

second half of the Carter Administration. At that time, ostensibly to combat inflation, the Carter Administration promoted the usurious 20%-plus prime interest rate of then-Federal Reserve Chairman Paul Volcker, which shut down basic industry in the United States, or caused it to move abroad in search of cheap labor.

The current chairman of the DLC is Sen. Joseph Lieberman (D-Conn.), who on Sept. 3, 1998, was the first leading Democrat to turn against President Bill Clinton, when impeachment charges were brought against him. Clearly, by “running against the base of the Democratic Party,” Gore and Lieberman could not put together a sufficient electoral coalition, as any actual Democratic Party leadership would have done, to defeat the manifestly incompetent Republican, President-elect George Bush.

The New Democrats have lent themselves to gutting the physical economy of the United States, which has an infrastructure deficit of nearly \$10 trillion, so that instead of highly skilled, productive jobs, millions of Americans have come to consider themselves lucky if they can sell McDonald’s burgers or sweep the floors of the “e-commerce” dot.bombs.

While abandoning minorities, New Democrats also denounce the trade unions. In the July 2000 issue of the DLC’s *Blueprint* magazine, From declared: “Unions are often thought of as anachronisms. They had a role to play in the old economy, but not in the new. . . .” He continued that unions must be “drawing on the rich legacy of craft unions . . . like the guilds from which unions first arose.”

For the New Democrats, FDR’s “Forgotten Man” is simply that: forgotten.

Confederate Constitution Says: Live Like a Beast

In 1992, from the leading daily newspaper in the old capital of the Confederacy, the *Richmond Times-Dispatch*, readers were treated to an op-ed column titled “The Southern Solution.” Written by the president of the Ludwig von Mises Institute, the column made the following proposal: “Bring the U.S. Constitution up to Confederate standards.” Particular features of the Confederate Constitution which the author praised were:

- the elimination of the “general welfare” clause, which he called an open door for government intervention;
- the prohibition of protective tariffs;
- the prohibition of government-financed internal improvements;
- the line-item veto and other provisions dealing with revenue and appropriations.

“In this modern era, we can’t be straitjacketed by an outmoded constitution,” concluded the author. “Let’s bring it up to date with the improvements Southerners made 131 years ago.”

As explained elsewhere in this *Feature*, the Supreme Court under William Rehnquist has been doing just that—following the Confederacy’s Constitution—for a number of years, to the detriment of justice, and the strength of the U.S. republic.

The Two Constitutions

At first glance, the Constitution of the Confederate States of America (C.S.A.) appears very similar to the Constitution of the United States of America. For reasons of expediency, the framers of the C.S.A. Constitution took the text of the U.S. Constitution as the template from which they cut out their own. Thus, the differences are illuminating—not only as to the nature of the Confederacy, but also as to the nature of the republic they were fighting against. The C.S.A. framers took the U.S. Constitution and gutted it of its best and noblest features.

One need go no further than the Preamble to know exactly what the issues were between the U.S.A. and the C.S.A. Simply compare the two:

U.S.A.—“We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquillity, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.”

C.S.A.—“We the people of the Confederate States, each state acting in its sovereign and independent character, in order to form a permanent federal government, establish justice, insure domestic tranquillity, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity—invoking the favor and guidance of Almighty God—do ordain and establish this Constitution for the Confederate States of America.”

Here is the essence of the battles that wracked American politics and law in the early Nineteenth Century. Was the Union a compact among sovereign states, or was it formed by the people, acting in their sovereign capacity? Was the purpose to form “a more perfect Union,” which strived for perfection, and which was intended to supersede the problems which had plagued the Union under the Articles of Confederation before 1787—or was the purpose simply to enter a social contract to form a Federal government?

In 1994, Newt Gingrich and the so-called Conservative Revolution, took the majority in the U.S. Congress and Senate, fully using the “Southern Strategy” of being anti-black, anti-poor, and opposed to the General Welfare of the population. Some recent authors have called Gingrich’s right-wing cult treatise, the “Contract with America,” the C.S.A. Constitution of its time. Both documents demean human life; both are treasonous.

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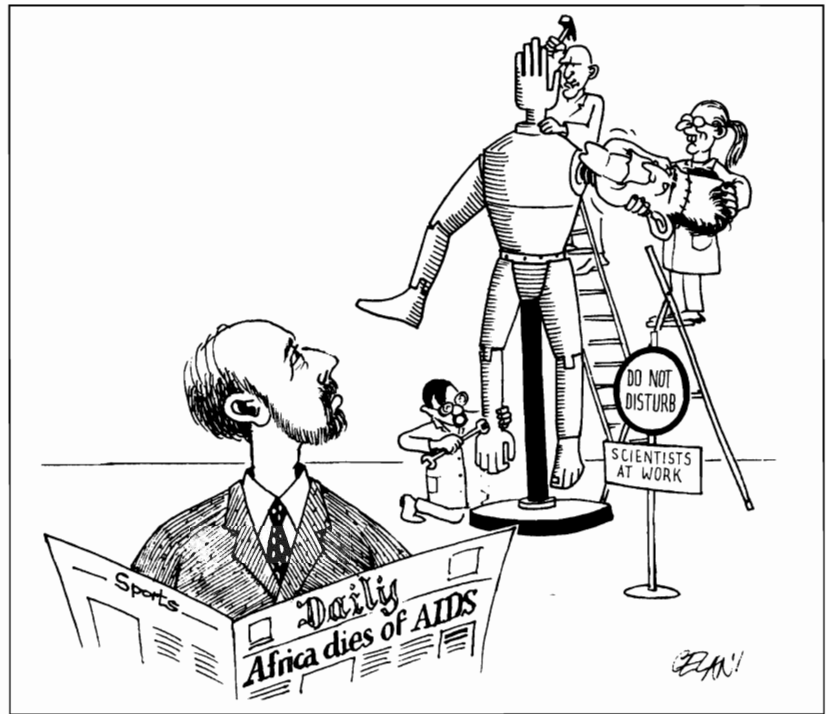


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