Behind the Lies of the Australian Prime Minister

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It's not difficult to arrive at an accurate assessment of the present Oz leadership, the government of John Howard. Love Howard or not, he has the local population eating his lies like it was manna from heaven. Howard's treasurer recently announced that the Oz government was out of debt, in view of a 'national' foreign debt of \$493 billion, the highest ever recorded by an astronomical 'mile', the announcement of the elimination of 'government' debt becomes meaningless double-talk. But which figure does the public prefer to embrace? The lie of course, it's far more comforting – the media's emphasis on the treasurer's remarks at the expense of the horrendous crippling debt is not unintentional.

The claim that this government is the better economic manager is absolutely ludicrous, anyone can manage an economy based on the 'drunken sailor' economic model. The resource boom is the principal reason that Oz is experiencing some stability, the demands of the Asian powerhouses, China and India, promise even greater wealth for this resource rich nation – extracting mineral wealth from the ground and selling it is not too difficult an exercise.

The traditional family unit is at the heart of conservative values, yet Howard has placed a crushing debt burden – never before experienced in Australian social history – on young families! The levels that artificially inflated real state prices reached were so extreme they attracted the attention of international monitors (IMF). Howard stimulated the local housing market to the point where entry into the housing market is no longer an option for some families – this is an (anti) Australian first and there is no valid excuse for this travesty in social policy.

Howard has slaughtered the family unit; the crushing debt he places on young families has forced both husband and wife to work longer hours than previously known. The time that remains for children and relationships is extremely limited and of poor quality as both parents teeter on nervous exhaustion. If this is the treatment Howard reserves for his 'sacred' institutions it is little wonder he has destroyed Industrial Relations laws and workers rights.

Families require at least one parent to be available for child rearing and support, the social consequences of emotional deprivation on young children are deleterious to say the least. The legacy of Howard's attack on the traditional family unit will be felt after his death, does he care? Howard's policies are not conducive to a stable, healthy family life. If the basic social unit of a society is compromised there is little hope for that society in the future. Howard's legacy will be an extremely bitter harvest indeed.

Howard continues to impose artificial economic hardships (debt slavery) on the Australian population during a period of growth and prosperity; there are no excuses for his artificially induced burdens. Howard's (unnecessary) impositions are the result of his adherence to ideological principles, which are completely unsuited for this nation and its small population. Howard betrays his inability to tailor management policies specific to Australian needs and circumstances. The man has never possessed vision or talent only the most deplorable ability to deceive and manipulate the 'lower' aspects of human nature. As an individual he is of the lowest order of human being as his

behaviour amply demonstrates.

Howard and his ministers display a contempt for the people that can only be described as pathological. Every other nation goes to extreme lengths to protect their citizens regardless of the circumstances or predicaments in which they may find themselves. In stark contrast Howard and his ministers seem to delight in feeding young Australians to the 'dogs' and leaving them to suffer at the hands of foreign powers – no other developed nation displays this attitude! This appalling attitude to Australian citizens has also resulted in passport carrying nationals being abused in Howard's detention camps and deported. Millions of taxpayers dollars have subsequently been paid in compensation to the unfortunate victims of Howard's stewardship.

Howard predicably resorts to one of his favourite racist remarks whenever he is faced with refugee issues, to paraphrase, "we will decide who enters Australia .."; sounds tough, doesn't it? The truth is the northern and southern maritime borders are as secure as sieves; smugglers, illegal fishers and other assorted types who illegally enter our waters and shores are fully aware of the poorly patrolled boundaries. The vessels captured are only a fraction of the number that habitually encroach on Australia's maritime territories in pursuit of precious resources.

Recently, sophisticated commercial fishing boats/ships have been sighted in our waters; the Howard government can only boast two captured commercial Chinese vessels, which were conveniently 'torched' while impounded in harbour! Tough comments do not secure our boundaries; policy and implementation succeed where Howard's tough 'talk' doesn't. In the meantime the Oz population actually believes Howard's diatribes.

Howard's servility to the interests of unregulated capitalism has led to the exploitation of the Australian public by large financial institutions. A simple glance at your bank statement and the parasitic fee charges is enough to make you spit. Unregulated fee impositions have now permeated every aspect of banking. Howard's reluctance to deal with the financial institutions stems from his belief that the people should carry and serve their masters who know what is best for the herd (and their own pockets).

Everyone is aware of the quick path to riches; obtain a small amount from each individual. Obtaining one dollar per person in any developed nation makes the appropriator a multi-millionaire. My bank statement revealed that not one dollar was appropriated for the maintenance of my account but, FIVE! How easy it is to ride the backs of the average Aussie! Why would banks risk losses in the very competitive and difficult world of financial trading when exploiting citizens guarantees huge and easy profits? Any Australian leader with an iota of Australian consciousness would have curtailed the banks parasitic fee impositions. Howard's inaction is the clearest indication that he serves the interests of the few.

Australia's international reputation has suffered as a result of Howard's leadership. Howard kowtows to every world leader who attacks him; his 'cave-in' with the leadership of Indonesia over the West Papuan refugee issue is the subject of scorn and mirth in Asia and Europe. The failure to pursue the (Indonesians) responsible for the slaughter of five Australian journalists in East Timor and the surrender of Australian youth to Indonesian authorities to face an horrific future are other disgusting examples of Howard's cowardice. Howard's cowardice is now legendary; Australia once demanded courage and strength from its leaders, Howard stands as an anomaly in that regard.

I was conversing with a member of our armed forces recently and couldn't help but ask his opinion of our national leader – I would mention that I respect our well trained and extremely capable military who perform admirably in the circumstances (Howard's subservience to other nations). Try

as he might he was unable to hide his disdain for the coward Howard. In an effort to compose himself, he stated, "it's a pity that we are led by a coward, it's a bad reflection on the services and the nation!"

If you wish to add to the list of Howard failings you are at liberty to do so.

That aspect of human nature that is easily duped and led has always intrigued me. If you are not in that category please link or forward this paper to others who share traditional pre-Howard Australian values.

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