Our mighty republic was forged from a blueprint penned by brilliant minds to stand the test of time, just as a mighty ship is constructed from a blueprint designed by skilled shipbuilders to sail stormy seas. Is America sailing into the sunset of its existence, ready to succumb to international trade policies and ignorance of our constitution? Or are we on the cusp of the greatest awakening our republic has ever seen?

Being entrenched in the battle for the republic, I will choose the latter because it is abundantly clear that the wind is at our backs pushing us to victorious shores. Upon this sea of liberty, squalls stir up at a moments notice and hurricanes cross our path every season; therefore, we need to be at “all hands,” ready to shift the sails to avert sudden destruction. There will never be a time when our sea is calm, for undercurrents and dragons of the deep seek to divert our path. I ask you to explore with us the craftsmanship of our founders in our 7th issue of Republic Magazine. Don’t be diverted from the course by the impending storms; let this blueprint direct your sails upon this treacherous journey to the victorious shores of our restored America.

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Why do we have government? Do we really need it? What would life be like without it?

The absence of government is called anarchy. Anarchy isn’t always mob rule and rioting in the streets, although that is one possible outcome. Our current system of government seems to have deteriorated into mob rule, and the potential for rioting in the streets seems to be increasing daily. Very few people are willing to be completely responsible for their own self defense, so a majority of people demand some form of government—but which form is best.

What is the legitimate purpose of government? The Declaration of Independence reminds us that governments are instituted among men to secure the rights of life, liberty and property. (Property was replaced with “pursuit of happiness” in a last minute attempt to include abstract rights such as falling in love.) Our right to life is based on the assumption that each of us “owns” our own body, hence our body can be considered to be property. Liberty is the power to utilize our property in any way we wish, without requiring us to seek government approval. Ergo, the fundamental reason for government is to assist us in protecting our property. To anyone with a lick of sense, this concept is self-evident.

Easier said than done! In Federalist #51, James Madison observes that, “If men were angels, no government would be necessary. If angels were to govern men, neither external nor internal controls on government would be necessary. In framing a government which is to be administered by men over men, the great difficulty lies in this: you must first enable the government to control the governed; and in the next place oblige it to control itself.”

With all due respect to James Madison, “the Father of the Constitution,” it is impossible to oblige government to control itself. Government is an abstract idea which shields those who hold power from any liability for their actions. Hence, left unsupervised, government will ALWAYS expand into a totalitarian regime. UNLESS --

We the People constantly keep the government in check. It is possible to “bind men down with the chains of the Constitution,” but only when the people function as the “lock” to hold the Constitutional chain in place. This is where we have failed.

Legend has it that Daniel Boone once said, “I have never been lost, but I will admit to being confused for several weeks.” Boone’s pithy comment suggests that even if you don’t know where you are, there are certain pioneering skills that can help you get to where you want to be. Unfortunately, modern Americans are like naïve wanderers who are lost in the forest because they don’t know how to use the compass they hold in their hands.

Everyone I meet claims to be a good, patriotic American who desperately wants to move in the direction of Liberty, but scarcely I in 1000 can tell me how many Articles are contained in the Constitution. Much like the novice wanderer, they hold the key to the answer in their hand, but they are clueless about how to apply the information.

We the People are the source of all political power in this country. We have the power to “alter or abolish” our form of government, with a moral obligation to “throw off such government, and provide new guards for our future security.” Everyone agrees that something needs to change. They also unanimously agree that violent rebellion should be the very last option. Unfortunately, we have nearly exhausted most of our primary options. Freedom of speech tends to fall on deaf ears. Most protest rallies rarely boast more than a few dozen people, and letters of complaint mailed to our members of Congress simply trigger a computerized form letter that practically drips with disdain or indifference. So what is a concerned patriot to do?

First we must come to grips with the unpleasant fact that wishing will not make it so. We must take physical action. Stop making excuses and attend as many of the protest rallies in your area as you possibly can. Many battles are won by just showing up.

Next, we must put an end to our denial and accept that most of what our government does is unconstitutional and, therefore, most of our elected representatives are guilty of perjury and/or treason, depending on whether or not they know they are violating our rights. We need to take aggressive measures to let them know they are going to be held accountable for their actions. This can be accomplished by filing criminal actions against them when they violate local statutes—and their oaths of office.

Admittedly, this is not as simple as printing and signing a website petition, but it isn’t so difficult that a determined patriot (or group of patriots) can’t learn the basics with a little help from those who have already figured out the techniques. You can begin your legal research at www.jurisprudence.com and www.jurisdiction.com. Once you learn how, you may discover a deep sense of satisfaction holding your representative’s feet to the fire.

On the other hand, if you haven’t noticed that our republic is in serious trouble or, worse yet, you’ve noticed but you think you have better things to do than rising in defense of Liberty, even the bitter words of Samuel Adams are not harsh enough to sufficiently criticize you for your apathy.

“If ye love wealth greater than liberty, the tranquility of servitude

greater than the animating contest for freedom, go home from us in peace.

We seek not your counsel, nor your arms. Crouch down and lick the hand that feeds you; and may posterity forget that ye were our countrymen.”

If you fail to act while Lady Liberty is being raped, you have no shred of honor or dignity whatsoever. None!
I have written before about the critical need for Congress to reassert its authority over foreign policy, and for the American people to recognize that the Constitution makes no distinction between domestic and foreign matters. Policy is policy, and it must be made by the legislature and not the executive.

But what policy is best? How should we deal with the rest of the world in a way that best advances proper national interests, while not threatening our freedoms at home?

I believe our founding fathers had it right when they argued for peace and commerce between nations, and against entangling political and military alliances—in other words, non-interventionism.

Non-interventionism is not isolationism. Non-intervention simply means America does not interfere militarily, financially, or covertly in the internal affairs of other nations. It does not mean that we isolate ourselves. On the contrary, our founders advocated open trade, travel, communication, and diplomacy with other nations.

Thomas Jefferson summed up the non-interventionist foreign policy position perfectly in his 1801 inaugural address: “Peace, commerce, and honest friendship with all nations — entangling alliances with none.” Washington similarly urged that we must, “Act for ourselves and not for others,” by forming an American character wholly free of foreign attachments.

Yet how many times have we all heard these wise words without taking them to heart? How many claim to admire Jefferson and Washington, but conveniently ignore both when it comes to American foreign policy? Since so many apparently now believe Washington and Jefferson were wrong on the critical matter of foreign policy, they should at least have the intellectual honesty to admit it.

Of course we frequently hear the offensive cliché that, “times have changed,” and thus we cannot follow quaint admonitions from the 1700s. The obvious question, then, is what other principles from our founding era should we discard for convenience? Should we give up the First Amendment because times have changed and free speech causes too much offense in our modern society? Should we give up the Second Amendment and trust that today’s government is benign and not to be feared by its citizens? How about the rest of the Bill of Rights?

It’s hypocritical and childish to dismiss certain founding principles simply because a convenient rationale is needed to justify interventionist policies today. The principles enshrined in the Constitution do not change. If anything, today’s more complex world cries out for the moral clarity provided by a non-interventionist foreign policy.

It is time for Americans to rethink the interventionist foreign policy that is accepted without question in Washington. It is time to understand the obvious harm that results from our being dragged time and time again into intractable and endless Middle East conflicts, whether in Iraq, Iran, Syria, Lebanon, or Palestine. It is definitely time to ask ourselves whether further American lives and tax dollars should be lost trying to remake the Middle East in our image.

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The Advent of Alternatives for American Political Dualism

EXPOSING THE RIGHT/LEFT

The most common American problem today is one of choice. The contemporary American choice is made by someone who is overworked and has little time left over from shopping to really compose a thought on their own. The average American has so much competing for their attention spans they often conclude they may not have the resources to think freely or make educated decisions on their own.

When you can’t afford to think, the two-part choice is what you can afford. This cultural cornering goes to the advantage of a select few who offer us polarizing choices: Conservative Right vs. Liberal Left, Minority vs. Majority, Rich vs. Poor, Democrat vs. Republican. Those who choose another path altogether may be marginalized, ignored, antagonized, or find themselves in fights over their choices.

The media, politicians and the public routinely under-estimate American political behavior. There is no low percentile of Americans who feel badly about the current state of public policy in 2008. Constituents are prepared to do something they have never had the courage to do before: vote, become active, and making time to participate in their government. A common misconception is that Americans lack qualified demands of the government they so dutifully employ with their taxable earnings. Elected officials often represent what and whom they intend to, whether the majority of constituents benefit or not. They are compensated with fame, acclaim and a large paycheck, paid for in part by you, to represent you.

The process seems a little unfair.
Activists approach a vast stonewall when advocating positions about our addiction to war spending, the Constitution, Geneva Convention violations, torture, imprisonment, illegal wiretapping, economic tampering, white collar criminal injustice, and of letting corporations shoot the average American. Americans actively in touch with their rights and ideals resist being sited by those who will follow an overindulged militarized establishment where “might is right.”

Along with their computers, constituents follow their inner wisdom investigating what it would be like to have something different from today’s rotten apple or a rotten orange offered by conventional politics. Public attention spans visit their flights of fancy on YouTube, social networking websites, and scads of news websites where they are finding ways to get exactly what they want and the personal connections to do so.

The Internet’s electric execution of ideas manages a massive departure from mainstream media’s well worn path of notoriety. Self-important and well endorsed pundits are viewed as ineffectual and blind to the facts and opinions of Americans whose trust they have lost. They have little incentive to recapture them. Rewards of power, money and place transfix media titans, leaving no incentive to depart from their conventions. After all, they are the ones on TV, not you.

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The Problem of Liberal Left vs. Conservative Right:

These have been used to keep a “slave class” in place to serve an elite few. In the American dream, no one wants to scrub the toilets so we try to leave that to people who aren’t really citizens or those who come from disadvantaged backgrounds. Our past has been addled with people forced into these roles by those settled in the U.S.: African Americans, Native Americans, Chinese, Irish, Italians, Russians, and now Mexican immigrants. Gender biases in the past have been used to oppress at least 50% of the American population, to the exclusive cultural advantage of a patriarchal elite. Racism and Gender Bias are very much present in America. They wear the evolved mask of commercial competition and rival networks. Violence has been deliberately instigated in minority communities to keep the evolved mask of commercial competition and rival networks. Violence has been deliberately instigated in minority communities to keep the evolved mask of commercial competition and rival networks. Violence has been deliberately instigated in minority communities to keep the evolved mask of commercial competition and rival networks. Violence has been deliberately instigated in minority communities to keep the evolved mask of commercial competition and rival networks. Violence has been deliberately instigated in minority communities to keep the evolved mask of commercial competition and rival networks. Violence has been deliberately instigated in minority communities to keep the evolved mask of commercial competition and rival networks.

The Problem of America’s Ill:

Insurance companies duly compensated for health insurance are paid even more to deny you healthcare. This abandons the ill and handicapped to rely on overburdened social systems and their own resources to heal. Health care professionals are stuck in the middle. They are often restricted from serving the sick they intended to heal. Pharmaceutical and insurance companies take full advantage of the ill while lobbying Washington to look the other way. Those involved in a power jockey may seek to centralize health records and mandate healthcare. Relying on the government exclusively for healthcare resources can be a much scarier prospect if you are denied healthcare for whatever reason with no other options.

The Problem of Religion: While the Constitution protects freedom of religion, it would be foolish to ignore religion in world power and its influence in U.S. politics. Religious entitlements in government have crept up in U.S. politics, as they always have in world politics, because of their ability to lead critical masses of people. A glaring example is the GOP’s use of the Christian Coalition as a blatant steergage tool, declaring George Bush as “a Christian President.” It was a grossly presumptive calculation that misleads the political service of the Christian church and America. Too many Americans may have looked the other way, believing maybe their God would prevail and rule the elite. When to the contrary, the greedy and those willing to deceive the well intentioned spiritual ideals of a theocracy, are routinely used to perform the most depraved and unjust acts in wars without the reprehension of a natural conscience.

The Problem of Liberal Left vs. Conservative Right: It seems if you agree with any socialized ideals you may be pushed “left” by self-described conservatives. If you have views about privacy and land rights that go against communal sensibilities, you may be marked as a “conservative” by professing liberals. The economic platforms of contemporary politics include display of visceral hissing and spitting contests between said liberals and conservatives. Neither view provides pragmatic solutions suited to every community all of the time. If you refuse the label of “liberal” or “conservative,” you have a situation where it is tough to participate in politics with much relevance in America.

BY SHEILA DEAN

“‘When you can’t afford to think, the two-part choice is what you can afford. This cultural cornering goes to the advantage of a select few who offer us polarizing choices: Conservative Right vs. Liberal Left, Minority vs. Majority, Rich vs. Poor, Democrat vs. Republican. Those who choose another path altogether may be marginalized, ignored, antagonized, or find themselves in fights over their choices.’”
The Peoples Convention of Solutions to Name a Few...

So what’s an American to do with only two choices? Here are some scenarios created for the people, by the people.

