

America: Freedom to Fascism

The following interview with Aaron Russo was broadcast on the October 4, 2006 edition of *Politics and Religion*. Aaron Russo is the award winning filmmaker who produced “The Rose” with Bette Midler and “Trading Places” with Eddie Murphy. His latest production is the documentary, “America: Freedom to Fascism.” This documentary graphically illustrates that America is on the brink of becoming a police state. This is part two of the interview transcript. Part one appeared in the November/December 2006 issue of *Endtime Magazine*.

IRVIN: We've got a lot to talk about, plus I know our callers are going to want to talk to you, but it was against the Constitution to have an income tax.

AARON: No, let me clarify this. A lot of people are mistaken. It's legal to have an income tax, but you have to define the word “income”. “Income” has been defined by the Supreme Court as a corporate gain, a corporate profit, not wages, not labor. So, while some people say an income tax is constitutional, it is, but it means a corporate tax, a corporate gain, it doesn't mean a tax on people's labor. The idea is this. Each one of us owns our own life. I own myself. You own yourself and the government doesn't own any of us. So, because we own our lives, we also own our labor. So when we work with somebody and we give them our labor, we're giving something we own and in return, they're giving us dollars or whatever they're giving us as payment. It's an exchange. It's something you each own. So, it's not a gain, it's not a profit, it's an exchange and it's not taxable. The Supreme Court has ruled that. So, you can say income tax is legal, but an income tax is being taxed on corporations, on gains and profits. The Constitution provides that if they could tax you directly, which a tax on your labor would be, that would have to be done by census and apportioned amongst all the people. They cannot have a graduated income tax on your labor. They can apply a tax on your labor if it's apportioned and done by census. So, let's say the American government needs \$300,000,000, okay, and the state of Cali-



AARON RUSSO PROMOTING HIS LATEST FILM, "AMERICA: FREEDOM TO FASCISM" IN CANNES, FRANCE DURING THE CANNES FILM FESTIVAL 2006

fornia has, let's say 10,000,000 people living in it and there are 300,000,000 people living in America. The state of California would have to get a dollar from everybody in California, \$10,000,000, and send that into the Federal Government. That would be done by census and apportionment equally among the people. That is totally legal and constitutional, but it's very difficult to do and the government knew that when they did it. The founders knew that, and so, when people say

they can't have an income tax, yeah, you can have an income tax, but for corporate gain. What you can't have is a direct unapportioned tax on your labor. That's what you can't do.

IRVIN: You're telling us that the courts, including the Supreme Court, has ruled thusly.

AARON: At least eight times, on at least eight different occasions. Now, what's so interesting is the lower courts no longer go by what the Supreme Court said, even though they have to. Like in the case of Irwin Schiff. Here's a man who was fighting the tax situation in court and was trying to present to the jury and prove to them that there was no law requiring him to do this. As he was telling it to the jury, as he was explaining it, and this is a direct call right from the judge. He said, “Mr. Schiff, I will not allow the law in my

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courtroom.” Can you imagine? I will not allow the law in my courtroom. Then Schiff says in return, “But the Supreme Court said...”, and the judge goes, “Irrelevant, Denied. The Supreme Court is irrelevant, denied.” You see, so we have no more law in this country.

IRVIN: So has Mr. Schiff appealed that to the Supreme Court?

AARON: He’s in jail.

IRVIN: But, has he appealed that ruling to the Supreme Court?

AARON: Not yet. The Supreme Court won’t hear the cases anymore.

IRVIN: I see.

AARON: So he’s in jail for 13 years for a non-crime, for doing nothing wrong. On the other hand, when you have an honest judge, many of the tax audits win in court. We show where Franklin Sanders won, we show where Vernice Kuglin won, where Joe Banister won. A lot of it depends upon the judge and unfortunately juries today don’t know what their real obligation is. Juries today have the ability to nullify the law if they want to. It’s called jury nullification. If you’re sitting on a jury and you think that the law is unconstitutional and wrong, you vote not guilty. You don’t have to listen to the judge’s instructions. It’s not necessary.

