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Robin Hood preceded the Tea Party by 400 years. From Sherwood Forest he led the fight of his day for representation of common folks against unjust taxes levied by England's kings and noblemen.

Robin Hood, the hero, whether fictional or real, is famous for his gallantry in his fight against injustice and tyranny. This patron saint of [The World Wide Robin Hood Society](#) of Sherwood in Nottingham, England is worshiped by faithful followers around the world in books, games, TV shows and films. The global reach of Robin Hood lore is documented by [Wikipedia](#).

A journey into the legend of Robin Hood arrives at a core, described by [Russell Crowe](#), Hollywood's [2010 Robin Hood](#), as a "fantastic metaphor of some guy who goes to work on behalf of people who can't do something for themselves."

Mitt Romney is the 21st century's Robin Hood. He can be proud to wear the epithet of *Romney Hood*, bequeathed him by President Obama, who thought he was slamming Mitt Romney's economics by referring to his Republican challenger as "Romney Hood." Obama interpreted his clever sobriquet as some sort of reverse Robin Hood, whereby Obama accused Romney of "taking from the poor to give to the rich."

Robin Hood is a universal archetype according to [Paul McElhinney](#), a society member, who counsels that "the stories of Robin Hood appeal to something basic in the human spirit." The conflict between Robin Hood and the Sheriff of Nottingham becomes a Jungian struggle "between good and evil," a Jeffersonian confrontation "between order and freedom." Robin Hood is the star of a morality tale that has shaped notions of right and wrong in young hearts for more than eight hundred years.

In defense of the *Romney Hood* appellation Peggy Noonan, former speech writer for President Reagan, points out in her column on the subject, [A Nation The Believes Nothing](#), published in the *Wall Street Journal* [Aug 11, 2012] that, it was a dim choice of Obama to think he was slamming Mitt Romney's economics by referring to them as "Romney Hood." Ms. Noonan contends that "everyone likes Robin Hood, so *Romney Hood* sounds kind of like a compliment." An admiring nickname meant as an insult was born. With considerable White House experience and a knack for nomenclature Ms. Noonan recommends that the Republican candidate should go with it, embrace his new

title and “lay out how he'll save taxpayers from the predators of the liberal left and call it *Romney Hood*.”

Misinterpreted by Obama, Robin Hood is beatified in the Tea Party’s parthenon of saints. Read the accolades in [Robin Hood Tea Partier](#) and [Prince of Patriots](#) by Walter Hudson, co-founder of North Star Tea Party Patriots, in [Tea Party Activist](#) by FOX contributor Steve Crowder, and in [Tea Party’s Royal Gift](#) by Amity Shlaes of the Council on Foreign Relations.

The mythic and literary Robin Hood fought a corrupt feudal system. He challenged Parliament, kings, nobles, tax collectors and the Sheriff of Nottingham for excessive taxation and unjust taking of private property. By recruiting others into his band of freedom fighters Robin Hood “gained the trust and affection of his people,” according to Adam Young, author of [Robin Hood, Friend of Liberty](#), creating “a legend that will never lose its appeal.”

[Encyclopedia Britannica](#) dates the archetype archer to England’s fourteenth century, a period ripe for counter measures against an oppressive crown. Parliament passed the Ordinance of Laborers in 1349 and the Statute of Laborers in 1351 to fix wages to where they were before the Black Death wiped out half the population. Enforcement was problematic. Peasant's resisted royal price controls. In 1352, Parliament introduced the Statute of Treasons, which defined great treason against the king and petty treason against local lords. In 1377, Parliament imposed a poll tax of fourpence per head. Parliament instituted a graduated income tax in 1379, followed by a tax of one shilling per head in 1380. Ultimately, the Peasant Revolt of 1381 against Richard II forced the government to abolish the Poll Tax.

Minstrels and troubadours spread his legend across England. The peasantry embraced Robin Hood and his Merry Men as their heroes, just as the nobility idealized King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table as their own. “As so much in legends, the historical truth isn't what matters,” argues Young. “Instead, it is the legendary deeds of Robin Hood that excite us,”

In fourteenth century England opportunities abounded for a Robin Hood rebel to resist royal regulations, corruption and oppressive taxation. The time was ripe to challenge money hungry kings, corrupt local lords, unscrupulous tax collectors and self-serving sheriffs. Robin Hood’s demands for *representation* and *tax relief for the poor* were targeted on English royalty four hundred years prior to the Boston Tea Party, which sparked a revolution in a New World, which was yet to be discovered.

In the historical context of medieval England’s repressive regimes it is easy to comprehend why Robin Hood’s byline, “steals from the rich to give to the poor,” was a

distorted fabrication of the royal mainstream media to spin the bowman's fight for economic rights into "stealing" and to reframe the freedom fighter into an "outlaw." Four centuries hence in 1773, King George's royal talking heads branded colonial Tea Party rebels as "outlaws" for "stealing" the monarch's tea. The spirit of Robin Hood would have joined the Tea Party in Boston Harbor on the night when revolutionaries were branded as thieves.