The Solution of Racism, Gender Bias and Classism: Racism has been considered a false construct by American historians to engineer economic strides for an elevated class. As long as we understand why people are dehumanized we can increase the cause of an average man’s dignity. If we disallow immigrants and foreign nationals to do the jobs we can do ourselves, it then becomes a problem for global elitists. Previously under-classed minorities now function at every level of professional and economic power in America and should be held accountable for both triumphs and failures by the justice system. Communities and individuals should not allow anyone to be bullied on the basis of race or gender. Conversely, they should not allow gender and racial entitlements as a guarantee for professional or economic advancement. May the best person win!

The Solution for America’s Ill: Policy development on increased supplemental health insurance should be decided on by local communities and U.S. states, not the federal government. Criminal prosecution should haunt insurance companies guilty of defrauding the insured from proper care and the depraved indifference of pharmaceutical companies begging for malpractice bailouts. People following their own devices may turn to privatized and alternative healthcare or use the resources provided to them by their community without seeking the federal government’s permission.

The Solution for Religion: The people’s persistent invocation of the division of church and state is the best answer to the Constitutional guarantee of freedom of religion for all. Religious institutions should responsibly guard their right to practice and draw defining lines for followers between spiritual powers and the offices of the U.S. government as provision for the individual. They are not qualified or equipped to run the U.S. government based exclusively on spiritual constituencies. The powerful in government who deliberately indulge in the deception and seduction of spiritual leaders should be identified and publicly humiliated for their disservice to the American people. Religious institutions that fall prey to the former need to be held accountable by their communities.

We saved the best for last

The Solution of Liberal Left vs. Conservative Right: The relevant vote for Americans has become the focus of election reform advocates. Voter advocacy programs have benefited from movements like the Clean Money Campaign, where political contributions are closely monitored and reported to voters. Other efforts focus on the integrity of ballot counts. The dimensions of what happens to us and the results of our votes have become centerpiece of many documentary films. Many notable documentaries covering the last two general elections demonstrated voting fraud and disenfranchisement at U.S. polls.

The documentary, Washington, You’re Fired! approaches how voters can make their voice relevant again. Elected officials are shown taking an oath requirement to uphold the Constitution and to represent the views of the people. While doing neither, they faithfully collect their paycheck just the same.

We asked the director, William Lewis for solutions to what constituents face in the current two-party stalemate.

“The core solutions that we promote are: voting, participating in a(n) (activist) group, and running for office. We must collectively move ourselves away from the traps set by our political parties and the social issues that they claim to represent. The two big political parties in this country have grown far too accustomed to using social and religious issues to divide the American people into either the red corner or the blue corner. We’re told that we have to pick one or the other or else it’s simply a wasted vote.

“We’ve seen both Republicans and Democrats sign their names to bills that have collectively weakened large portions of the United States Constitution. It would seem logical to assume that if we are getting the same results from both political parties, then a vote for either party is actually a wasted vote. When you have a house full of representatives who can’t or won’t represent the will of the people, then you have no choice but to start all over again. If they can’t protect our rights and freedoms, then we have to go there and do it ourselves. People like you and me have to go fill those seats. If we don’t, it will simply be business as usual in Washington, DC.”

Another option is to take a look at other nations who have been plagued with political dualism. In Brian Boyko’s upcoming film Importing Democracy, he examines New Zealand’s switch from a two party system in 1993. We asked Brian if a pilot of New Zealand’s systemic change in the U.S. system might work.

“I cannot say that Importing Democracy will present a true solution to America’s two-party system problem. I do not believe Americans, by and large, are aware that there are other ways of doing democracy — and those that are may be demoralized and believe that electoral systems cannot be changed ‘within the system.’ New Zealand’s experiences prove that it can be done.

If alternative voting systems were given their fair shot at the ballot box, but Americans prefer the system they currently have - I’d be disappointed but encouraged that that result was achieved in a democratic fashion.”

What is the best we can hope for?

“…the greatest flaw with all political systems is that they end up electing politicians,” said Boyko. Touche!
Abolish the Fed

by Rep. Ron Paul, MD

In the House of Representatives, September 10, 2002:

Mr. Speaker, I rise to introduce legislation to restore financial stability to America's economy by abolishing the Federal Reserve. I also ask unanimous consent to insert the attached article by Lew Rockwell, president of the Ludwig Von Mises Institute, which explains the benefits of abolishing the Fed and restoring the gold standard, into the record.

Since the creation of the Federal Reserve, middle and working-class Americans have been victimized by a boom-and-bust monetary policy. In addition, most Americans have suffered a steadily eroding purchasing power because of the Federal Reserve's inflationary policies. This represents a real, if hidden, tax imposed on the American people.

From the Great Depression, to the stagflation of the seventies, to the burst of the dot-com bubble last year (2001), every economic downturn suffered by the country over the last 80 years can be traced to Federal Reserve policy. The Fed has followed a consistent policy of flooding the economy with easy money, leading to a misallocation of resources and an artificial "boom" followed by a recession or depression when the Fed-created bubble bursts.

With a stable currency, American exporters will no longer be held hostage to an erratic monetary policy. Stabilizing the currency will also give Americans new incentives to save as they will no longer have to fear inflation eroding their savings. Those members concerned about increasing American's exports or the low rate of savings should be enthusiastic supporters of this legislation.

Though the Federal Reserve policy harms the average American, it benefits those in a position to take advantage of the cycles in monetary policy. The main beneficiaries are those who receive access to artificially inflated money and/or credit before the inflationary effects of the policy impact the entire economy. Federal Reserve policies also benefit big spending politicians who use the inflated currency created by the Fed to hide the true costs of the welfare-warfare state. It is time for Congress to put the interests of the American people ahead of the special interests and their own appetite for big government.

Abolishing the Federal Reserve will allow Congress to reassert its constitutional authority over monetary policy. The United States Constitution grants to Congress the authority to coin money and regulate the value of the currency. The Constitution does not give Congress the authority to delegate control over monetary policy to a central bank. Furthermore, the Constitution certainly does not empower the federal government to erode the American standard of living via an inflationary monetary policy.

In fact, Congress' constitutional mandate regarding monetary policy should only permit currency backed by stable commodities such as silver and gold to be used as legal tender. Therefore, abolishing the Federal Reserve and returning to a constitutional system will enable America to return to the type of monetary system envisioned by our nation's founders: one where the value of money is consistent because it is tied to a commodity such as gold. Such a monetary system is the basis of a true free-market economy.

In conclusion, Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to stand up for working Americans by putting an end to the manipulation of the money supply which erodes Americans' standard of living, enlarges big government, and enriches well-connected elites, by cosponsoring my legislation to abolish the Federal Reserve.

Excerpt from "WHY GOLD?" by Llewellyn H. Rockwell, Jr.:

It's been three decades since the dollar's tie to gold was completely severed, to the horror of mainstream economists. There is no stash of gold held by the Fed or the Treasury that backs our currency system. The dollar, and all our money, is nothing more and nothing less than what it looks like: a cut piece of linen paper with fancy printing on it.

Why, then, do people turn to gold in times like these? What is gold used for? Yes, there are industrial uses and there are consumer uses in jewelry and the like. But recessions and inflations don't cause people to want to wear more jewelry or stock up on industrial metal. The investor demand ultimately reflects consumer demand for gold. But that still leaves us with the question of why the consumer demand exists in the first place. Why gold and not sugar or wheat or something else?

Gold and freedom go together. Gold money is both the result of freedom and its leading protector. When money is as good as gold, the government cannot manipulate the supply for its own purposes. Just as the rule of law puts limits on the despotic use of police power, a gold standard puts extreme limits on the government's ability to spend, borrow, and otherwise create crazy unworkable programs. It is forced to raise its revenue through taxation, not inflation, and generally keep its house in order.

Without the gold standard, government is free to work with the Fed to inflate the currency without limit. Even in our own times, we've seen governments do that and thereby spread mass misery.

Why isn't gold money now? Because governments destroyed the gold standard. Why? Because they regarded it as too inflexible. To be sure, monetary inflexibility is the friend of free markets. Without the ability to create money out of nothing, governments tend to run tight financial ships. Banks are more careful about the lending when they can't rely on a lender of last resort with access to a money-creation machine like the Fed.

Is a gold standard feasible again? Of course.
The credit and debt system is so deeply entrenched into our daily lives that for most, it is becoming one of the toughest struggles. The Social Security system is no longer a system of security but a system directly tied into our finances and credit report, used as an identifying number to uniquely track our financial movement and for a creditor to secure your debts and report them to your credit report. More and more organizations are relying on the FICO ® Credit Scores and the three major credit reporting agencies (Experian, TransUnion, Equifax) to make their decisions. Landlords, employers, car and health insurance companies, banks, cell phone carriers, utility accounts and others, make their approval or denial decisions based on this one document, the credit report.

In 2005, Bankruptcy laws were changed to make it more difficult if not impossible for people to be relieved from debt nightmares, forcing Americans to repay their debts and ruining their credit, leaving Americans in a trap, fearing that creditors will garnish their salary, put a lien on their home, or freeze their bank accounts. Where's the way out? Follow me... Consumers are not being properly advised that they can protect their home, cannot be penalized by employers for having debt problems and that their wage income is significantly protected against garnishment because of the Consumer Credit Protection Act. Lacking the proper advice, consumers are paying far too much to settle collection accounts. Why would anyone pay more than could legally be required? Many do not understand they can stop harassing collection calls by putting the caller on notice that unwanted calls are a class one misdemeanor and then reading them their rights over the phone, literally, “You have the right to remain silent, etc.” Collection calls stop. “In the fifteen years of helping people that have too much debt, one truth has always proven itself, you cannot get out of debt using the same borrowing and spending habits that got you into debt.” states John Gliha, the founder and author of Winning the Collection Game and his new book, Blowing the Whistle on Credit Card Debt. Ask for a free introduction to these books via www.johngliha.com.

These books expose the secrets of why you don’t need to negotiate with creditors, should not be tricked into the illusion of borrowing your way out of debt, or pay lots of your cash and savings into a bogus settlement fund. It reveals the ugly truth about the enormous drop out rate of settlement and consolidation programs, their horrible tax consequences and risks they cause to your home equity and income. That's why Debt Free in 90 Days was founded in 1993 to provide consumers with a better alternative for their debt problems than the outdated and expensive settlement, consolidation and counseling gimmicks of yesterday. In combination with professional credit counseling, consumers find relief from debt and control over their financial future.
repair, you can be debt free in 90 days and have clean credit in less than 1 year, and stay that way!

**Important Facts everyone should know:**

1. **Free Official Reports:** Everyone living in the United States is entitled by federal law to one free copy of their credit report per year from the three major bureaus. They can be ordered by phone, mail or online at [www.annualcreditreport.com](http://www.annualcreditreport.com) (Preferably by phone.)

2. **Disputes:** You have the right to dispute incorrect or inaccurate information with the credit bureaus and have them investigate the validity of the account for free.

3. **Time Limits:** There are time limits on how long most negative information can remain on your credit file, and that is 7 years from the date you were first permanently delinquent (past due) to the original creditor, making any payment will reset the limit. Personal bankruptcy can remain on your credit for up to 10 years. Unpaid tax liens can remain indefinitely. However, with professional assistance such questionable items can come off the report in as little as 3-6 months.

4. **Bankruptcy Side effects:** When you file for chapter 7 and get dismissed, your case may automatically be converted to chapter 13 (reorganization) where you are forced to repay your debts under a new repayment plan. By this time you would have 2 bankruptcies (7 & 13) on your credit file for 10 years in addition to the debts you had when filing.

5. **What is a Charge Off?:** When you fail to pay a creditor for a period of 6 months or more, the creditor can now legally “charge-off” or “sell” your account to third parties, otherwise known as debt collectors. When this “exchange” happens, it opens a whole new legal game plan which can work in your favor. In most cases the accounts can be removed permanently from the collector’s records and credit report along with lawsuits prevented with professional assistance.

6. **Harassment:** Debt collectors are governed by the FDCPA, another federal law which prevents them from harassing or abusing you. For details visit: [http://www.thetopscore.com/resources.html](http://www.thetopscore.com/resources.html) and click on “Fair Debt Collection Practices Act.”

7. **There is a SOL:** (Statute of Limitations) on the time period collectors have to sue you. After the SOL has expired they can still attempt to sue assuming you don’t know the SOL, but once made known to the judge the case cannot be valid. Please visit: [http://www.thetopscore.com/resources.html](http://www.thetopscore.com/resources.html) and click on “statute of limitations by state.”

8. **Keep Debts separate:** Having joint accounts with someone can set you up for trouble since whatever negative action happens on that account will be reported to both parties’ credit reports and can cause double damage. (However, when building credit, adding someone’s large credit card limit with a low balance and a long history will add to your score significantly.)

