



# Transactional Musings

## Rackets People Play cont. - Racket Behavior

### Racket Behavior

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Continuing from the previous newsletter:

### Political Rackets Behavior

Political Rackets Behavior are like righteous anger and wrath. Their crusades can be seen for example, to prevent ANY "polluting" by humans and/or their machines, of polluting "the air", "the water", "the tidelands", "the marshlands", "the hillsides", "the wilderness areas", saving the endangered species (from mankind), saving the wildlife animals, saving the marshlands, saving (you name it); and if you don't believe as the racketeer says. Then you are an undeniably wicked, a heartless person.

The Naderites engage in political racketeering via their professing to be "protecting the consumer." [ Today though, there is near silence about bad foreign products coming out of China. Is the U.S. Government protecting

the Chinese now? Why? A few years ago Lou Dobbs single handedly brought attention to many of their harmful products. In response, CNN fired Lou months later (so called retirement).

Today there is near silence about the air pollution coming out of China that flows east into the western United States. Today there is near silence about the polluted rivers of northern China dumping their poison into the Pacific Ocean. Why are they being "protected"?

Now the U.S. government is harassing and arresting Americans for selling unpasteurized milk to Americans who want it. There are other examples like this.]

There will always be some consumers who are not capable of effectively doing their own shopping, who need protecting. [ And then again the government has become so carried away with "their job," "protecting" that they are restricting, punishing those people who can take care of themselves.]

These are classified as Political Rackets Behaviors, because they have the power and force of law. While ultimately the effect is to put the private business

out of business, first there is hindering of and interfering with the business. Legislation, whatever it's plausible nature or statement involves more policing.

A private business is a self-governing entity to start with. It's success or non-success depends on its ability to ATTRACT customers. If its products are sufficiently unattractive the private business loses business. Big business, little business, there is no business that has the force of guns and law on its side until the politicians give it those coercive powers.

The predominant effect of "protective" legislation is to stymie private individuals and businesses from being productive, is to keep private enterprises from getting anywhere: forms, harassing "compliance inspections," "citations," fines. None of these activities lend themselves to better quality or better goods.

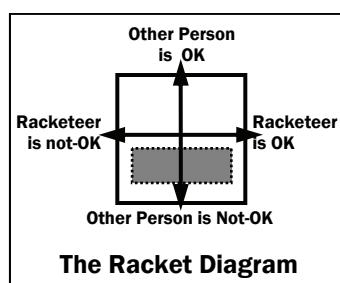
The element of defining these "political consumer advocates" as being NOT OK is supported by:

1. The reception they get from those they are policing, AND
2. The lack of authentic pride which the politicians and their bureaucracy agents feel about

**A racket is defined as a specialized display of feeling by one person here, the racketeer, which places a burden on the other person, victimizes him.**

**A racket has the effect of restricting the recipient's choices. The choices left to the person being racketeered with, are either to flee (get-away-from) the situation OR become mired down in (get-nowhere-with) the racket, with a racketeer.**

**The "open lattice" box enclosure is drawn across both lower quadrants of the OK Corral here in order to show the social effects of a person playing a racket. This is to show that the effect on the other person is to restrict his choices with the racket player down two out of the possible four; down to the racket player either getting rid of the other person or miring the other person down into getting nowhere with him.**



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### **Special points of Interest:**

**"T**he reason for categorizing criminal rackets as a get-away-from activity is because criminals, by definition, are going against the stream of the law; usually also against majority of society.