IRVIN: I thought one of the most effective parts of your film, Aaron, was the lady juror that you interviewed.

AARON: Marcy Brooks, yes.

IRVIN: She kept demanding to see the law from the judge and the judge would never show her the law. Consequently, they ruled not guilty.

AARON: He can’t show the law because the law’s not there. It doesn’t exist.

CRAIG: And she said there was another juror that woke up. All of a sudden the light bulb went on in their head in the middle of the trial and they said, “You mean I don’t have to pay income tax?”

AARON: That’s right. Exactly. “You mean I don’t have to pay income taxes?” You don’t. The problem is, and why I don’t advise anyone not to pay it is, they come after you. Not in all cases. In most cases they don’t come after you, but in many cases they do. So I can’t tell people not to pay because they’ll get in trouble with

the IRS. They don’t know how to get out because the IRS uses guns, force, and power to put them away.

CRAIG: And we would certainly take the same stance as you, Aaron.

IRVIN: So what we’re saying here is that this film is not just about the income tax.

AARON: It’s not about that at all.

IRVIN: It’s about America. It’s about tyranny. It’s about the encroachment of government in our every day lives. It’s about them getting ready to force us to have a national ID card and what are we going to do about it? Where do we draw the line? If not now, when? That’s what it’s all about. Craig, we’re ready to go to the phones. We have a lot of people lining up to speak to Aaron Russo. The film is called America, Freedom to Fascism.

CRAIG: Listening to us in the United Kingdom. Richard, welcome to the program.

RICHARD: Hello. Thank you for taking my call. The question I’d like to ask Mr. Russo is this. I realize that the United States has got the debt money system as a result of the Federal Reserve. Is it the same in the United Kingdom with the Bank of England?

AARON: Yes, it is.

RICHARD: That’s what I thought.

AARON: The Bank of England is a private bank, no different than the Federal Reserve and most people in England do not realize that and that’s why George Bush and that’s why Tony Blair are like two peas in a pod on the Iraqi war. It’s because the Federal Reserve and the Bank of England promoting the new world government. The New World Order has taken over and dominated the Middle East and that’s what they’re both doing. It has nothing to do about Iraq and terrorism, it’s about promoting Globalism. The Bank of England is no different than the Central Bank. As a matter of fact, the Bank of England owns part of the Federal Reserve.

CRAIG: Yes, we understand the Bank of England was a huge player in the whole creation of the Federal Reserve.

AARON: That’s correct.

RICHARD: Is that true with most central banks throughout the world?

AARON: Yes, it is and that’s what we get into later on in the movie. We talk about how all central banks through out the world work together and how they’re promoting one-world government and that most of the governments of the world are controlled by the central banks. Take the European Union, the European Constitution. Didn’t the people of France and Denmark vote that vote down? Yes, but they’re not stopping it. They’re going about it anyway. You know, they didn’t want it. What’s happening is the central banks of the world control the governments of the world and that’s why the world is in the shape it’s in today. These private bankers control their governments.

RICHARD: I thought it was more or less like that. I mean, officially the Bank of England has been nationalized, but I rather didn’t believe it.

AARON: No, the Bank of England is a totally private bank and Sir Josiah Smith, who used to be a director at the bank, has one of the best quotes in my movie. He talks about how the bank is on the earth and if you took away from them all their riches, but yet, you allowed them to create money again, then with a swoop of a pen, they would own the earth again because they would make enough money to buy everything back in one fell swoop.

RICHARD: I read that in the Last Trumpet newsletter just today. It's very interesting and I listen to your program virtually every evening over here. I very much appreciate what you're doing.

CRAIG: You have a great day

AARON: Thank you, Richard.

RICHARD: Bye

IRVIN: Thank you so much. You know, Aaron, an example of what you are saying to all of us is, the government has now passed the Real ID Act. None of us want to be numbered. None of us want to be forced to carry ID cards, but they don't care what we want.

AARON: That's right.

IRVIN: They're cramming this thing right down our throats.

AARON: That's only if you cooperate. That's the force of our movie. Stop cooperating. Don't accept the National ID card. I'm not going to take it, don't accept it, don't allow them to give it to you, even if it's in your driver's license. Do not accept it.