It is important for you to know that the credit repair industry is full of deceptive and misleading companies. This is another reason why it’s important to work with a company which keeps your best interests in mind. That being said, here are some main elements which determine what a professional credit repair company typically will or will not do:

1. **Will** assist you in ordering your free credit reports.
2. **Will** review your credit reports free of charge.
3. **Will** have a honest and caring attitude.
4. **Will** work to answer any and all of your questions in detail.
5. **Will** address the “source” of the problem such as collection companies and creditors. When addressing only credit bureau records, collectors can simply re-report the same account at a later date and negates the purpose of repairing credit.
6. **Will** be in compliance with state laws by disclosing important information such as:
   a. Information Statement, b. Contract for services, c. Notice of cancellation (allowing you 72 hours to get a complete refund).
7. **Will Not** hint on “unlimited disputes,” which suggests it can take an “unlimited” amount of time to complete the goal and creates questionable result expectations.
8. **Will Not** promise results sooner than 30-45 days as governed by the Fair Credit Reporting Act.
9. **Will Not** charge a fee per negative item removal.
10. **Will Not** participate in scams such as debt consolidation.

In addition to the above steps, a good rule of thumb to add is to trust your own feelings you get when speaking to the representative. Was he/she professional and sincere? Was he/she treating you as just another call or did he show interest in truly helping you? Was he/she willing to spend some time to explain and educate you?

For more information about what you have read please contact:

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Machine-free elections! Ban all electronic and mechanical voting systems of any kind in the United States of America. Of course, that would put four sinister megacorporations out of the election business, namely Diebold, Election Systems and Software (ES & S), Hart, and Sequoia. (Diebold has earned itself such a bad name that it’s in the middle of a name change at last report.)

On election day, November 2008, every voter in the nation with the exception of those in about 137 small towns in New Hampshire (which comprise a mere 19% of the New Hampshire vote), and perhaps very few and very small isolated venues in other states, will vote on computerized systems which hide the ballots from the voters on election day, usually forever thereafter. (In the minority of elections where a recount is required or requested, it usually takes about three weeks for the election officials to produce the physical ballots.) Only in New Hampshire do the election officials in each town have the option to pull the ballots out of the machines on election night, and recount them by hand on the spot.

“About 61 million of the votes in November, more than half the total, will be counted in the computers of one company, the privately held Election Systems and Software (ES & S) of Omaha, Nebraska,” this last sentence from an article that appeared in the Nation magazine on August 16, 2004. The author was the venerable and veteran reporter, Ronnie Dugger, who became one of the pioneers in exposing the dangers of computerized voting systems way back in 1988 with his groundbreaking cover article in that year’s November 7th issue of The New Yorker magazine.

In the 2004 Nation article, Dugger also provided us with this gem from Dr. David Dill, professor of computer science at Stanford University: “Why am I always being asked to prove these systems aren’t secure? The burden of proof ought to be on the vendor. You ask about the hardware. ‘Secret.’ The software? ‘Secret.’ What’s the cryptography? ‘Can’t tell you because that’ll compromise the secrecy of the machines.’ . . . Federal testing procedures? ‘Secret’! Results of the tests? ‘Secret’! Basically we are required to have blind faith.”

In the opening chapter to their book, Votescam: The Stealing of America, James and Kenneth Collier begin by quoting the first words spoken by President-elect, George Bush in his November 8, 1988 victory speech in Houston, Texas. Bush said: “We can now speak the most majestic words a democracy can offer: ‘The people have spoken . . .’

To that, the Colliers wrote these brilliant words, which encapsulate the problem we face:

“It was not ‘the People’ of the United States who did ‘the speaking’ on that election day, although most of them believed it was, and still believe it. In fact, the People did not speak at all. The voices most of us really heard that day were the voices of computers strong, loud, authoritative, unquestioned in their electronic finality . . .

“The computers that spoke in November 1988 held in their inner workings small boxes that contained secret codes that only the sellers of the computers could read . . .

“It only makes common sense that every gear, every mechanism, every nook and cranny of every part of the voting process ought to be in the sunlight, wide open to public view. How else can the public be reasonably assured that they are participating in an unrigged election where their vote actually means something? Yet one of the most mysterious, low-profile, covert, shadowy, questionable mechanisms of American democracy is the American vote count . . .

“Computers in voting machines are effectively immune from checking and rechecking. If they are fixed, you cannot know it, and you cannot be sure at all of an honest tally.”

The practical consequences of the above quotes is that one computer company counts (or) over 50% of the votes in Presidential elections on secret software that no candidate, no voter, and no reporter is allowed to see. When we add in the other computer software companies, 99% of the US vote is being counted on completely secret software programs.
How Our Votes Should Be Counted Each Election Day

- At every election, we need to mandate easily read paper ballots that can be marked clearly and unmistakably by the voter with pen or pencil.
- Each voter must then deposit his or her ballot in a ballot box; before the election day begins, election officials at each polling place would verify that the ballot box had neither a false bottom nor any hidden compartments. (Votefraud.com author Jim Collier urged that the ballot box should be made of clear plastic.)
- The ballot box must be kept in public view all day, so that the election workers, the voters, and any poll watchers can see the box at all times.
- At closing time, the ballots should be dumped out in front of everyone, then immediately assembled and counted in full public view. Teams of two people would have been selected in advance to handle 50 to 75 ballots each. (This would mean about 4 or 5 teams of two counters, at each polling place, on average, in the USA.) One person calls out the vote, and the other person records it on a tally sheet. Citizens of all factions would be authorized to watch the counting.
- Members of the public from all parties and factions should be allowed to watch, at close range, without disrupting the process. (With current technology, an overhead camera could project each ballot on a large screen or wall, so that all in the room could follow the counting. Cameras could also stream the count of each ballot online so that people could watch from their home computers.)
- Results would then be posted for all to see at each neighborhood precinct – before the physical ballots leave the precinct. This procedure makes centralized counting illegal. As long as citizen groups and candidates check what is posted at each precinct against the results published by the election central. This last step prevents those at election central – whether it be in a city, a county, or a state – from falsifying the results.
- The late Collier brothers suggested that one counting position at each neighborhood polling place be reserved for a high school senior or a college student; that way the next generation would be trained for how elections should be conducted.
- It might also be a good idea to make Election Day and the day after, national holidays. Then circumstances would favor everybody getting involved, witnessing the count in their neighborhood precinct on election night, with the option of sleeping the next morning until they are rested. Excitement and fun would fill the air again, and everyone would be as sure as is humanly possible that the election results reflected the will of the people, instead of the will of a few faceless power brokers running the secret election software.

Hand Counting Good Then, Still Good Now

The open, hand counting process, once upon a time used all over the USA, has been followed in Richmond, New Hampshire right up until this minute. The wooden ballot box they use was made in 1854. In the recent Presidential Primary held on January 8, 2008, the elected Town Moderator, Douglas Bersaw, oversaw the vote counting procedures.

In fact, hand counting of paper ballots in full public view still takes place in Switzerland, England, much of France, Canada, and in the world’s largest country which holds democratic elections: India.

The Onslaught of the Computers: How It Happened

By 1973, the rush to adopt computerized voting was on in a big way. I remember how the older folks running our elections in Cincinnati, Ohio seemed to revere computers as magical machines that could do no wrong. (Try to tell a young person of 2008 that a computer cannot be hacked, and you will be guffawed out of the room.)

By 1988, computers had been installed universally in 49 states, with about one-half of New Hampshire maintaining the paper ballot hand counts. How do you like the people we’ve elected (?) president since 1988? Let’s see, it’s been Bush I (1988-1992), Clinton I (1992-2000), and Bush II (2000-2008). Hmmm.

But Diebold, ES & S, Hart, and Sequoia didn’t just storm in and take over the vote counting in 50 states and almost all our counties. Somebody had to delegate that authority to them.

We have 50 states, divided in 3141 counties. For instance, Ohio has 88 counties; Iowa has 99. Each of those counties are run by the Republican Party, the Democratic Party, and usually a combination therefore.

That strongly suggests a kind of shadow government that operates behind and above the DNC and the RNC, it takes power and organization and a lot of money to persuade all 50 of the Secretaries of State and almost every county election board in the USA to delegate the vote-processing to one of four mega-computer software companies.

Computerized Vote Processing Systems break the Chain of Evidence

In November, 2007, Bob Schulz of “We the People” organization and 147 plaintiffs (about three from each state) stepped up to the plate and filed the National Clean Elections Lawsuit.

This lawsuit presents the courts with a simple proposition: can the government hide the ballots from the voters on Election Day? If the courts ultimately say the government can so hide the ballots, the courts will be telling us categorically that we no longer live in a free country under the United States Constitution and the Bill of Rights. Remember the quote attributed to Communist Tyrant Joseph Stalin: “Those who cast the votes decide nothing: those who COUNT the votes decide everything.”

America At the Crossroads – Where Now?

Millions of our fellow Americans have fought and bled and died to try and ensure our right to vote in open, honest, and transparent elections. We dare not let an increasingly arrogant Cabal, which is grasping for all the levers of power, continue to spit on their sacrifice.

For our children’s sake, let’s recapture the power to determine our future and to direct the United States of America towards its true destiny once again by restoring the public hand counting of paper ballots at each neighborhood precinct on Election Day—and by banning electronic and mechanical voting machines from US elections forever. Elections would be fun—and they would be REAL again.

Jim Condit, Jr. has been involved in fighting computerized, non-transparent elections since 1979; he is the Director of Citizens for a Fair Vote Count and votefraud.org. For important articles which fill in other aspects of the problems and solutions regarding open and honest vote counting systems for the USA, please go to votefraud.org – and especially click on the “Archive of ‘Must Read’ articles” link on the home page, which also connects you to other very informative websites dealing with this issue.
The Founding Fathers went to great lengths to think of everything that could possibly happen, when drafting the U.S. Constitution and all-in-all, they did a pretty good job of it. But like so many things in life, decisions, rules and laws are based on certain assumptions. If the assumptions are wrong, the decisions, rules and laws can also be wrong, misguided, or result in unintended consequences.

In establishing the three branches of government the Founders assumed that each branch would operate independently under the limits of the constitution, but that no one branch could go off the tracks far enough that the other two branches couldn’t bring the errant branch back on the tracks. They further assumed that there would be sufficient individual members in each branch of government that would be honorable, honest, forthright and would right a wrong if they saw one. If one or more members strayed from the constitution, or engaged in illegal or unethical activity, those honest members would use the applicable legal mechanisms to correct the situation, or make such a fuss that public opinion, armed with sufficient votes, would drum the bad members out of office. The assumption being that there would always be more honorable office holders than dishonest ones. In other words, the process was assumed to be self-correcting.

Unfortunately, with all of their prowess, vision of the future and the knowledge of history and human behavior, the Founders erred badly in their assumption that a body of men who hold power would not continuously strive to increase their power, in spite of the Separation of Powers doctrine embedded in the core of the constitution. They further erred in assuming that the PEOPLE would pay attention and hold those men with the power, accountable. Both assumptions have turned out to be grossly wrong and what you see around you today, nationally and internationally, are the result of those wrong assumptions.

The Founders provided mechanisms in the constitution for weeding out the bad ones through impeachment or recall proceedings. Except for one thing; these men and women of power will protect their own and there is no inside power to keep them from doing so. The only other power to offset the corrupt ones is the outside power of WE THE PEOPLE through our votes. That only works if the outside power even cares.

The lust for power is all consuming and can be for way too many politicians, a deep-seated obsession or compulsion. The objective being, stay in power at any cost, or by any means to feed the obsession, not unlike a drug or alcohol addiction. Corrupt power is contagious and can infect those around the corrupt ones. Many new politicians, consumed by the desire to do good by getting elected to office, soon find when they get to their post, they have no power at all, other than what is doled out to them by the senior ones. If a new politician makes any attempt to change the system or to weed out the corruption, he is immediately ushered off to some non-descript area where he can do no more harm. If he is ineffective as a politician, he soon loses his seat to a more aggressive politician who is eager to “play ball.”

The other day we watched a special on Fox News with Chris Wallace on the corruption that is “earmarks” in the U.S. Congress. Chris trotted out three examples of where politicians used earmarks to profit

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individually, or provide funds to their family members, using the taxpayers’ money to do it; millions of dollars of taxpayers’ money. And this was only three examples. These congressmen have not been punished, penalized, sanctioned, demoted, or voted out of office for their misdeeds. One congressman that Chris interviewed, who has made attempts to clean up the practice of earmarks, has found himself ostracized and removed from the oversight committee. The senior ones “explained” it to him. Don’t mess with the system, corrupt or not!

In their obsession to remain in office, the corrupt ones will promise any amount of taxpayer money to be dolled out to those who have not earned it, in the hopes that the recipients of taxpayer money will vote to keep the politician in office. Or they will use their political power to pander to special interests that can also garner votes, favors and money. The corrupt politicians have been so successful that the lion’s share of the politicians in federal, state or local government, are corrupt, as well as the lobbyists they pander to, as are the recipients of our taxpayer money, who got something for “free”. We now have a condition in which the politicians do not care anything about constitutional limits because they have found they can violate those limits with impunity. Once the precedent’s have been set to violate their oath of office to preserve, protect and defend the constitution, and there is no penalty for their violations, the practice continues unabated.

Now we know that not all politicians are corrupt and some are actually trying very hard to make a difference. But the inertia of the “system” and the length of time that it has been corrupt makes their job almost impossible unless ...... the PEOPLE give them a hand and certain limits are placed on politicians, which we discuss below.

