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This is Phil Arnot for Community Comment on KINS Radio.

I just finished reading a wonderful book called "The American Spirit". It was published by the Heritage Foundation and written by Edwin Feulner and Brian Tracy. Mr. Feulner is the President of the Heritage Foundation and Mr. Tracy is the Chairman and CEO of Brian Tracy International, a company specializing in the training and development of organizations and individuals. He has written fifty two books.

The book talks about the individual spirit and what is great about Americans throughout history. Our history shows that Americans are strong willed and will not be discouraged by failure. They quote a statement from Thomas Edison, perhaps the most prolific inventor in world history. He was asked about his many failed attempts to create an electric light bulb. He said "I have not failed, I have just found ten thousand ways that won't work." These authors go on to say with rare exceptions like the printing press, the greatest innovations, inventions and discoveries in human history have come since the founding of the United States and in the United States. The power of the individual inspires human beings. When that individuality is stifled by government, when government controls the individual, creativity slows and goes under ground. *Sound familiar?*

Unfortunately, government naturally tends to expand its own power. This expansion necessarily comes at the price of individual liberty and therefore the price of creativity. The government cares little if creativity suffers as it perpetually seeks more control and more power. Growing government power means more power to interfere with and to influence or control more and more of a citizens life.

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In nations where liberty is curtailed or controlled by government, innovation is stymied. What innovations or inventions that we use today came from the old Soviet Union or from Cuba or from North Korea.

This Country was built on capitalism and we are concerned that this present administration is going to criminalize capitalism and I will speak about that in just a moment. These authors talk about capitalism by stating that small and

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medium sized businesses, started by entrepreneurs, create seventy to ninety percent of all new jobs in America. The only new jobs that President Obama has created are to add one hundred and thirty thousand employees to the Federal payrolls. That was done in three and a half years. In eight years of President Reagan's administration, there were only thirteen thousand new government jobs created.

In my next community comment, I will talk about Gibson Guitar and a recent article in the Wall Street Journal that talks about criminalizing capitalizing. *More from The American Spirit later! Nation*

I leave you with a point to ponder. Don't you think that this Country has survived and created a wonderful Country because of our freedom, individuality, responsibility, optimism and foresight.

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