IRVIN: Before we go back to the phones, Aaron, I want to ask you, this is a pretty hard-hitting documentary. Have you received any response from the government, yet?

AARON: Not directly, no. I get these strange phone calls, but I don't really pay much attention. I don't look over my shoulder. I just do what I do. I go forward because I believe that I'm here doing what I'm supposed to be doing here on this earth. I don't pay any attention to that, because if I did, I couldn't do the good job that I'm doing. My responsibility is to wake people across America up to what's happening and try and organize and get everybody together so we start cooperating, so we shut down the Federal Reserve System. Without shutting down the Federal Reserve System, nothing is going to change in this country.

That's what it's all about and it doesn't matter whether George Bush is president or Hillary Clinton is president. The same things are going to happen in this country and we have to stop it. We have to stop cooperating and shut down the Federal Reserve System and force all these politicians in office to shut it down. If a million of us join together, and they don't polarize us any more, we're going to win and that's what we have to organize.

IRVIN: Aaron, let me ask you a question. Do the people who control the Federal Reserve have enough power to take a president down?

AARON: Yes, totally. I mean let's look at this, all four presidents who have been assassinated have been against the Federal Reserve System.

CRAIG: So you can't just get in office and ignore them.

AARON: Well, I think you can. I mean, I think you can get in office and not ignore them. You get in office and shut them down. The problem is that many people in government are part of the Council on Foreign Relations which in a sense is joined at the hip of the Federal Reserve. The upper level of it is, and so you have to go into office and sweep it out. I think you have to. The best way to do it is to get the American people to insist that the Federal Reserve System be shut down and that we stop cooperating. Again, I say if we don't cooperate, there's nothing for them to do, they have nothing to run here. It's only because we cooperate, that they get away with this.

IRVIN: So, it's courage that we need.

AARON: Absolutely.

IRVIN: All right, let's get back to the phones.

CRAIG: Listening to us on KVTT, Phil, welcome to the program.

PHIL: Yes. I have two questions for you. The first question is, realistically, where do you see this going in the future and second question is what kind of resistance do you expect, because, as you just said, those people have the power to take down the president and they have the power to take down someone like you, who's distributing this information?

AARON: Of course, they can take me down in a second if they want to. There's no question, but I don't have to worry about

those things. If they take me down, somebody else will pick up the ball. The fact is, my movie has been made, it's out there, it's going to be all over on DVD, it's going to be all over the internet and they can't stop that anymore. It's there and if I go down, someone else will come and lead the parade. You know, it's something we don't have to worry about in my view and as far as where we're going to be realistically, when? You know, my point of view is that we have a chance to win if the American people want to win. If they have the courage and the spine and the backbone to join together, there's no doubt we can win. The question is do we have the backbone and the fortitude and the courage to do it? I mean, there's no question if we want to do it, we can do it. We have the power. We have all the power. They have to control us and once we say we're not going to be controlled anymore, they have no more power. The difference is that we have to organize. They don't. They have the money, they have the media, they have everything in their hands because they make the money. So for us to win, we have to organize. We have a hard job. But we can win if the American people will stand up, like everybody listening to this show. Is everybody listening to this show going to go to the web site and join up and register and get e-mails and things? I doubt it. If they did, we could go a long way. That's all it takes for us to say, "we're going to do it." We have to do what Gandhi did. Do what Martin Luther King did. Do what they do in a lot of the European countries. America used to be known for standing up and revolting against oppression. Now, we don't do it anymore. Now I tell you, it's time to do it.

IRVIN: You're right, Aaron, and on our web site at nonationalid.com we have asked people to sign up that they will not vote for any politician that will not commit to the repeal of the Real ID Act. You're doing the same thing here by asking us to demand that before we vote for politicians running for office, that they come out and say, "We need to bring down the Federal Reserve." So, we're really talking about the same thing. They're bound at the hip.

AARON: Not come out and say it. They should sign an affidavit saying it.

IRVIN: Yes.

AARON: Don't vote for anybody who won't sign the affidavit. I don't care if they're Republican or Democrat. Only vote for people who will sign that affidavit.