So what if most of the politicians are corrupt, in one form or another? What if they all have decided that the system is King, even if it is corrupt, and to survive and stay in office, they have to “play ball”, no matter what their political affiliations may be? To expect that the politicians or the bureaucrats, at any level of government will clean up their own act, is naive at best and dangerous at worst. The following are five peaceful solutions to a situation that is hopelessly out of control and decidedly corrupt, with our very freedom and liberty in peril.

1. Term limits must be demanded by the people and instituted at all levels of government. Period! No more than two consecutive terms for any office holder in any federal, state or local position. Why should the President be limited to two terms but all other office holders can make a career out of being a politician? A career that eventually leads to a system of corruption, which we have now.

2. A strong oath of office must be required to be sworn to on oath by all office holders and the penalties for the violation of that oath must be stiffened to heavy fines and imprisonment.

3. Penalties for exceeding the limits of the federal or state constitutions must also be stiffened with severe fines and imprisonment. Right now there are very few penalties for being a corrupt politician.

4. The head or director of any bureaucracy can be in office for no more than four years. When a bureaucrat is found guilty of fraud, corruption, abuse or waste of the taxpayer money, they must be punished to the full extent of the law, instead of being promoted, as happens far too often. If there is no punishment for illegal or corrupt behavior in government, there is no deterrent.

5. The voters must take a deeper interest in politics and get involved on a much larger level than they are now.

In short, voters had better start holding their elected officials accountable and to the limits of the constitution, or they get what they deserve; waste, fraud, abuse and corruption. They are today, getting what they deserve for not paying attention for far too long to those who hold power over them.

If the steps mentioned herein are not taken and soon, there may be only one other solution left to those of us who cherish liberty and are determined to see that it is defended and maintained in perpetuity for our children and our grand children. The final solution, if imposed, will seriously disrupt the lives of all Americans, perhaps beyond repair. It is our firm hope, that the final solution will never become necessary.

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Although the founders of this great country tried to leave us with a federal government of strictly defined and limited powers, it has grown almost beyond constitutional recognition due to abuses in a few major areas: money, taxation, legislative, and judicial. We are all now paying a high price for things that should never have happened if the U.S. Constitution had been followed. We’ll explore these areas, and some possible solutions.

Money
There is nothing that impacts everyone’s life more than a country’s currency. Today we have a completely “un-backed” paper currency that has lost over 90% of its value since it was introduced in 1913. These “magical” pieces of paper masquerade as “dollars.” But if this is really true, then why are silver coin “dollars” so obviously more valuable to anyone than the pieces of paper that also claim to be “dollars?”

The two major clauses in the constitution concerning money are Article I, Section 8, which gives the federal congress the power to “coin money and regulate the value thereof,” and Article I, section 10, which prohibits any state from making “any Thing but gold and silver Coin a Tender in Payment of Debts.” The states delegated to the federal government their right to coin money, but reserved the right to determine its substance, which was strictly limited to gold and silver. These provisions are there because the founders had already experienced the abuses of “paper money” by the then-existing states and knew the history of paper currency always ended in disaster.

Today, we not only have gold “prices” at all time highs, but U.S. currency at all-time lows against every other major currency in the world. Even the Taj Mahal of India (home of the humble Rupie currency) recently stopped accepting U.S. paper “money” because of its serious devaluation! Could this be a sign of serious trouble?

Taxation
Up to the turn of the 19th century, the federal government not only existed on, but many times had budget surpluses from, excise and import taxes. There was no standing “income tax” until 1913, and no payroll “withholding” until the 1940’s. Through stealthy abuse of the power of taxation, the federal government has grown to the monstrosity it is today.

The federal constitution recognizes two broad classes of taxation: direct and indirect. While all “indirect” (excise) taxes must be uniform across the country, all “direct” taxes must be “apportioned among the several states,” and “in proportion to the census.” (Article I, Section 2, (para 3); and Section 9 (para 4)). The writers of the constitution had actually set up a system where the general public would never see a federal tax collector. Instead, the states would collect any “direct tax” federal revenue and pass it on the federal government. If this system was followed, do you think there would be a dramatic shift in the balance of state and federal power? (Remember, whoever has the money gets to make the rules?) By fostering an income tax (among others) directly on the people (with highly questionable authority), the federal government has switched the natural balance of power that would otherwise exist, and has the states bowing down to the very government they created in order to get their share of “federal revenue” doled back to them. What sort of sense does that make?

Legislative & Judicial Abuse
Until FDR and the Great Depression, people understood the limited powers of the federal government and, more important, the courts enforced them. Prior to the mid-1930’s, the Supreme Court routinely struck down attempted federal power grabs such as federal license taxing schemes, attempts to exercise police powers within the states, and attempts to control such things as manufacturing, mining, agriculture, construction, etc., within the states. Even the equivalent to today’s Social Security scheme was recognized by the Supreme Court as unauthorized and unconstitutional back then.

This prior scheme involved “taxing” railroad workers to “pay” railroad retirees. In May 1935, the Supreme Court
held that act to be unconstitutional in Railroad Retirement Board v. Alton R. Co., 295 U.S. 330 (1935). The crucial part of this decision not only found that the "federal" lacked the power to adopt this "social security" act, but it also indicated that a vast array of social programs were equally beyond the power of Congress. In this decision the court held "the Act denies due process of law by taking the property of one and bestowing it upon another." It also stated "There is no warrant for taking the property or money of one and transferring it to another without compensation, whether the object of the transfer be to build up the equipment of the transferee or to pension its employees." P.357. This decision has never been overturned.

So what's the difference between that (Ponzii) scheme and the current Social Security (Ponzii) scheme. There is none — other than the judges back then understood a clearly defined line of where federal power ended. Then, along came FDR's "New Deal" ideology.

The main obstacle to FDR's "New Deal" socialist ideology legislative proposals was the U.S. Supreme Court. In case after case, the court held these legislative schemes to be beyond federal power, including the National Recovery Act. In a frustrated response to the rulings, FDR stunned even his own political party by proposing a bill that would have allowed him to pack the court with five new appointees (almost the same number of justices already there). In apparent response, the court softened its hard-line and in short order began "magically" proclaiming new legislative proposals to be constitutional such as the Labor Relations Act and the Social Security Act. Through retirements and deaths of the justices from 1937-1941, FDR appointed 8 new liberal judges to the Court. For a more comprehensive analysis as to how 12 Supreme Court decisions radically expanded government and eroded freedom, get a copy of the recently released book THE DIRTY DOZEN (by Levy and Mellor) from bookstores or www.cato.org/dirtydozen.

POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS

Money

The ultimate solution to this issue will most likely be through political action. But since it is unlikely the federal government will abide by its duty to provide the type of currency mandated by the constitution any time in the near future, people must take their own steps to protect their assets and wealth from an obviously devaluing fiat currency. Why go down with a sinking ship if you don't have to?

One obvious thing is to put some savings and investments into precious metals, especially gold. As opposed to government manipulated paper, these metals have a centuries-long history of being a reliable store of value. Another (probably less obvious) thing to do is to put those same resources into foreign currencies such as the Euro, British Pound, Japanese Yen, Swiss Franc, Canadian Dollar, or even the Australian Dollar. These can be obtained at any currency exchange and some banks. Also, to the extent you can, contract for whatever payments possible in precious metal coins and/or foreign currencies. Ultimately, money is not what some government tries to force on the public but what the public decides it is.

Taxation

Issue #5 of this magazine exposed in detail the federal income tax for the scam it is, the controversy over the authority for it, and why it is not needed to fund the government. This subject has actually been around for awhile, and people's reactions over the years have been everything from simply questioning government officials to participating in the "underground economy." Whatever your reaction may be, a great idea is located at the website www.takeyourmoneyback.com. It contains a simple petition to send to your elected officials letting them know that if they don't support abolishing the confiscatory so-called "income tax," you will be actively seeking their replacement by someone who will do so. Also join the Truth Attack at www.truthattack.org. There is no question that this highly questionable and confusing "tax" must "officially" be demolished and eliminated.

Legislative & Judicial Abuse

There's good news and bad news for dealing with the legislative and judicial abuses. The bad news is the process will not be something that occurs overnight. It took several years for the political ideology to get where it is today, and will take some time to reverse it. We also already know the solution does not lie in the federal courts — at least until new judges are installed who are willing to rule according to the limitations that are actually imposed by the federal constitution.

The good news is the revolutionary process has already begun. It has at least materialized in the form of thousands of grassroots 'meet-up' groups that autonomously formed all over the country to support the Ron Paul presidential campaign and his ideology of a limited federal government. Paul has ignited a huge fire of ideological revolution in a lot of people that will last far beyond any election in 2008. Paul supporters have absolutely invaded the Republican party, even to the point of scaring the existing party "powers that be." They are also running for public offices and supporting those running for office who have the ideology of getting the federal government back to its proper constitutional limitations. Many of the groups are extremely well organized and effective. Go to www.ronpaul2008.com to find your local group.

At the end of April 2008, Paul released his latest book entitled REVOLUTION: A MANIFESTO. It sold out in mere hours at some bookstores, and quickly rose to the top of Amazon's non-fiction list where it will get even more public notice. If you have not gotten your copy yet, get it (along with some of the other books Paul has written). This is spreading more of the ideological change necessary for a revolution.

Of course, it is always more effective to fight any battle by joining with others who share your views. Individuals simply cannot do everything on their own. One of my favorites is the Institute For Justice (www.ij.org), a public interest litigation organization that is on the forefront of defending our economic, free speech, school choice, and other rights. Another to consider joining and supporting is the We The People Foundation, at www.givemeliberty.org, a group very active in petitioning the federal government for change on the issues of taxation, money, war powers, "clean" elections and more. Also, get involved with DownsizedDC, located at www.downsizeddc.org. As their name suggests, they are attacking the size and illegal activities of the federal government on many fronts.

YOUR ULTIMATE AUTHORITY

The founders of the constitution did not trust government officials with the ultimate enforcement of any legislative edicts. Instead, they put that power in the hands of the people in the form of the right to try a jury. It only takes one person on a jury to vote "not guilty," and stop some of the government's worst machinery. The era of "Prohibition" was ended when jurors refused to convict anymore — regardless of what any legislative edicts might say.

The same power still exists in the people today. The problem is judges falsely tell jurors something to the contrary, by having jurors "swear" to "follow the law as described by the judge." If this were really true, then we would probably still have Prohibition, slavery, Jim Crow laws, and who knows how many other obnoxious problems that were effectively abolished by jurors refusing to convict. If you are ever selected for jury duty, simply play along with the judge's game until you get into that jury deliberation room. You can then vote your conscience not guilty, regardless of what the facts might be. This is your right and your power to reign-in a federal government that is simply out of control.

The revolution has already started. Will you be part of it?
Most Americans are unaware that at the stroke of a pen, at the onset of a national emergency, their lifestyle could be drastically altered. Presidential executive orders on the books today grant sweeping power to one man to authorize that change.

During the presidency of Franklin D. Roosevelt, he issued the infamous Executive Order 9066, granting the authority to imprison Japanese-Americans during World War II. At the stroke of a pen, Americans were rounded up and placed into camps.

The concentration of power into the hands of one branch of Government was never intended by the founders of this nation. James Madison declared the centralization of executive and legislative power in the same branch of government “the very definition of tyranny.” The bedrock of our republic — the separation of powers, checks and balances — have been compromised by the abuse of presidential executive orders.

The prepared statement of Hon. George Gekas, Congressman from Pennsylvania and Chairman of the Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, explained, “Executive orders are the best known way that the President makes official statements about how the Executive Branch of the federal government is run.”

Congressman Bob Barr of Georgia further expounded on the purpose and foundation of executive orders: “Presidents have used executive orders throughout our history, beginning with George Washington. Those early executive orders were nothing more than internal memoranda, through which the President communicated with staff and department heads, detailing how the Executive branch would implement a new law or regulation.”

Congressman Barr also reminded the subcommittee, “The seminal case of Youngstown Sheet & Tube in 1952 laid out very, very broad, but very relevant language, saying in essence that, ‘the President’s power for the executive order must arise either from an act of Congress or from the Constitution itself.’”

Executive orders were nothing more than internal memos on how the branch would function. They were not put in place to dictate policy or to enact law while bypassing Congress.

During the October 1999 subcommittee hearing on the limitation of executive orders, the power of the president was called into question. Abusive orders had been penned by numerous presidents without congressional oversight. To curb this, Congressman Barr drafted legislation to introduce new oversight. His bill, H.R. 3131, the “Presidential Order Limitation Act of 1999” states in Section 3 that the president shall transmit executive orders to congress for review. This would reign in modern presidential abuses of executive orders and return a system of checks and balances to government.

However, section 3 (c) of H.R. 3131 should be revised to create an emergency oversight board to review, approve, expand, or edit an executive order in the event a run away president would act in the face of another false flag terror event or self-induced pandemic without the oversight of congress.

Congressman Ron Paul of Texas weighed in on the separation of power at the subcommittee, “We were all taught very early in our years about the separations of powers and why that was unique for our government, and we were taught, and I strongly believe this, it is a very good part of our Constitution. I think history has shown, especially in the 20th century, that it has essentially been eliminated or severely eroded.”

