

Letter: Are “Human Rights” Free?

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No, Nothing is Free!

I recently read an on-line article claiming that “free” wifi at a Café or restaurant was a “Human Right.” It seems a customer, having purchased an \$8 cup of coffee, felt entitled to believe the customer could occupy the café’s table, set up a computer and proceed to stay all day using said café owner’s wifi for free. Imagine the disbelief and ire of the entitled customer when the owner had the intestinal fortitude to begin charging for what was previously considered “free.”

I’m reporting this as an example of human behavior that never in the history of this planet was it ever considered “OK” for it to be considered a “Human Right” or to not compensate for a service that was not freely given. It is too often the case today that things we consider something everyone should aspire to and work towards has now become a Human Right where none had existed before.

In the new world of Human Rights, many now consider just about any basic human need be considered a Right. First food, then water, then a roof, now free Wi-Fi and just about anything imaginable is fair game for the Human Rights crowd. At what point will there no longer be anyone to pay for all of the Human Rights which come at a cost?

Naturally, our Federal, State and local governments are on board for all the “new rights,” after all, they don’t have to pay for them; the taxpaying public has that burden to shoulder.

At a recent Board of Supervisors meeting, a report delivering the ins and outs of the County's new Micro Village and emergency shelter. The \$10.8 million taxpayer burden is another one of this inexplicable human rights that has developed out of thin air to house a tiny fraction of those that claim to be unable to provide a roof over their collective heads. The County has now assumed ownership of yet another huge taxpayer should things not go as expected, further encumbering the beleaguered, local taxpayer.

Keeping in that \$10.8 million is just the tip of the iceberg. A further \$4 million and change will be required to set this monstrosity in motion. After all, a roof does not solve the underlying problems that each member of the new village and shelter may have. Staffing, services and maintenance are set to cost an additional \$7 million per year at the outset, sure to increase over time.

Of those who've become frustrated by the endless virtue signaling, human rights spewing mob in the State of California and have had enough, escape has become a reality for even those that never envisioned looking elsewhere. Will the last of those who pay for all this free stuff, please turn off the lights when you leave.

Folks, a sober reminder:

Nothing is free.