IRVIN: I think it's time for America to become

the home of the brave because you can't be the land of the free if you're not willing to be brave. We've got time for one more caller. Let's go Craig.

CRAIG: Listening to us in New Orleans. Katie, welcome to the program.

KATIE: Hi, I have a two-part question. One was what is your timeline that you expect before the mandate to be issued the microchip and will the church be raptured up before they get to have the microchip?

AARON: *Well, in late 2008 when the Real ID Act comes into force, the Real ID Act will have a RFID chip attached to it.*

IRVIN: Now you're speaking about the National ID Card that's required by the Real ID Act.

AARON: *Yeah, which takes effect in May 2008 and they're going to do that to your driver's licenses.*

IRVIN: And the second part of her question, Aaron, was, will the church be raptured before this happens?

AARON: *I'm not qualified to answer that question.*

IRVIN: We've got one more quick call. Let's go there.

CRAIG: Listening on the internet. Ilona, how are you?

ILONA: Good, I'm good. Thank you for having me on. As I'm listening to this program, I am struck by all the ways that we seem to want to wiggle and not draw a line and not say, this is it, this is where I go no further and I'm just wondering what Aaron thinks it will take for people to finally say, let's draw the line here. I mean, are we going to wait until it's too late? I know I'm asking you to look into your crystal ball, but what do you see happening?

AARON: *I see people waking up right now and I think that we have to have a mass of people like a magnet. You have to have a certain mass and then once you have a certain mass, more and more people will come on board. I think that millions and millions of people in America want to make a change here and we've just got to organize them.*

ILONA: There's a lot of enthusiasm for this movie.

AARON: *Yes, there's a tremendous amount of enthusiasm and as long as we can organize and get it done, we can win. If people don't organize and don't take part, and don't help, it will be too late. Then you're going to wait until they have concentration camps open and you're going to wait until they bring in UN troops here.*

ILONA: It will be too late then.

AARON: *Exactly my point. Then it's too late. Then you're fighting a different battle. You should fight the battle now, while it's an easier battle to win, and yet very difficult.*

CRAIG: We're about out of time. Thank you for your call, Ilona.

IRVIN: You know, Aaron, I do believe the moment of truth has come for our nation. If not now, when? If not us, who?

AARON: *I believe God is leading us in that direction, I really do. I believe that's why I made this movie and I believe that's why people have responded to this. I think people will be judged for how they respond to this. If they allow the Federal Reserve to control our lives and they allow the government to chip us and have ID cards, we're going to get what we deserve. There are only three choices you have, you can leave the country, you can live within the country and mind your own business and take no part in it and get chipped and become a slave and a serf and your children and grandchildren will be a slave and a serf or you can fight back.*

IRVIN: You know, Aaron, if you leave the country, where do you go? This is happening worldwide.

AARON: *It is happening worldwide. I'm saying to you that there are places that aren't as prevalent as here yet.*

IRVIN: But, America could stop this whole thing. It could become a haven.

AARON: *Like it used to be.*

IRVIN: Yes.

AARON: *That's why America is such a wonderful country. You need to come here to be free. You could be the person God intended you to be. You could live up to your God given potential. Now, you can't anymore. They're turning you into serfs. Everything is debt based. The cost is fixed. They're corrupt. The Federal Reserve is corrupt. The graduated income tax is corrupt.*

IRVIN: Okay, we're out of time here Aaron Russo. Thank you, thank you so very much.

AARON: *Thank you.*

IRVIN: I appreciate it very much.

AARON: *Thank you and God bless.*

IRVIN: God bless you.

IRVIN: WOW. I'm saying that because I've seen the DVD, and I know what's there. And the reason we had Aaron Russo on today is because I really believe, even though he approaches it from a secular viewpoint, I believe that if people understand what Aaron Russo is attempting to say, then their going to understand where we are and how late it really is. A caller asked, will we still be here? Yes, there's not going to be any quick exit out the side door. This is going to affect me, you, our kids, our grandchildren, it's going to affect us all.....and the moment of truth has come. ■

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