

We could call them the Collecting Class or the Keeping Class or the Entitlement Class. But let's call them the Counting Class. They are the thousands of people in America who can afford to *wait* and *count* as clockwork Free Income inflates holdings of extreme money. Counts *exempt* themselves from most work and taxes, and they *take* more than they give.

Counts are the keepers of Money Counts above the Counting Class Line (CCL) of \$100 million. Above the CCL, a Count collects more in Free Income automatically than he can expect to earn from productive work.

What does it take to *become* a Count? Money. An inheritance or gift is simplest. Otherwise, reaching an entry-level Money Count of \$100 million before death could take a lot of work, or a lot of luck, or a lot of cheating.

What does it take to *stay* a Count? Nothing: no effort, no skill, no experience, no talent, no intelligence, no luck, and no grit. Not even greed is needed. It's just a machine process. Clockwork Free Income automatically inflates extreme money faster and faster. At a Money Count of \$100 million, or \$1 billion, or \$10 billion, or \$100 billion, all a Count has to do is to wait... and to count.

Being in the Counting Class doesn't mean sharing an agenda. Counts don't have to be on the same team with other Counts. Sometimes they may push the same plans, and sometimes they may not. Each Count can be a kind of lone operator, eyeing other Counts with envy. He can afford to spend his energy trying to jockey for higher rank in the Counting Class.

Counts live a virtual game, far removed from real life. They are absent from real America. Counts don't live in our neighborhoods. They can afford to retreat to remote compounds, out of touch with the lives of Americans. Counts can always choose to purchase private

freedom, private security, and private opportunity. They don't experience everyday stresses or needs. They don't have to show up for work. Counts don't even have to grow up.

But Counts are armed with lethal, extreme Money Counts that endanger all Americans. If a Count does nothing with that money, his hoarding throttles opportunity and threatens the American Dream. If he spends that extreme money, then he can corrupt our way of life to fit his personal whims and wants.

A Count may have good intentions. He may want to have a positive impact on the world. But he simply wields too much power. Just one Count—just one person—can be armed with a Money Count that outmatches millions of Americans put together. What if that one Count is mentally unwell? Or disloyal to American values? Or angry? Or careless? Or cruel? Then all Americans pay the price. ■

