years as a meeting space for TPNHA members as well as for other groups. From 1959 to 1973, it was the headquarters of the local chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. It was also a frequent exhibition space, and became generally known as Thomas Paine Museum.

"The Committee to Save the Thomas Paine Memorial Building held a celebration of the building's recent designation as a New Rochelle NY Historical Landmark, on Sunday, September 6, 2020.

"The brief outdoor ceremony featured community leaders and supporters, Committee members, and Board members of the Huguenot and New Rochelle Historical Association and the Thomas Paine National Historical Association.

"Following the event, "Common Sense Revisited," a new exhibit showcasing local artists, was opened inside the building. The exhibit was on display until September 12th.

"The Thomas Paine Memorial Building is located at 983 North Avenue, New Rochelle. For more information, send email to, savepaineslegacy@gmail.com."



Edison poised with shovel, Van der Weyde at right, Memorial Day, 1925, from *The Standard-Star*

*From the Laboratory
of
Thomas A. Edison*

Orange, N. J.

January 26, 1927

Dear Mr. Van der Weyde:

I send through you my hearty greetings and congratulations to the ladies and gentlemen assembled at the Thomas Paine Dinner in New York, January 29th, in honor of the great thinker's 190th birthday.

I regret that it is quite impossible for me to be present at the Paine dinner, and to personally participate in the occasion, but you know, nevertheless, that I am heartily in sympathy with all that is done to honor the great author of "Common Sense" and "The Age of Reason."

I send congratulations to the ladies and gentlemen who are honoring Paine, because as admirers and readers of Thomas Paine, they are mentally emancipated, and are freed from the superstitions that have long hindered the world's progress.

Many efforts have been made, both in his lifetime and since, to obliterate from the world the name of Thomas Paine, and the eternal truths which he uttered, but the name and the work of a great man like Paine cannot be stamped out at will, and today Paine's name shines brighter than ever before, and the world has grown stronger and wiser by reading and heeding his rational message.

All honor to the memory of Thomas Paine!

Sincerely yours,

Thos. A. Edison

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To Know Paine, Read Him ~ Florence Stapleton, Thomas Paine Chronicler



Sculpture, by Malvina Hoffman, is installed in the outdoor colonnade, Hall of Fame, New York University, Bronx NY. The property is now under the custody of Lehmann Community College.

Verses Written for Thomas Paine

Princes and kings decay and die
And, instant rise again:
But this is not the case, trust me
With men like THOMAS PAINE.

To tyrants and the tyrant crew,
Indeed, he was the bane:
He writ, and gave them all their due,
And signed it--THOMAS PAINE.

Oh! how we loved to see him write
And curb the race of Cain!
They hope and wish that Thomas P----
May never rise again.

What idle hopes!--yes--such a man
May yet appear again.--
When they are dead, they die for aye:
Not so with THOMAS PAINE.

At Paine's death, PHILIP FRENEAU was one of very few writers to praise him in print. STANZAS, AT THE DECEASE OF THOMAS PAINE, reprinted in THE COMPLETE WRITINGS OF THOMAS PAINE, Philip S. Foner, ed., 1945



*Independence Is My Happiness...
My Country Is The World,
My Religion Is To Do Good*
Rights of Man, part 2, 1792

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A few apt words from IAN RUSKIN, creator of the play, *The Life of Thomas Paine*

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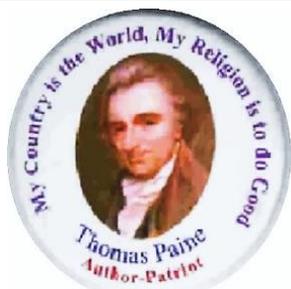
"These Are the Times," or, in Other Words Thomas Paine's 1776 Wartime Journalism

A New Article by Mariam Touba, In: New York History, volume 101, number 1, Summer 2020, pp 79-93

A Special Issue: The Meaning of the American Revolution

Excerpts of the article are at, <https://muse.jhu.edu/article/764418>

Mariam Touba is research librarian at the New-York Historical Society, and a TPF member



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