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**The "rackets people play," like "the games people play," contain some of the critical elements for biologically sustaining meaningful life. The rackets people play is not pathological, damaging or harmful as long as the individual person does not rely solely on this form of gaining responsive strokes and recognition. Like the games people play, so also with the rackets people play, when reasonably spaced and decently timed they add zest, like salt and pepper to the social encounters people have with each other.**

**Rackets come onto us in life in four areas. However, they are primarily for family member bonding. In the more general social setting, when used sparingly, they are not out of place or detrimental to the person who periodically relies on one of his rackets.**

**Rackets and racketeering behavior are found in four general areas of life. These four are:**

- 1. FAMILY RACKET behavior -**
- 2. SOCIAL RACKET behavior -**
- 3. POLITICAL RACKET behavior -**
- 4. CRIMINAL RACKET behavior -**

their own bullying activities. Question some of these inspectors about the kind of work they do, their job satisfaction. Their explanations will be filled with personal opinions, often barely plausible justifications and derogatory recriminations against those they are policing. They have a hard time being proud of the work they do. Some are mercenaries, another kind of mercenary soldier, hired to put the opposition out of commission. [Ask a school construction field inspector in California.] [On the other hand why were the bridge inspectors ignored or over-ruled by "higher-ups" on the new east span project of the San Francisco Bay Bridge; so far a bridge to nowhere.]

#### **"PROTECTING":**

When we get into the larger setting, larger numbers of people are protected from the results of their personal actions by laws. For example, planning departments and planning commissions, righteously protect "the people." Environmental Health Departments do the same. (EHD's is a euphemism for Public Health Departments in order to cover and justify the politically motivated infringements on personal liberties by invading bureaucratic regulators and non-medical concerns being regulated. Architectural Heritage Commissions are also in the business of regulating activities best managed by individuals and private parties. {Is this true of "Public Health Departments?"} The "single issue" "special interest" groups behind these commissions and departments have each been successful in claiming that their interest is the "protection" of the "public interests" to the point of getting the force of the State's guns ("laws,"

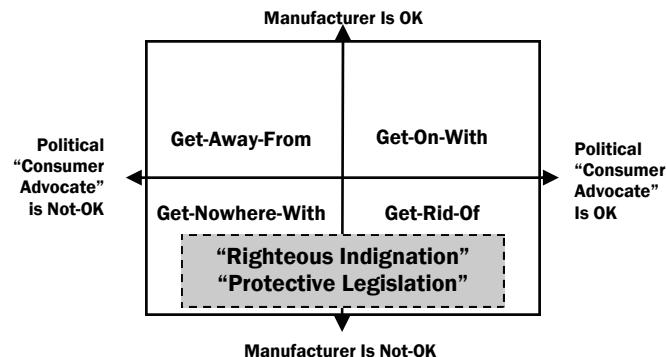
means the state's coercive powers including guns) to back their demands.

The anti-nuclear power activists, "anti-nukes" have capitalized on their ability to magnify the dangers from nuclear contamination coming out of nuclear power plants. They initially began with Social Racketeering activity in order to

French nuclear power plant design, that uses helium as a heat transfer agent. Helium as an element is totally inert, unable to carry any dangerous nuclear radioactivity.

Social racketeers capitalize on their ability to frighten enough people who will then vote in their own "boys/girls" who will pass political laws

#### **OK Corral: Grid for What's Happening**



force the reasoning proponents out of the arguments, to silence those who knew what they were talking about, including both the physical hazards and safety measures containing those potential hazards, as well as the highly productive potential from this source of power. The racketeers and their behavior got their own people ["one of their own"] into public office; to pass legislation that made a once realistically very cost effective source of energy and power, into an exorbitantly expensive source of power and energy (e.g. from litigation). Most companies are giving up on the U.S. of A.

Now nuclear energy has become one of those industries which a political racket has rendered impotent, [stigmatized, demonized] i.e., it is an industry which can GET-NOWHERE-WITH this USA society.

You ever notice how completely silent these political-social racketeers are about the almost completely safe

that enforce their demands. [ Now in California a move is underway to ban guns by various means and justifications. Californians are going to realize soon that they have been played by political racketeers and political racketeering behavior.]

As a rule, political racketeers are fairly careful to also convince a significant preponderance of the voting public people to back them, to stimulate their fears, to get them to go along with the demanders that this kind of activity, this scientific activity, productive activity, the right of self defense be discontinued.

This is part of the larger scale racketeering involved in "class warfare." If the dissenting individuals do not go along with the racketeers, they will get more masses of people aimed against the dissenter. "If you do not go along with us we are going to get more people angry at you and we're going to march on you."