Congressman Paul introduced a bill similar to H.R. 3131, “The Separation of Powers Restoration Act”, to limit a sitting president from drafting abusive executive orders. The introductory text of H.R. 2655 of the 106th congress states it is designed to restore the separation of powers between Congress and the president as set forth in Article I and Article II of the Constitution of the United States of America by: (1) terminating all existing states of national emergency and removing from the executive branch any power to declare national emergencies; (2) vesting power in Congress alone to declare states of national emergency; (3) restricting presidential power to issue executive orders by denying to them any force of law except as provided for by Congress; and (4) repealing the War Powers Resolution of 1973.

The congressional power of these two bills would drastically reduce the introduction of executive orders outside the scope of presidential administrative memos, restore the separation of powers and grant Congress the sole authority to declare a state of emergency. If these bills passed, millions of Americans who have lost faith in our system of government would regain peace of mind.

It is imperative that these two bills, H.R. 3131 and H.R. 2655, be reintroduced to congress, and the proper public awareness media campaigns are developed. Alongside the introduction of the bills mentioned in this article, the following Executive Orders must be rescinded:

- **EXECUTIVE ORDER 10990**: allows the government to take over all modes of transportation and control of highways and seaports.
- **EXECUTIVE ORDER 10995**: allows the government to seize and control the communication media.
- **EXECUTIVE ORDER 10997**: allows the government to take over all electrical power, gas, petroleum, fuels and minerals.
- **EXECUTIVE ORDER 10998**: allows the government to seize all means of transportation, including personal cars, trucks or vehicles of any kind and total control over all highways, seaports, and waterways.
- **EXECUTIVE ORDER 10999**: allows the government to take over all food resources and farms.
- **EXECUTIVE ORDER 11000**: allows the government to mobilize civilians into work brigades under government supervision.
- **EXECUTIVE ORDER 11001**: allows the government to take over all health, education and welfare functions.
- **EXECUTIVE ORDER 11002**: calls for the Postmaster General to operate a national registration of all persons.
- **EXECUTIVE ORDER 11003**: allows the government to take over all airports and aircraft, including commercial aircraft.
- **EXECUTIVE ORDER 11004**: allows the Housing and Finance Authority to relocate communities, build new housing with public funds, designate areas to be abandoned, and establish new locations for populations.
- **EXECUTIVE ORDER 11005**: allows the government to take over railroads, inland waterways and public storage facilities.
- **EXECUTIVE ORDER 11051**: specifies the responsibility of the Office of Emergency Planning and gives authorization to put all Executive Orders into effect in times of increased international tensions and economic or financial crisis.
EXECUTIVE ORDER 11310: grants authority to the Department of Justice to enforce the plans set out in Executive Orders, to institute industrial support, to establish judicial and legislative liaison, to control all aliens, to operate penal and correctional institutions, and to advise and assist the President.

EXECUTIVE ORDER 11049: assigns emergency preparedness function to federal departments and agencies, consolidating 21 operative Executive Orders issued over a fifteen year period.

EXECUTIVE ORDER 11921: allows the Federal Emergency Preparedness Agency to develop plans to establish control over the mechanisms of production and distribution, of energy sources, wages, salaries, credit and the flow of money in U.S. financial institutions in any undefined national emergency. It also provides that when a state of emergency is declared by the President, Congress cannot review the action for six months.

It is terrifying to know that one man can declare a state of emergency, without Congressional oversight for 6 months, and enact any of these executive orders. As it stands the President of the United States is the only one with this authority. Our founding fathers knew of the abuses of concentrated power as they were victims of a tyrannical crown. Because of a lack of constitutionally minded congressmen and an uninformed public, these orders are written while America sleeps. “Elected” officials have been left unchecked for far too long and have taken advantage of the people by incrementally eroding civil liberties.

Congressman Paul echoed these sentiments at the subcommittee meeting, ‘At the heart of the Constitution of the United States of America is the separation of legislative, executive and judicial powers. James Madison, the father of our constitution, wrote in Federalist 47, “there can be no liberty” when those powers are united in one “person or body of magistrates.” Supreme Court Justice Louis Brandeis echoed this view in 1926 when he observed that separation of powers was written into our constitution “to save the people from autocracy.” Yet, throughout most of the 20th century, presidents have usurped legislative power by means of unconstitutional executive orders, presidential proclamations and undeclared wars. For too long, Congress has stood silent and, worse yet, aided and abetted these usurpations through legislation granting broad powers to the president. Only by repealing those statutes and by placing express limits on presidential power will such constitutional abuses be stopped.”

We The People are the ones who grant authority to our representatives to act on our behalf. If we do not effectively communicate these abuses to them, and the boot heel of tyranny becomes too heavy upon our throats, I fear the American people will rise up and overthrow those in power who seek to enslave us. While Jefferson endorsed the tree of liberty to be watered with the blood of tyrants and patriots from time to time, we still have a representative congress to appeal our observations of abuse to. It is our duty to apply the utmost amount of pressure on our “elected” officials to make our point absolutely clear until they act on our demands. Otherwise the people will remove them from office. The halls of power are not in Washington DC or in the state houses across the land. The halls of power are the place you tread daily, your home.

When Roosevelt granted authority to round up Americans during World War II, he committed the most egregious sin against the people and should have been tried and convicted for such an act. The president who currently sits in power now has more executive authority than Roosevelt could have ever dreamed of exerting upon the people.

In a world where Roosevelt’s words, “We have nothing to fear but fear itself” have been replaced with “Fear everyone because they may be a terrorist,” and the hair trigger response to “acts of terror” are to introduce legislation that limits our freedoms, checks and balances and separation of power are the only thing that stands in the middle of a President whom wields the consolidated authority the founders were set against.

Reintroduce H.R. 3131 and H.R. 2655, rescind the above executive orders, and do not stop pressuring your congressman. If they don’t listen, then you need to run for their seat.

Overview and summary of H.R. 2655 can be found at: http://www.govtrack.us/congress/bill.xpd?bill=h106-2655
Overview and summary of H.R. 3131 can be found at: http://www.govtrack.us/congress/bill.xpd?bill=h106-3131
Text of Hearing on Congressional Limitation Executive Orders can be found at: http://commdocs.house.gov/committees/judiciary/hju63865.000/hju63865_0.htm

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It’s easy to take the Internet for granted. It has provided boundless freedom of information, freedom of communication and organization, and, with it, we have accomplished a lot. But what if intelligence agencies were watching every data packet, logging every interaction, cataloging everything we did on the Web?

What if the big ISP corporations that own the backbone of the Internet were hired by the government to install spying devices on the data hubs that all of our web traffic travels through? Suppose they had the power to watch everything online everywhere, log what you do and where you go, and had the power to shut the whole thing down if all that free speech got to be too dangerous? They already do.

**PROBLEM**

**Surveillance and Shutdown**

The NSA already coaxed the big ISPs to install special logging hardware in the backbone of the Internet. The Internet is a giant, amorphous and self-repairing network, but structurally it depends on a small number of vital hubs. These hubs, much like broadcast radio towers...
with their FEMA boxes, which transfer them instantly into the hands of the federal government at the flip of a switch, are already capable, hypothetically, of being switched off at a moment’s notice. Ownership of the data pipelines, thanks to the corporatism that infects the halls of Washington, has been consolidated into the hands of very few. Those few, like AT&T, offered no resistance when the White House used their data logs to violate the fourth and fifth amendments. They offered no resistance when the NSA equipment was installed. They will similarly offer no resistance if the order ever comes to switch off their portion of the network.

The surveillance problem is as old as the Internet. The surveillance device called Carnivore is a Clinton-era invention for the FBI, which, when taken to a local ISP, can log everything a target user does online. ECHELON is a communications surveillance system that isn’t exclusively American, but it can pick up everything from phone calls to email, and has been in existence for at least the past 8 years.

It should be obvious by now that our own government has evolved some very frightening surveillance capabilities that already affect the Web. Our ISPs, the ones who could stand up for the rights of their users if they wanted to, have already surrendered to the State.

Our digital freedom has already been compromised in numerous small skirmishes. There are encryption algorithms that are illegal for “civilians” to use in the United States. That’s like outlawing a certain brand of safe because it’s too hard for the FBI to crack. Bloggers have been arrested for not betraying their sources to the Feds. Websites have been shut down and their property confiscated for publishing information our federal government didn’t like. Excuses from decency laws to tax violations have been used to justify the raids.

Unfortunately, the freedom of the press is relatively new in human history. The amount of time that the good people of Russia have enjoyed a free press, in all the long history of their nation, can be measured in decades. In ancient times, crafting propaganda was an accepted role of government, so censorship was tolerated and even commended. The freedom to speak truth to power is a radical concept from the revolutionaries of the 17th and 18th centuries that we can thank the Swiss and the earliest Americans for. Having a free press is not the natural state of things. It isn’t enough to take its existence for granted, as if it is some established fortress to defend. Judging from history, the free press is instead a rare, endangered species of freedom that is always on the brink of extinction. It needs to be cultivated and defended constantly. The relentless push of government means this essential human right will never be completely safe.

Corporate Censorship

The web is still mostly free of government intervention – Big Brother is only watching so far – so the biggest assaults on free speech on the web have been from private firms like ISPs and big websites.

• MySpace, owned by Rupert Murdoch’s NewsCorp (which owns FOX News), censors messages and blog entries. Some banned topics include Alex Jones’ Infowars.com website, homosexuality, and even Ron Paul.
• AOL censored email messages among their users that protested AOL’s plan to charge “postage” for sending email messages.
• Comcast deliberately hobbled file transfers made using the popular BitTorrent application.

But there are ways of getting around the Web without using MySpace, AOL or Comcast. AOL got slapped by its users for its censorship. Comcast has worked out an agreement with BitTorrent. MySpace is far from having a monopoly on social networking online. Since private companies can always be circumvented by other private efforts, the specter of big ISPs shouldn’t frighten you as much as the Net Neutrality crowd would like. At least not in the way they would like. Yes, the ISPs have collapsed in surrender to government surveillance. No, they are not about to wreck everyone’s online experience for a few extra bucks.

Still, those who run the biggest social media websites, such as YouTube, can pose a threat. Because of the Digital Millenium Copyright Act (DMCA), a large media company can have almost anything taken down from YouTube if they claim it infringes on their copyrights. The video is removed first, and then the one who uploaded it must prove his innocence. The pattern repeats across every large online utility for sharing media.

With legislation like the DMCA, and the ever-present surveillance state, large websites with a lot to lose in a confrontation with the government will happily self-censor. Yellow Times, a left-leaning news website, was taken down for showing photographs of American soldiers’ coffins coming out of Iraq. And that was back in 2003.

Self Censorship

Another large problem we face in preserving our online freedom is a personal one. The consequences of speaking out about a given topic, or sharing certain information, can feel dangerous or unpatriotic. Sometimes it is merely unpopular. For many, the fear of public denunciation is enough to chill their speech. It had been easy for me to assume that with what seemed like the entire freedom movement huddled around LewRockwell.com and Mises.org like they were a pair of fading campfires, that we were a tiny island of liberty in a rising sea of collectivism. For truth tellers, the world can seem a very hostile place, and on the Internet the entire record of your words is laid bare for all to come and mock. In an atmosphere like the one we have in America today, it is easy to just shut up about freedom and try to live quietly without rocking the boat.

Well, the boat needs rocking, and you are not alone. This is the first place where we can start taking back what freedom has been lost, and stay on the offensive against tyranny.

SOLUTION

What to do

I found, as the Ron Paul campaign progressed, that the ideas of liberty still resonate with Americans whose ears are open. The philosophy of limited government and broad freedom is still popular, even if much of America still doesn’t realize it. For this reason it is imperative that we stop being so shy on the Web! Now is the time to start blogs, conduct podcasts, and create videos. We need to hear one another just as badly as the rest of the country needs to hear us. As a member of the freedom movement, make your voice heard online at every turn! Public opinion on the web is nothing except the sum of what the individuals on it contribute, so contribute!

Be a Snowflake • If the Ron Paul campaign showed us anything, it is that the Internet can be completely overrun by a popular movement. We forced the media’s hand on November 5 and December 16 by calling their bluff on money and public support for a liberty-minded candidate, and exposed the bias for what it is. We jarred Congress over the amnesty bill. We can do this. And online activity is nothing but sound and fury unless it materializes into real world action. As amazing as it is, cyberspace is just a tool for those of us who live in real space. Organize with those near you, or if it suits you, with those far away. Or work on your own. It hardly matters, so long as you do something. Don’t wait for orders from HQ. It is the job of every patriot to make life miserable for the tyrants. Use the tools of the Web to get organized, and get out there and do something!
I recommend joining campaigns like DownsizeDC.org, and use the organizing power of the Web to overwhelm Congress with the freedom message. I can't stress enough how important it is to exercise your own voice on the Internet. One of the mottoes adopted at DownsizeDC is that no snowflake believes itself responsible for the avalanche. When you get proactive about exercising that First Amendment on the Internet, you may only feel like one snowflake, but individual snowflakes make up an avalanche.

