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A WORD FROM MACHIAVELLI By JOSEPH JESPERSEN

Recently, reading Machiavelli's The Prince, I came across this statement:

"It must be considered that there is nothing more difficult to carry out, nor more dangerous to handle, than to initiate a new order of things. For the reformer has enemies in all those who profit by the old order, and only lukewarm defenders in all those who would profit by the new order, this lukewarmness arising partly from fear of their adversaries who have the laws in their favor, and partly from the incredulity of mankind, who do not truly believe in anything new until they have had actual experience of it.

We may disagree with much of Machiavelli's thinking, but this shrewd observation seems to fit our situation. Nevertheless, if the task being attempted by the Henry George Institute is difficult that is all the more reason to apply ourselves to it.

"Successful founders of tyranny have understood... that great changes can best be brought about under old forms. We who would free men should heed the same truth." - Henry George