For example, at The Naval Weapons Base in Concord, California [a few years ago] some demonstrators successfully persuaded a man to lay down on the railroad tracks in front of an approaching train. He lost both legs and almost his life. At the point of this writing it is not clear if there is enough "will to resist" among the citizenry to repel these social racketeers, to not be drawn into the rackets.

[Another example] the Vietnam type college riots. A Racket, a social racket with a big assist from the electronic and paper media, were aimed to give politicians a base for going ahead to play like they were giving in to the people, people demanding that the country, quote "get out of Vietnam, or get out of Nicaragua." These are political racketeers masquerading as "protectors."

[Now it is becoming apparent that wars, financial and monetary shenanigans, media bias, regulatory sprawl, Presidential Executive Orders and "privilege," are influenced by racketeering behavior and "protecting." ] [ There are those in government now, who use racket behaviors of their own to justify, describe, treat people as if they are "not-OK people/groups," people/groups with legitimate grievances. They are guilty in the eyes of bureaucrats, of being potential terrorists, eg TSA. Guilt before proof? Suspicion? Distrust? Tea Party members and unaffiliated individuals were/are being defamed by the SLPC, FBI, HSA, NSA, IRS, EPA, Forest Service, FDA, others. The Whitehouse media core has been wired tapped by, - by various federal "protecting" departments.] [watch the movie "All the King's Men" starring Broderick Crawford.]

### **CRIMINAL RACKETS BEHAVIOR**

For example: the criminal numbers racket, the criminal horse betting racket. The criminal protection racket.

Eric Berne was the first to use the terms "racket" and "racketeer" to describe this particular form of coercive social activity. The fact is, he did not have time in his life to define the term diagrammatically. It is clear in his writings though, that he saw rackets as being coercive in nature.

The criminal protection racket is the classical racket. For example, in it some strong-arm people go into a store to "offer the store owner their help," "Protection Insurance" in exchange for money or part ownership, or part of the revenue. The "protection" in this, is purchased so that property and person won't be harmed by the "strong-arm" people, the "protection" provided by the very same personnel who are the salesmen of the "protection." [ Watch the movie "Road House.]

If a storeowner buys this "protection insurance", then his "business will not be ruined." If he does not pay these "protection premiums", the inference is clear, by examples, stories told, that these demands are enforceable. [The enforcers] don't talk about how the place will be ruined. They talk about how badly the store owner needs protection from the possibility of his place being ruined. Chicago gangsters movies we see victims are actually told they need the protection because if the owner is not convinced then these same people who offer this "protection" would also be the ruiners of the same business, company, property, persons.

Criminal Rackets and Racketeering behavior can be

classified as Get-Away-From activities because those who run them are outside of the law. If they, too, do not pay their "protection dues" they will be run out of town. These non-dues paying racketeers would have to "take it on the lam", get-away-from the area in which their activities had taken place.

### **The Four Classes of Rackets**

These are **Family Racket behavior**, **Social Racket behavior**, **Political Racket behavior**, and **Criminal Racket behavior**.

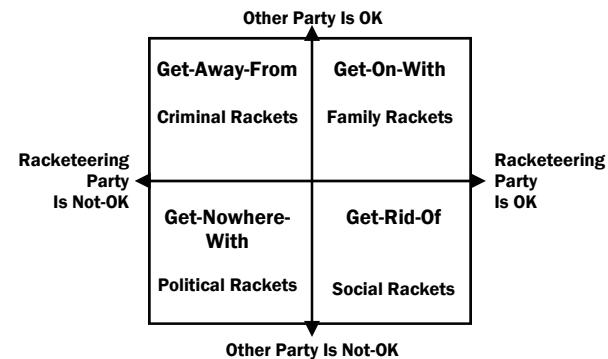
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Political rackets are defined as get-nowhere-with. The goals of these racketeers, particularly the sophisticated, the "plausible sounding" and the "negite" racketeers, is to put specific activities and enterprises on hold; particularly profitable, productive, and socially appealing attracting activities on hold, until they, the racketeers can gain power and control over the larger numbers of people. Then, of course, once they gain control the strategy is then to get rid of those who stand in their way.