Bloggers in the alternative media of Sherwood Forest could have countered that what actually transpired was that Robin Hood "learned from the rich and taught the poor." The legendary archer was more an entrepreneur than a community organizer. He promoted wealth creation more than wealth redistribution. He helped others to help themselves. The wealth created by Robin Hood includes his own story, an archetype to be discovered within the human spirit. His legend is an endowment for freedom-loving persons to share in their quest for Liberty. His legacy lives today. In 2012, a century-hopping Robin Hood would sport a T-shirt with an image of Apple, not Che Guevara.

Inspired by Peggy Noonan's article, Dan Youra, a conservative cartoonist, created caricatures for Mitt Romney as *Romney Hood* and for Paul Ryan as *Friar Ryan* to use as icons, political characters to introduce some of the fundamental, free enterprise concepts of the Romney-Ryan economic principles.

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1. [Romney Hood - Wealth Creator](#)

Romney Hood is a wealth creation program

Romney Hood is a series of products to illustrate the economic philosophy of Mitt Romney and Paul Ryan. The idea for the series came from Peggy Noonan, former speech writer for Ronald Reagan and current editorial page columnist for the *Wall Street Journal*. Ms. Noonan contends, "Everyone likes Robin Hood." *Romney Hood* is more than a person, more than a myth. *Romney Hood* is a philosophy, an idea, a way of life.

Inspired by Peggy Noonan's article, I created illustrations for Mitt Romney as *Romney Hood* and Paul Ryan as *Friar Ryan* to use as icons, political characters to introduce some of the fundamental economic concepts of the Romney-Ryan team. Mitt Romney and Paul Ryan personally review Dan Youra's political art as "*entertaining*" and "*talented*." More illustrations are showcased at [RomneyHood.biz](#).

2. [Romney Hood - Introduction](#)

The introduction to the Romney Hood wealth creation program starts with a question. Do you think that you can be wealthy?

Romney Hood: Wealth Creator is a series of self help products built upon the economic concepts of Mitt Romney and Paul Ryan. The idea for the series came from Peggy Noonan, former speech writer for Ronald Reagan and current editorial page columnist for the *Wall Street Journal*. In her [August 11, 2012 column](#) Ms. Noonan reflected on the dim choice of Obama to think he was slamming Mitt Romney's economics by referring to them as "Romney Hood," some sort of reverse Robin Hood. Ms. Noonan asserts that "everyone likes Robin Hood, so *Romney Hood* sounds kind of like a compliment. An admiring nickname meant as an insult was born. Mr. Romney should go with it, lay out how he'll save taxpayers from the predators of the liberal left and call it *Romney Hood*." Thank you, Peggy!

Inspired by the idea. Dan Youra created his caricatures for Mitt Romney and Paul Ryan as illustrations to introduce the fundamental economic concepts of the Romney-Ryan team. Mitt Romney and Paul Ryan recommend Dan Youra's political art as "*entertaining*" and "*talented*." More illustrations are showcased at [RomneyHood.biz](#).

3. [One For All and All for One.](#)

One for All and All for One is a statement of allegiance to reinforce the foundational concept that "we are all in this together", that "we all live in the same *hood*." The economic philosophy of Romney-Ryan is NOT one of class warfare and social division. It is not "us" against "them." *One for All and All for One* defined the *esprit d' coeur* of the Three Musketeers, French defenders of justice in the same spirit as England's Robin Hood and his *Merry Men*.

4. [Take From the Debt. Share with All](#)

Take From the Debt. Share with All. Rather than a policy of "Take from the Rich", the Romney/Ryan plan "**Takes From The Debt**". Obama thought he was slamming Mitt Romney's economics by referring to them as "Romney Hood," some sort of reverse Robin Hood, whereby Obama accused Romney of "taking from the poor to give to the rich." No, the Romney plan takes from debt, the monster created by the predatory liberal left.

5. [Budget for Success. Share the Bounty](#)

Budget for Success is a series of products and teaching aids to illustrate the economic philosophy of Mitt Romney and Paul Ryan. Mitt Romney and Paul Ryan personally review.

6. [Reduce Deficits. Share Savings](#)

Reduce Deficits. Share Savings. is a series of products and learning aids to illustrate the economic philosophy of Mitt Romney and Paul Ryan.

7. [More Dough, Bigger Pie](#)

More Dough. Bigger Pie. is a series of products and learning aids to illustrate the economic philosophy of Mitt Romney and Paul Ryan.

8. [Trim Waste, Share Dividends](#)

Trim Waste. Share Dividends. is a concept in the *Romney Hood series to illustrate the economic philosophy of Mitt Romney and Paul Ryan.*

9. [Less Dependence. More Self Worth](#)

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10. [Freedom = Wealth](#)

The More Freedom, the More Wealth. Free enterprise thrives in free societies.

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[*Robin Hood, Friend of Liberty*](#) by Adam Young

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[*Tea Party gets royal gift from 'Robin Hood'*](#) (2010), Amity Shlaes, senior fellow in economic history at the Council on Foreign Relations,

[*"Robin Hood Was a Tea Partier"*](#) (March 24, 2011). Walter Hudson, co-founder of North Star Tea Party Patriots

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Column on Romney Hood

[*A Nation The Believes Nothing*](#) by Peggy Noonan

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[Robin Hood](#) (2010) – movie trailer

[Russell Crowe](#) – video of interview on his role as Robin Hood in 2010 movie

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