**Don't try to move heaven and earth to enforce copyright law** • government only pays attention to the fact that "Freedom Works." To operate. The steps toward this politically will be very easy to take, if our human creativity that manifests itself every time a pure free market is permitted to preserve the Internet as we know it. But we in the freedom movement know better: legislative creep never ends, and the first few benevolent steps of Net Neutrality will inexorably morph into digital tyranny. Securing digital liberty, freeing the market of the ISPs and content providers to make it freely available on the Internet. The only thing this encryption embargo does is chase away foreign business worried about data security. The government's role is to protect the rights and privacy of the individual, not hem the individual in so he can be better monitored. If you're worried about terrorists, laws don't stop them from using tools to do things they shouldn't, so why impair innocent Americans?

**Be a Little Paranoid** • Utilize encryption in your online communications, especially for your political activism. Use online privacy tools that will help mask your movements on the Web. Adopt some best practices of online etiquette and avoid revealing too much of your identity over the Web. There are a few safety precautions you can take on your own that will help keep your digital rights intact. See the links below.

**Blueprint for Digital Freedom: Suggestions to Congress**

The Net Neutrality campaign insists that government regulation must be introduced to preserve the Internet as we know it. But we in the freedom movement know better: legislative creep never ends, and the first few benevolent steps of Net Neutrality will inexorably morph into digital tyranny. Securing digital liberty, freeing the market of the ISPs and content providers alike, will not merely maintain the status quo, but unleash the boundless human creativity that manifests itself every time a pure free market is permitted to operate. The steps toward this politically will be very easy to take, if our government only pays attention to the fact that "Freedom Works."

Don't try to move heaven and earth to enforce copyright law • Information is infinitely and effortlessly reproducible now. Copyright infringement is a violation of a private license agreement, but it is not theft. No manner how much the big producers of intellectual property don't like it, it is no longer possible to guard a secret indefinitely. The old treatment of IP was to patent it, copyright it, force others not to copy it, as if keeping a secret somehow contributed wealth to society. Buttreasing the old copyright paradigm with greater and greater enforcement will only lead where alcohol prohibition led: the destruction of individual rights and the complete failure to combat the actual problem. The media industry has some growing pains to endure. But Congress, please don't lead a crusade against non-violent Internet users just because the media lobby says you should. The way we think about copyright is changing. Our concept of information ownership is evolving along with our information technology. We should encourage Congress to let the people solve these issues privately and on a case-by-case basis. Tort reform applies peripherally to this, but that is a topic for a completely different article.

**Decriminalize sophisticated encryption algorithms** • Currently there are methods of data encryption that are just not allowed in the United States. Our government considers the DES Algorithm a munition, so Americans are only allowed to use it at a very small level of strength. Who is serving who here, if the people are not allowed to keep their own digital affairs private? The people who want good encryption will use it anyway—it is freely available on the Internet. The only thing this encryption embargo does is chase away foreign business worried about data security. The government's role is to protect the rights and privacy of the individual, not hem the individual in so he can be better monitored. If you're worried about terrorists, laws don't stop them from using tools to do things they shouldn't, so why impair innocent Americans?

**Remove any surveillance equipment built into the Internet backbone** • We understand the specter of terrorism is scary, but this level of information gathering is a clear violation of the Bill of Rights, against the entire philosophy of our Constitution, and should not be in the hands of any part of our government. There is no reason terrorism can't be stopped by detective work and an armed populace ready to defend themselves. The American intelligence community should remove any and all preemptive surveillance devices from Internet infrastructure.

**Congress shall make no law...** • The first amendment is very simple, and it is my assertion that any law interfering with the development of the Internet abridges the freedom of the digital press. The Internet should be a domain of complete and total federal non-intervention. There are many out there who fear this lack of control, but that is the nature of freedom. Sometimes people do things with their freedom you don't like. Like Thomas Jefferson said, I would rather be exposed to the inconveniences attending too much liberty than those attending too small a degree of it.

**Resources**

- Get some Privacy • http://gnupg.org • http://www.hushmail.com
- http://www.eff.org/wp/six-tips-protect-your-search-privacy
- Start a Blog • http://www.blogger.com • http://www.wordpress.com
- http://www.typepad.com
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End the Domestic Police State

Bush not only invaded and occupied two foreign countries under the guise of fighting this terror war, but used this false flag terror attack to push forward a domestic militarized police state agenda. This was facilitated with legislation such as the Patriot Act, the Military Commissions Act and the now pending Homegrown Terrorism and Violent Radicalization Act of 2007. It has also been facilitated with numerous unconstitutional directives and orders like National Security Presidential Directive 51 (NSPD-51) which makes the president a dictator over all three branches of government during a catastrophic emergency. Bush has already organized the creation of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) as well as U.S. Northern Command (USNORTHCOM), both of which are being utilized to setup a 21st century technological enslavement system for the American people.

In order to restore freedom to this nation, these pieces of legislation need to be shredded, these unconstitutional directives overturned, and these unconstitutional governmental institutions abolished. If we simply followed the Constitution and educated people on the true nature of criminality in the federal government, we could dismantle the domestic police state.

Following the 9/11 attacks, one of the first pieces of legislation proposed to support the phony war on terror was HR 3162, otherwise known as the Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism or Patriot Act of 2001. Members of Congress weren’t even given time to read the legislation before they voted on it. Despite this, the legislation passed overwhelmingly in the U.S. Senate and the U.S. House of Representatives. It is incredibly shocking how such a large group of people could vote in favor of a piece of legislation that they didn’t even read. This alone speaks volumes at the quality of representation that we have in Congress.

There was a good reason as to why Congress wasn’t given the opportunity to read it prior to the vote. The Patriot Act gave the executive branch draconian powers that shredded large portions of the Constitution. Section 802 of the Patriot Act provides a wide ranging and broad definition of domestic terrorism. It is so broad that even particular misdemeanor offenses can be considered domestic terrorism under its definition.

This wasn’t enough for the Bush administration as they attempted the passage of an even more draconian piece of legislation that would have fully destroyed the Constitution. In 2003 a document entitled the Domestic Security Enhancement Act of 2003 was secretly leaked from the Department of Justice. The document, which was referred to by many in the press as Patriot Act 2, would have essentially made the Bill of Rights null and void. The document outlined the creation of a DNA database of suspected terrorists, the creation of kangaroo courts for terrorists, immunity to law enforcement agents spying on the American people, the criminalization of news gathering, legalization of data mining without warrants, the federalization of local police agencies, the legalization of secret extradition of terror suspects to foreign countries, and the legalization of a vast array of other tyrannical powers. The legislation was eventually introduced as the Victory Act which contained many of the same provisions as the Domestic Security Enhancement Act of 2003. Even though the legislation was not passed, the Bush administration has legally or illegally implemented a good amount of what was outlined in the Victory Act anyway.

The original Patriot Act which contained a five year sunset clause was officially renewed in 2006 under the guise of giving the government the tools they need to fight
tortists. Considering that the entire war on terror is a manufactured fraud, there is no question that the Patriot Act is being used not to fight terrorists but to enslave the American people through a broad definition of domestic terrorism.

Also in 2006, Bush signed the Military Commissions Act of 2006 which officially destroyed habeas corpus. Under this legislation, the government can legally strip American citizens of their citizenship who are accused of being terrorists which, in effect, removes any guaranteed protections that the accused individual has under the Constitution. The American Al-Qaeda videos depicting Adam Gadahn, also known as Adam Pearlman, has been used by the government and the media to propagandize how American citizens might be terrorists. What’s so ridiculous about these American Al-Qaeda videos is the fact that Pearlman is actually the grandson of Carl Pearlman, a former Anti-Defamation League (ADL) board member. The ADL is a major Israeli and Jewish lobbying group that makes the credibility of these so called American Al-Qaeda videos entirely laughable. That’s right folks. These Al-Qaeda video and audio tapes released after the 9/11 attacks are fakes, released or staged by our own intelligence apparatus in order to indirectly aid the president’s agenda.

As horrific as the Patriot Act and Military Commissions Act of 2006 are, there is another piece of legislation currently pending action in the U.S. Senate that will allow the government to classify certain types of thoughts and belief systems as homegrown terrorism. The legislation called the Homegrown Terrorism and Violent Radicalization Act of 2007 will also establish a commission and a so called Center of Excellence to study and defeat thought criminals. Amazingly, this bill was passed by a vote of 404 to 6 in the U.S. House of Representatives. Each person who voted for this bill should be immediately thrown out of office. There is no question that this bill is entirely unconstitutional, and the fact that 404 of our so called representatives would vote in favor of this is proof that they have willingly violated their oath of office to protect and defend the Constitution. The U.S. Senate version of the bill is currently pending action as S 1959. It is imperative that this legislation get defeated; otherwise, the executive branch will be able to use it to go after people in the alternative media who are saying things about the government that they don’t particularly like.

Beyond these tyrannical pieces of legislation, the Bush administration has set up two unconstitutional institutions following the 9/11 attacks which openly threaten liberty and are serving to set up a militarized police state. These institutions are serving to implement the tyranny which is clearly outlined in these pieces of legislation.

Let’s first take a look at U.S. Northern Command, a military command set up in 2002, whose stated mission is to assist local, state and federal authorities with defense support. Their mission was at first limited by the Posse Comitatus Act that forbids domestic law enforcement by the military. However, since that point in time, the Bush administration signed the 2006 and 2007 Defense Authorization Acts that essentially overturned this 19th century law. This has opened the door for USNORTHCOM to implement an apparatus specifically built for the purpose of implementing martial law.

USNORTHCOM has admitted publicly that they are seeking closer ties with the Canadian and Mexican militaries as well as governmental and private institutions within all three countries. The informational release from USNORTHCOM entitled Vision 2020 outlines a long-term plan to implement a martial law apparatus for all three countries. It will essentially be the military domestic enforcement arm for North America as rules and regulations between the three nations are harmonized through the Security and Prosperity Partnership (SPP). The SPP is outright treason on the part of Bush as Congress did not approve this agreement which is serving to dissolve our borders and move the North American region into a regional government similar to the European Union. To make matters worse, USNORTHCOM chief officer General Gene Renuart has already signed an agreement with Canada Command allowing the Canadian military to enter the United States during a civil emergency and the U.S. military to enter Canada in a similar scenario. This agreement, like the SPP, is also illegal as it was not approved by Congress as the Constitution demands.

USNORTHCOM has already assisted different government agencies in disaster relief and admitted to using the Hurricane Katrina disaster as a test laboratory to better improve their martial law capabilities. During the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, militarized police roamed New Orleans and tested the limits with unconstitutional gun confiscations. By using USNORTHCOM in these different roles, it is serving to socially engineer the general public to accept military personnel enforcing domestic law here in the United States.

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) was also officially formed in 2002 and is another threat to liberty in this nation. This institution, announced by Bush shortly after the 9/11 attacks, was sold to the American people as a way to more efficiently fight terrorists. In reality, this institution is focusing on setting up a technological police state by funding the militarization of local police, setting up closed circuit TV grids in major cities, implementing a national ID card, setting up license plate scanners, implementing absurd search procedures at airports, and other measures that are turning this country into a third world police state. Michael Chertoff, Secretary of the DHS, is attempting to set up an internal checkpoint in the middle of Vermont to look for terrorists. It is a matter of public record that the Bush administration is attempting to set up a militarized police state in which they can accuse anybody of being a terrorist and have the legal excuse to lock them up indefinitely. They are attempting to define terms like “homegrown terrorism” and “domestic terrorism” as far ranging and as broadly as they can so they can arrest political dissidents and other people protesting their tyrannical rule. There is no question that this country is slowly turning into what Nazi Germany and the Soviet Union used to be and, if something isn’t done about it, we will be permanently living in the Fourth Reich.

SOLUTION

In general, the solution to defeating this militarized police state is very simple. We need a dramatic reduction in the size of the federal government and the removal of all unconstitutional laws, orders and directives. It is through big government and the failure to follow the Constitution that has resulted in the federal government funding this militarized police state.

More specifically, we need to overturn legislation like the Patriot Act and the Military Commissions Act and others. We also need to ensure that S 1959 is not passed by the U.S. Senate and signed by the president. In addition, we need to abolish the domestic enslavement apparatus by shuttering the DHS and USNORTHCOM into a million pieces. The U.S. military should be strictly forbidden from operating in the streets of the United States and Posse Comitatus restored. There also needs to be an investigation into NSPD-51 and the continuity of government plans which have been kept from Congress. Amazingly, the Bush administration has refused to share the contents of this directive with the U.S. House’s Homeland Security Committee. This is entirely unacceptable. This is a free country not a dictatorship, and the contents of this directive need to be made public.

People also need to be educated on the fact that the official 9/11 story and the war on terror is a complete fraud. The 9/11 Commission Report failed to answer a number of questions as to what actually happened that day. To top it off, nobody was held accountable for what was one of the largest military failures in U.S. history.

