A Note From a Friend:

I recently read in the paper that the United States is now considered, by many, to be the most right wing country on earth. While I doubt that is quite true, the quote below illustrates how much things have changed.

In his day President Eisenhower was considered a "conservative republican." But that was a time when a military hero/pro-business politician might be balanced enough in his thinking to make (and believe) the following statement.

"Every gun that is made and every warship that is launched signifies, in the final sense, a theft from those who hunger and are not fed, those who are cold and are not clothed."

That belief was once part of conservative thought, and likewise, politicians like John Kennedy were considered moderates, not liberals. Kennedy ran for the democratic nomination AGAINST the leading liberal of the day, Hubert Humphrey... But, of course, that was a time when liberals and conservatives could still find compromise and referred to each other as "the loyal opposition."