

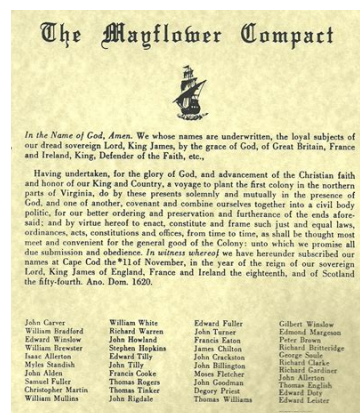
Thanksgiving & Socialism

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History is cluttered with the wreckage of past efforts to establish “*utopian*” socialistic societies. One of the more interesting ones involved our Pilgrim forebears, and it took place right here on the North American Continent. Their experiment with utopian socialism has profound lessons for us today, even 404 years later.

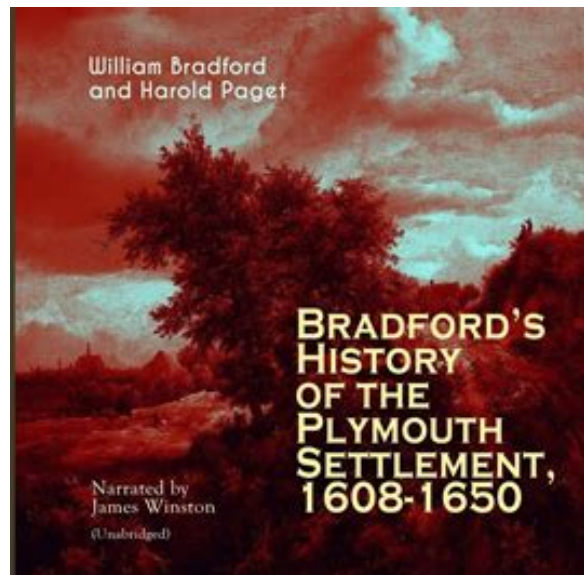
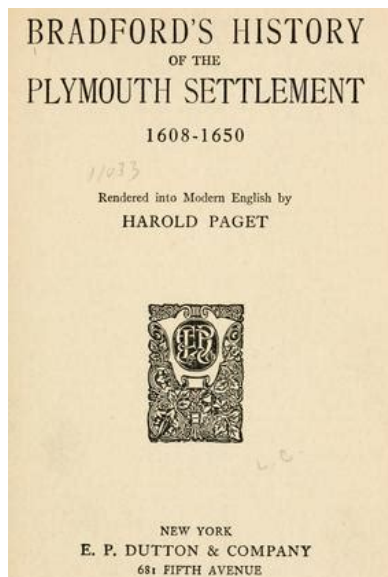
Despite the quaint narrative taught in school as part of an on-going *multicultural hustle*, Thanksgiving has nothing to do with Indians saving these early colonists. That never happened. Instead, the holiday we recognize as **Thanksgiving** was originally a holiday in which our Pilgrim forebears celebrated their deliverance from socialism, and the starvation and death that accompanied such a novel system.

The earliest recorded settlers in New England landed at Plymouth Rock in 1620. On their voyage across the Atlantic, these Pilgrims established the **Mayflower Compact**, the first recorded instance of a socialistic political economy in North America. Among many other things, they agreed that everyone would contribute to a **common store** of food and other goods, and that each person would have an **equal share** in it.



William Bradford, Governor-General of *Plymouth Settlement*, later wrote a detailed history of the *Mayflower Compact*. In it he remarked that during the first year, there was much idleness among some of the strongest and most able members, who felt it unfair that they should make a disproportionately large contribution to the common store, but in return, receive no more than those who contributed little or nothing.

Bradford was referring to the fact that much arable land was left uncultivated, and by the Fall of 1620, their already meager *common food stores* began to dwindle. Approximately half of the *Plymouth Settlement* died during the first year, succumbing to starvation and diseases associated with malnutrition.



In 1621, the socialistic elements of the *Mayflower Compact* were jettisoned, specifically, those dealing with this “*common store*” and the equal division of shares among members. The institution of **private property** was re-established and **vigorously defended**. Members were free to work for their own good, and were also free to dispose of the fruits of their labor as they alone saw fit.

As a consequence of the economic benefits of private property, the following year produced such an **ENORMOUS BOUNTY** that these early colonists were beside themselves with gratitude to God. As a gesture of their gratitude, they established a national **“Day of Thanksgiving,”** and even chivalrously invited friendly Indians to share in their bounty.

To those with the intellect and honesty to look objectively at the plight of public education, it should come as no surprise that the dolts who run our public schools have allowed the true meaning of *Thanksgiving* to be completely lost. Moreover, it is doubtful if many would impart its true meaning to a current generation, even if they were aware of it.

The irony is, the very idiots who teach in and administer our public schools would establish state socialism tomorrow if they could, never having learned the lessons of the *Mayflower Compact*, nor been exposed to the many failures of socialism’s “*utopian*” delusions.

Thus, they promote their collectivist fantasies to captive student audiences, and rob them of their rich cultural heritage and one of the most important lessons that history has to offer.