In addition, how is it that the Pentagon, which is supposed to be one of
the most well-defended buildings in the world, managed to be successfully attacked after it was clear that a deliberate terrorist attack took place in New York earlier in the day. Why is it that we have seen the rise of a domestic militarized police state and the acceptance of perpetual war based on an official story that simply does not add up? Why is it that every Osama Bin Laden video and audio tape since the 9/11 attacks are provable fakes and all of these so-called Al-Qaeda video and audio tapes come from CIA front groups like IntelCenter with no definitive source? Here's another question, why haven't Jenna and Barbara Bush volunteered for the military? If terrorists are really threatening our way of life, you would think that these two young ladies would sign up and support their father's war of terror.

Even if you don't believe that 9/11 was an inside job, you have to ask why they aren't sealing the borders to prevent terrorists from coming in. The U.S. State Department has even said that people should be aware of militarized combat in areas around the U.S.-Mexico border. It is a joke that we have to fight Al-Qaeda on the other side of the world when we have a real threat to this nation in our own backyard and nothing is being done about it. In fact, Bush has demoralized the U.S. Border Patrol by allowing two border agents to go to jail for shooting a drug trafficker who was unlawfully crossing the border.

Besides getting rid of the Department of Homeland Security and U.S. Northern Command, other institutions that are facilitating the enslavement of the American people must be abolished as well. In fact, 95% if not more of the federal government should be abolished. Most importantly, there should be an investigation into The Federal Reserve and the Internal Revenue Service which are looting the American people through inflation and a draconian tax system that is helping to fund this enslavement apparatus. Law enforcement should be handled on as local level as possible and the militarization of police needs to end now.

Although this piece focuses in on the phony war on terror which is being used as the primary excuse to set up this domestic police state, the war on drugs also needs to be addressed. The war on drugs has given rise to agencies like the Drug Enforcement Agency which is furthering the police state agenda through this ridiculous anti-drug agenda. The government has no right to govern what you decide to put in your body. Therefore, we need an immediate decriminalization of drugs so police do not have the excuse to seize people's property and put people in jail for merely possessing a substance the government doesn't want you to have. The war on drugs has resulted in this country having more people in prison percentage wise than any other country on the face of the earth. It is just as much a fraud as the phony terror war as it is admitted that the CIA and other government agencies profit from the black market in drugs that is facilitated by the drug laws themselves. There's no question that the bogus war on drugs helped push forward the domestic police state prior to the fraudulent terror war and should be ended as well.

The bottom line is that the war on terror is as much a fraud as it is actually a war of terror. The real solution is educating people on how it is a fraud so we can move forward in abolishing the pieces of legislation and institutions that are being used to dismantle the Constitution. At that point, maybe we can get some people into Congress who will actually investigate all of this insanity. Currently we have a bunch of people in Congress who have voting records that socialists, fascists, communists and collectivists would happily approve of. If we don't take action now, freedom and liberty will no longer exist in the so-called land of the free.

Activist Profile

R3VOLUTION March in Washington DC • July 12, 2008

The R3VOLUTION March scheduled for July 12th in Washington DC has to be one of the most thoroughly discussed events in the movement's history. Some of our movement luminaries such as Devvy Kidd published the position that we shouldn't do this march at all (in favor of a presence at the RNC), while others such as Ernest Hancock eschew collective action.

The motives or objectives have been strongly debated. For some, media attention remains an objective. For others, it's a confidence-building or training exercise for the movement. For many, all they had to hear is that Dr. Paul wanted to do it. In fact, there were several groups and individuals who seemed to have started working on a movement. For many, all they had to hear is that Dr. Paul wanted to do it.

For us at RTR, we're mindful of our obligation to carry on the work of Aaron Russo who brought us so far as a movement. Depending on what version of the movie 'America: Freedom To Fascism' you watched, you were urged to be prepared to take part in mass demonstrations, strikes or even civil disobedience. These actions represent our promise to our friend Aaron and to our nation as a whole.

This July 12th mobilization will put us right on the streets for some rigorous activist action and we hope to greatly expand the teaching and learning opportunities for the movement. We'll use this event to send home as many mobilization experts as we can.

We're recruiting as many volunteers in as many different capacities as we can, and we have volunteers with every imaginable skill getting to work right now. We'd like more folks to be Marshal and Medical volunteers; we still need graphic artists, the travel subcommittee just got organized and there are still a lot more subcommittee positions open. I'd encourage everyone who attends to volunteer in some capacity as we work to insure a safe, peaceful, family-oriented event.

Ultimately we'll publish every step we took and all relevant documents for other groups to use as a template for future action. The RNC is coming up soon. We have a position paper on this at our website, RevolutionMarch.com.

Now, since no movement is complete without somebody holding out the hat, the budget for this event so far is looking pretty expensive. Major expenses include portapotties, sound equipment, a stage, rental of police officers, and travel expenses for key speakers and staff who otherwise could not afford to be there. We have no way of knowing how many people will actually show up but we'd like to be prepared for more than ten-thousand of us. Expenses add up fast. We'll be publishing an official budget soon, so please consider making a donation to make this event great. RevolutionMarch.com is a 100% volunteer organization with no profit motive — 100% of your donations will directly support this event.
PROBLEM

It has become common knowledge within the freedom and tax honesty movements that the current enforcement of the tax code is unconstitutional and, therefore, illegal. It is also well known that the tax system is designed to feed the banking system to pay the interest on the money that Congress is supposed to mint, but has given that power to the private bankers. This would be akin to a fox guarding the henhouse scenario.

In edition five of Republic Magazine we discussed the illegality of the current income tax scheme; or more correctly, the illegal and unconstitutional methods the IRS uses to force people who are not liable for income tax to pay income tax. As was pointed out, Congress has specific and limited means by which it may raise revenue (taxes) for the operation of the federal government. This limitation was made by design to ensure that the abusive taxation endured by the colonists would not be repeated by their newly formed government.

Congress passed the Income Tax Act of 1894 which imposed a direct tax upon the income of U.S. citizens. More specifically, it applied that tax to citizens living outside of federal jurisdiction. In Pollock v. Farmers Loan and Trust, the Supreme Court stated that this act was unconstitutional, as it was a direct tax not apportioned among the many states.

The 16th Amendment was passed by Congress in 1909, and was arguably ratified in 1913. This amendment did not repeal any other section of the Constitution. In the 1911 case of Flint v. Stone Tracy Co., the court stated the 16th Amendment allowed the Corporate Income Tax to be placed in the category of an excise tax, measured by income, "on the privilege of doing business in corporate form."

In the case of Murphy v. IRS (2005), the Supreme Court stated: "The Sixteenth Amendment simply does not authorize the Congress to tax as "incomes" every sort of revenue a taxpayer may receive. As the Supreme Court noted long ago, the "Congress cannot make a thing income which is not so in fact." And further in McCulloch v. Maryland, 17 U.S. (4 Wheat.) 316, 431 (1819), the court stated: "it would not be consistent with our constitutional government, and the sanctity of property in our system, merely to rely upon the legislature to decide what constitutes income." (Emphasis added)

The courts have admitted that not all "incomes" are taxable, and congress cannot make a thing income when it is not income. The term "income," as it was used at the time of the passing of the 16th Amendment and therefore MUST be the meaning used today, meant profit derived from corporate activity. Money derived from the exchange of time and talents is not "income" in the 16th Amendment sense and, therefore, a direct tax on the individual is unconstitutional if not apportioned.

The problem here is not the IRS Code, or even its existence, but by how it is being interpreted and enforced. If the federal government were to abide by its constitutional mandate, (that of interstate and foreign commerce), there would be no need to abolish the IRS as the government would be working totally within their constitutionally defined power and scope.

To complicate things a bit further, let's talk a minute about jurisdiction. Within the Constitution (Article 1, Section 8), Congress is given the power of exclusive "Legislation in all Cases whatsoever, over such District (not exceeding ten Miles square) as may, by Cession of particular States, and the Acceptance of Congress, become the Seat of the Government of the United States, and to exercise like Authority over all Places purchased by the Consent of the Legislature of the State in which the Same shall be, for the Erection of Forts, Magazines, Arsenals, dock-Yards, and other needful Buildings," also

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Constitution must be immediately phased out of existence. Obviously this could have no intrinsic value — no backing other than the good faith of the nation. The instruments used to fund the central bank system of the United States, and it has been funded by the American people, is the collateral to The Federal Reserve on the debt instrument for the Federal Reserve, or more accurately, the income of the Federal Reserve. The Federal Reserve prints money, it trades that money to the government for a note. According to President Franklin D. Roosevelt: “In politics, nothing happens by accident. If it happens, you can bet it was planned that way.”

As this article is but a brief overview, we obviously cannot address all the concerns necessary to do this topic justice. However, the basic premise is identified; the task of correcting our government’s system of taxation is large, but it is not insurmountable. In my opinion, we need to address the following concerns:

1. Return the area of direct taxation identified in the 16th Amendment back to its original intent, namely gains derived from corporate activity. The corporate entity enjoys a level of protection the citizen does not; therefore, for that protection they pay a tax to the government. This will provide an immediate stimulus package to the economy. The end result would be a massive infusion of capital into the economies of every state of the union. Disposable income would rise, new job opportunities would be created due to the rise in capital, and the value of the dollar would rise, increasing our foreign buying power. All of these things could be realized by returning our government to the constitutional standard upon which it was created.

2. Increase the foreign buying power of the dollar. The same year that the 16th Amendment was created, the United States citizen was the beneficiary of a new class of citizen, a federal or United States citizen. It also granted, or rather imposed, that no state could deny this new U.S. citizen equal protection under the law; this included the laws of taxation. This also caused a change in the hierarchy of citizenship from the superior state citizen to the new superior federal citizen.

For many in the freedom and tax honesty movements, dual citizenship or the dual meaning of the term “United States” citizen causes a bit of confusion. The term “United States,” when used in the Constitution, means the many states of the Union; however, when used in federal statutes, it means under federal jurisdiction within the federal enclave or territory.

Because the federal government has absolutely NO legal police/enforcement power outside of a federal enclave, a mechanism had to be put into place to create a nexus between the federal government and the people residing within the states of the Union. This was accomplished by the 14th Amendment. Currently, the federal government operates under the assumption that all members of society are 14th Amendment citizens and, therefore, ensures “their” citizen’s privileges and obligations are protected, and that they have federal control over them wherever they reside. One further point to highlight when dealing with the 14th Amendment: this amendment grants privileges to this new class of citizen, not rights, and any privilege granted by a government can be taken back by the government.

The same year that the 16th Amendment was ratified, The Federal Reserve was created. Coincidence? According to President Franklin D. Roosevelt: “In politics, nothing happens by accident. If it happens, you can bet it was planned that way.”

Our system of taxation is tied directly to our monetary system. When The Federal Reserve prints money, it trades that money to the government for a note. The interest on that note is then paid to The Federal Reserve from the “income” taxes of the American people. The tax, or more accurately, the income of the American people, is the collateral to The Federal Reserve on the debt instrument known as Federal Reserve Notes. The items we call money are actually debt instruments used to fund the central bank system of the United States, and it has no intrinsic value — no backing other than the good faith of the nation.

**SOLUTION**

Replacing our current tax system with a constitutional system would have a ripple effect that would require correction to other areas of our government and society. As this article is but a brief overview, we obviously cannot address all the concerns necessary to do this topic justice. However, the basic premise is identified; the task of correcting our government’s system of taxation is large, but it is not insurmountable. In my opinion, we need to address the following concerns:

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All government programs must be authorized by the enumerated powers within the Constitution. Any program/organization that is not authorized by the Constitution must be immediately phased out of existence. Obviously this could have devastating effects on wide sectors of society, especially for programs such as Social Security. Entitlement programs such as this will need to have a cut-off date for which entitlements will no longer be available and those persons will have to take responsibility for their own support.

Return to a tariff based revenue system for government operation. If tariffs prove insufficient to cover the legitimate costs of the federal government, the balance will be apportioned to the states based on their proportion of population in relation to the country. If a state has 10 percent of the nation’s population then it will be responsible for paying 10 percent of the deficit. The net effect of this type of taxation will be to bring awareness and discussion of federal spending to the state and citizen level rather than solely within the halls of Congress.

Mandate that any special use taxes be reserved solely for the designed uses, and any excess taxes collected will be returned to the states or to the people. An example of special use taxes would be the gasoline tax. These taxes are supposed to be collected and used for the building and maintenance of roads and bridges. Any taxes collected must be used only for those designated purposes.

Remove The Federal Reserve and return all monetary functions back to the government. All Federal Reserve banks should be converted to clearing houses for management of member banks. The banks system should be prohibited from practicing fractional reserve banking and the government should return to value based currency and prohibit debt based currency.

Congress must resume its’ duties of minting U.S. currency, and managing the value thereof, as outlined in the Constitution. If those members in Congress cannot or will not uphold their responsibility, then we must replace those Congressmen with someone who will.

Repeal the 14th Amendment and put the federal government back to its rightful position as inferior to the states of the union. The Constitution was designed with certain checks and balances to ensure liberty for all citizens. The federal government was designed to be the servant of the states and of the people, not the other way around.

Once this has been accomplished, the cost of government would be drastically reduced, and the majority of the financial needs of the government could be met by the traditional constitutional means of taxation, namely, direct apportioned taxes, duties, imports, and excises.