**The OK Corral: Grid For What's Happening shows us the details of these events in graphic form:**

This diagram shows that the principle goal And Outcome of the racketeer with his social "cause" behavior and racket is to Get-Rid-Of (the reasoning of) the Non-Racket Person. It is of little moment to the racketeer whether or not the racket event ends with a Get-Rid-Of or a Get-Nowhere-With the Non-Racket Person. While the Non-Racketing Person may end up with a "Mexican stand-off" type Get-Nowhere-With, and keep the racketeer from getting any place either with him personally or in the debate, the racketeer has, nevertheless, at the same time prevented the Non-Racket Person from getting anywhere either. Some liken this to becoming mired down in a tar-pit.

**OK Corral: Grid for What's Happening**





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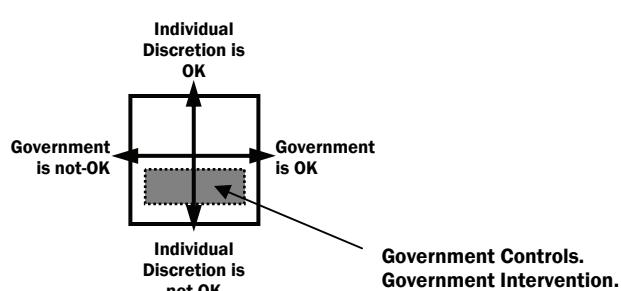


Political rackets, the political racketeers' goal is to put an activity on hold, to reduce its productivity, to allow less get-on-with AND to increase the amount of time in get-nowhere-with activities. [moratoria, "frustration"]

Racketeers consider this to be the best way [choice] to slow down, stall, stop the individual who has a good idea, and it's legitimate thoughtfully worked out, creative, productive activity, such as nuclear energy. The goal of racketeering behavior is to harm productive people and enterprises, to become non-productive, run the costs up, force multiple delays and inspections (that are demanded of nuclear power plants). The threats of racketeers to keep on hollering to get publicity has a chilling effect. [There is a need for legitimate demonstrations, but media people have a difficult task of discerning who the racketeers are among their own media colleagues and bosses and owners.]

I put social racketeers into the get-rid-of corner of the grid because the net effect of the racketeer is get-rid-of some other person.

The criminal racketeer actually has to keep his/her activity out of site of the majority of the public, or the majority of society, or the lawful portion of society. In societies that are totalitarian for example, it [is-was] criminal to trade money, like the Russian ruble for what it really [is-was] worth compared to the dollar. But there, it was not a racket. It was a crime.



**Government and the Racket Diagram**

### Freedom

Free trade in the old Soviet Union was a crime. Two people entering into their mutually agreed upon transaction was a crime, because the transactions occurred without government interference, with no controlling intervention. [This is now increasingly the case here in the United States of America and in the European Union. Transactions without taxation or recordation are edging towards a totalitarian form of society, a crime.

This gets into the other area where the grid is particularly useful.

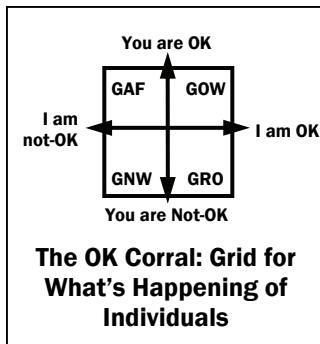
The OK Corral: Grid for What's Happening shows what's happening when individuals transact with each other.

Rackets are blackmail. Criminal blackmail itself is a criminal racket.

In a free society the objective of government (intervention) should be to successfully controlling fraud, coercion, and violence, not participating in it. AND government should leave to the individual maximum leeway for arriving at mutual respect among individuals, for making mutual agreements and contracts.

In a totalitarian society the bureaucracy is totally controlling. Government intervention intervenes and controls almost every conceivable form of personal activity. ...

To be continued



Between individuals and government, it looks like this.

