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# Modern-Day Slavery

The Thirteenth amendment to the United States Constitution reads as follows:

## **Section 1**

Neither Slavery or **involuntary servitude**, except as a punishment for a crime whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, shall exist within the United States, or any place subject to their jurisdiction.

## **Section 2**

Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

I was born upon this planet. I am not aware of having had any choice in the matter of where upon this planet I was born.

I have a basic human need, and a right to exist upon this Earth. However, the “Lords of the Land” have successfully managed to wrangle power, under the law, to force me to pay for the “privilege” of having a place to exist. It is currently not possible to meet the basic human need for shelter without paying a capitalizer for this privilege.

Capitalizers have gone to far, and have, for too long been left unchecked by the United States government. The rights and freedoms of “We the people” have been overrun by the freedoms of capitalizers. This government which was built to protect and serve “Liberty and Justice for **all**”, now serves and protects the liberty and freedom of capitalists rather than the citizens of this nation.

America has degenerated to a time and place where capitalizers are exploiting and profiteering from the basic human needs of the citizens. Capitalizing upon basic human needs qualifies as “Involuntary servitude” which is protected against by order of the thirteenth amendment.

It would not be a stretch to imagine a capitalist setting up a water stand in the middle of the Mojave desert in order to capitalize upon the principle of “supply and demand”. If I were lost in the Mojave desert, without water, and on the verge of death, a capitalizer would enthusiastically extort my basic human need for water, and could get me to pay any price, as I would be desperate to save my own health.

Food, clothing, shelter. If any of these basic needs are deprived in any way the human animal will experience compromised health.

I am unwilling to have my basic right to existence extorted. I am unwilling to pay the lords of the land in order to meet my basic human needs.

The thirteenth amendment clearly states that “Involuntary servitude... shall not exist within the United States”. There is not a working class person alive who “voluntarily” pays for a place to call home. The working class do not pay the lords of the land because they want to, they pay because they are forced to, otherwise they and their children will be thrown out on the street.

I am unwilling to labor in order to pay the capitalizers and the landlords. I am unwilling to labor in servitude of the lords of the land for the privilege of existing upon this Earth. I would rather die of exposure than be extorted this way.

The desire of capitalizers and landlords is “passive income”, but this is just a modern form of slavery. The age-old practice of **overt** chattel slavery has been replaced by the more modern **covert** economic slavery. It is still the same game: the master gets to sit in comfort collecting, and benefiting from the wealth that the enslaved has labored to generate.

In modern America, any time a citizen goes to meet one of their basic needs for food, clothing, or shelter- an unseen and unknown capitalizer has turned a profit from this need without lifting a finger. The capitalizer does nothing, provides no service nor labor, but has wrangled the right, on paper, to turn a profit from a transaction while he sits comfortably doing nothing of any value to the economy.

Furthermore, “We the people” are forced, under the threat of men with guns, under the threat of imprisonment, and the infliction of suffering, to pay the salaries of government workers and law makers. The citizens of this country are forcibly taxed in order to support the lives and

dealings of those who rule over us. This forced taxation fully qualifies as “involuntary servitude” which shall be protected against.

The thirteenth amendment has been side-stepped. The capitalizers and lords-of-the-land have successfully rationalized away the right to be free from “involuntary servitude”.

Ask any citizen if they willingly pay the banks and the landlords for the privilege of meeting the need for shelter, or if they pay because they have been made to believe they must, and they have no choice but to pay.

The human species is the only animal on this planet which charges each other “rent” for the privilege of existing here. Preying upon, and capitalizing upon basic human needs is barbaric and disgusting. This enslavement is a primitive practice. As long as this practice is taking place, this nation can not consider itself to be a “civilized”, nor an advanced people.

No law-maker, nor law-enforcer can consider themselves to be a civilized human as long as they serve and protect the horrific practice of extorting and profiteering off of the basic human needs of others.

The “homeless crisis” is happening because the smart people figure out how to wrangle passive income, while the dumb and less-intelligent are “involuntarily” forced to labor to support this passive income. Those who are choosing to be homeless, and who choose to live in their car, like myself, are the protesters who are simply boycotting those who are attempting to extort our right to exist upon this planet.

It got down to 3 degrees Fahrenheit this past week in central Oregon. I am unable to afford heat in my home-made truck camper. My food and all of my water froze solid. However, I would voluntarily die of exposure to the cold rather than “involuntarily” pay anyone for the privilege of existing upon **MY** Earth.