Liberals with whom I have discussed this topic inevitably ask “Where will the government get the money to pay for what it wants to do?” My reply is, “What did they do before they started taxing the individual worker?” The government ran fine by taxing the areas within the Constitutional taxing authority for well over a hundred years. It was not until the government started expanding into socialist programs, wealth redistribution, and massive funding of other countries that they needed to steal from the American population.

The answer is a return to a government guided by the constitution. Funding the total operation of the government solely by constitutional taxation could be done if we were to remove The Federal Reserve, downsizing or eliminate the IRS, reduce overseas payouts (which amount to billions every year), cease to fund groups such as the United Nations, discard unconstitutional social programs, and reduce our military footprint around the world. We are the most technologically advanced nation in the world and have the ability to attack any spot on the face of the globe; we do not need to have massive numbers of troops and equipment all over the globe.

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The Real ID Act is clearly unconstitutional for at least four reasons:

1. It is blatant in its disregard for constitutional guarantees of privacy.
2. The Real ID runs roughshod over states’ rights, violating 10th Amendment guarantees.
3. It forces millions of Americans to violate their religious beliefs.
4. It places conditions on the inalienable rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

Privacy—4th Amendment

The 4th Amendment states: “The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated.”

In 1999, Scott McNealy, the chief executive officer of Sun Microsystems, told a group of reporters and analysts, “You have zero privacy anyway. Get over it.” With this one flippant statement, McNealy was willing to forever flush down the toilet the constitution’s protections against government “snooper-vision.”

Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff is obviously willing to do the same. The Real ID Act mandates that Americans must give a picture of their birth certificates, social security cards, and a digitized picture of their faces for the purpose of biometric identification—all required to obtain their national ID cards. All of this information must then be entered into the database of the state’s Bureau of Motor Vehicles. This database then must be linked to the databases of the other 49 states, creating a national database containing the records of every American. This national database would then be available for exercising control over the activities of every citizen.

At this point, Mr. Chertoff would vigorously object on several points, as he has done: 1. “Real ID is not a national ID card,” he would say. 2. “There will not be a national database created.” 3. “There is no way that Homeland Security intends to use Real ID to control people. Our only purpose is to keep them secure.”

These objections sound reassuring. The problem is... they are all blatantly false! Let’s examine them one by one.

“The Real ID card is not a national ID card.”

Let’s keep this real simple. Question #1: Is this an ID card? Everyone, including Mr. Chertoff, would say yes, of course. Question #2: Was this created by a city law, a state law or a national law? Well, by a national law, obviously. Then it is a national ID card! It’s as simple as that. No double talk; no deceit; just the truth. The Real ID card is a national ID card!

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“No man who trades freedom for security does not deserve nor will he ever receive either.”

—Benjamin Franklin

Homeland Security Act of 2002:
SEC. 1514. NATIONAL IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM NOT AUTHORIZED.

Nothing in this Act shall be construed to authorize the development of a national identification system or card.

“There will be no national database created.”

The simplest among us understand that when the databases of all 50 states are linked, as the Real ID Act mandates, you have just created a national database. The entire justification for the linking of all databases is so that the DMVs of each state can access the records of the other 49 states.

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called for. Here’s the quote: “The creation of a unified database to be maintained by the Department of Homeland Security and comprised of data from the Social Security Administration and the Department of Homeland Security…” This section was titled Employment Eligibility Verification and was authored by Homeland Security itself. Thankfully, it went down to defeat…but they certainly tried, didn’t they? And they are still trying.

“Real ID and its database will not be used to control people.”

If a person refuses to have a national ID card, he or she will not be able to drive a car, since the states will force compliance to Real ID in order to get your driver’s license. The person will not be able to board an airplane, enter a federal building where ID is required, open a bank account, or hold a job (if Homeland Security has its way).

The Immigration Bill mandated that every person be required to have a national ID card in order to obtain or hold a job in America. Each employer would have been required to swipe the individual’s ID card through a card-reading mechanism that would have checked with Homeland Security’s database for permission to employ. This would have placed into the hands of Homeland Security the power to approve or deny the right to make a living. (See Section 707 A, B & C titled Employment Eligibility and Verification.)

No control? That is the ultimate control!

Real ID card will be a tracking device

The Real ID Act calls for the national ID card to be machine-readable. This means it could be swiped at the security lines at the airport, to purchase groceries, when applying for a job, to open a bank account, to enter a federal building…well, you get the picture. Every time you swipe your card, another record is created. Soon, each of us will be tracked 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Privacy? Get over it!

States’ rights–10th Amendment

The 10th Amendment states: “The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people.”

The federal government of the United States is not given the power to issue drivers’ licenses or to regulate the issuance thereof. This power has always resided in the states. The Real ID Act mandates how drivers’ licenses are to be issued and how they must be designed. It is clearly unconstitutional!

Freedom of religion–1st Amendment

Millions of Americans are presently very disturbed by what the federal government is attempting to force them to do. There is a prophecy in the Bible that a time will come when people worldwide will be forced to receive a mark, or a number without which they will be unable to buy or sell. It’s called the mark of the beast.

The prophecy is recorded in Revelation 13:15-18. It describes a time when a system of world government will be established on earth. (i.e., Globalization, World Bank, World Trade Organization, World Health Organization, World Court, World Community, International Monetary Fund, etc.) Conformity and obedience to this world government will be enforced by giving every person a number or a mark. Without this number, the person will not be able to buy or sell. In order to get this number, mark or ID card, a person will be required to submit to the edicts of the world government system.

The Real ID is the perfect mechanism for implementing such a system. And, by the way, nations all over the world are moving to set up national ID systems right now. Out of 192 nations on earth, 186 of them will have a national ID system in operation by 2010. I’m sure that all the nations moving to do this at the very same time is merely coincidental…don’t you think?

Economic sanction is the favorite tool of control for those who believe in world government. When the United Nations wants to force a nation to obey its edicts, it levies economic sanctions against that nation. Member nations of the UN are expected to not buy from or sell to the offending nation until it bows the knee in compliance to the resolutions of the UN Security Council. This power is presently being used against the nation of Iran in an attempt to force it to suspend its nuclear enrichment program.

A person’s identification number is what enables governmental control. An ID number in a national database places the individual under the power of the government. When the government can control whether you drive, fly or hold a job, freedom is over! A TIME/CNN poll found that 59% of Americans believe the prophecies of the book of Revelation will come true. President Reagan was a student of Revelation and wondered if we might not be the generation that would see Armageddon.

According to scripture, all who take the mark of the beast will be punished by eternal damnation. As we have demonstrated above, Homeland Security intends to require the Real ID for obtaining or holding a job in America. How much buying or selling will we be able to do without a job?

Though the national ID may not be the mark of the beast today, it is obviously the mechanism whereby the mark of the beast will ultimately be implemented. Should 59% of Americans be put through the trauma of having to choose between a system that they believe is destined to become the mark of the beast or being unable to feed their families? It should never happen in the land of the free and the home of the brave!

Remember—“Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof.”

The right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness

According to the preamble to our Declaration of Independence, all men are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights. One of them is the right to life. Do we have the right to life if the government has the power to deny us the right to make a living?

Can we claim liberty when we are continually monitored and controlled by a national ID and tracked by surveillance cameras? Remember, control and liberty are opposite terms. You can have one or the other, but you can’t have both.

How can we possibly be happy when we can feel the electronic handcuffs of governmental supervision being snapped around our wrists? The government must never be handed the power to enslave us! The rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness are unalienable!

There’s a reason why our forefathers have refused to implement a national ID for 230 years. It’s the same reason why we should refuse it now! No national ID today! No national ID ever!
The fundamental operational principle of the constitutional Militia is that everyone who is physically able is required to be armed — with their own personal military-grade firearm, ammunition, and necessary accoutrements in their possession at home — and ready to repel invasions, suppress rebellions and insurrections, and enforce the laws, especially against usurpation and tyranny.

The Colonial and State Militia Acts of the pre-constitutional period generally did exempt from routine Militia musters and training some people who held high public offices or who engaged in particularly important professions or trades. Nonetheless, most of these individuals were required by law to arm themselves and to appear for service during “alarms.” For a typical example, Georgia’s Militia Act of 1755 mandated that: “...every able Male person from the age of Sixteen to Sixty years who has once resided & shall be [within] this province for the space of Three Months (Slaves excepted) is *** liable to bear Arms *** * [17] except the several persons herein after particularly mentioned who shall be excused and exempted from appearing at General and Ordinary Musters, *** (that is to Say) all *** members of his Majesty’s Council & their Officers, *** the members of the Assembly*** and their Officers, the Chief Justice & Justices of the Court of common Pleas, the Attorney General, the Attorneys of the said Court, the Clerk of the Crown and Pleas, the provost Marshall, the Master and Register of the high Court of Chancery ***, the Judge of the Vice Admiralty, the Officers of his Majesties Customs, the Surveyor General of his Majesties Lands in this province, the Clergy, the Chatechist of Savannah***, [the] Public Treasurer, powder receiver, Comptrollers, Waiters and Commissary, *** his Majesties Justices of the peace ***. Provided, that all the[se] persons *** (the members of his Majesty’s Honorable Council and of the Assembly, and their Officers & the pilots and Ferrymen only excepted) shall in the Time of Rebellion, Insurrection or Actual Invasion, attend under the proper Colors of the Company ***, completely Armed and Furnished * * *[18], on pain of Forfeiting the Sum of Ten pounds Sterling.”[1]

These special exemptions, however, were matters of statutory grace, not of legal right. Militiamen were not volunteers. “[E]very able person from the age of Sixteen to Sixty years” was required to serve. And to be excused required a special reason recognized by the legislature.

Georgia’s Militia Act of 1755 illustrates the general requirements enforced throughout the Colonies and independent States, that: “…the Captains *** shall *** enlist and enroll, the names of all the Male Inhabitants of this province, from the Age of Sixteen to Sixty years ***, and the persons *** shall be obliged to appear at Musters *** [E]very person liable to appear and bear Arms at any Muster, exercise or training *** shall constantly keep *** at his usual place of abode, and bring with him at such muster Exercise or training one Gun or Musquet fit for Service, one Cartridge Box with at least nine Cartridges filled with good Gun powder and Ball that shall fit his Piece, a Horn or Flask containing at least [12] a quarter of a pound of Gun Powder and a Shott Pouch with Bullets proportional to the Gun powder, *** one Worm, and Picker, four spare Flints, a Bayonet Sword or hatchet of the fitness and sufficiency of which Arms, every Commanding Officer of the Company *** is *** to be the Judge.

“(1) In case any person liable to appear and bear arms *** shall neglect or refuse to appear completely armed and furnished *** at any General Muster *** every Such person shall forfeit & pay a Sum not exceeding ten Shillings Sterling, and in case any such person shall neglect or refuse to appear *** at every ordinary Muster every such person shall forfeit, and pay a Sum not exceeding five Shillings ***.

“(1) It shall and may be Lawfull for the Commission Officers ***, Six times in a year, *** at any convenient time of the Day to repair to the places of residence, of any person or persons, as well those persons who are obliged to appear, on alarms, as to other persons liable to bear arms, *** [13] and to demand a sight of their Arms, Furniture, Ammunition and Accoutrements ***, and in case persons, shall refuse to produce, any such Arms, Furniture,
Ammunition and Accoutrements, or to Suffer the same to be viewed and inspected, or if when produced the said Officers shall find the same defective * * * [they may] Fine every person offending * * * in any Sum not exceeding five Shillings Sterling * * *.”[2]

As this statute shows, the duty to keep and bear arms had no limitation or qualification, but obliged every male inhabitant from 16 to 60 years of age to arm himself and appear for musters, training, and service in the field. The lower and upper boundaries of age the statute set on the duties to arm, muster, train, and serve were intended only to reflect practical presumptions about physical ability and psychological maturity, not to impose arbitrary discriminations. Georgia’s Militia Act specifically called to service men from 16 to 60 years of age with the expectation that they would prove both capable in skills and sufficient in numbers to do what was required of them. But those boundaries were never meant to be exclusive. Neither in Georgia nor in any other Colony or independent State did any Militia Act ever decree that any free and loyal person under 16 or over 60 (or whatever the particular ages happened to be) could not possess a firearm, ammunition, and accoutrements suitable for Militia service (or any other legitimate purpose, for that matter). Or that anyone between 16 and 60 who was physically unable to train or serve in the field could not possess a firearm. Or that anyone over 60 could not volunteer for Militia service, or would never be required to serve in case of an “alarm.” Or even that women could not possess
and, if absolutely necessary in an emergency, use firearms for the common defense or self-defense.

The Militia Acts of pre-constitutional times mandated no licensing requirements for the inhabitants’ private possession of arms. They established no general control over firearms by public officials—to the contrary, firearms were required to be in every man’s own hands, “at his usual place of abode.” No one worried about being punished for possessing a firearm and ammunition—rather, penalties attached for not having them always available, in good working order. No one feared that public officials would conduct house-to-house searches to find and take away armaments—instead, “a sight” could be demanded only to make sure that every man actually had immediately accessible to him at home a suitable, functioning firearm and ammunition for his own personal use. And public officials were concerned, not that the people possessed too many firearms, but that they had too few.[3]

None of this was extraordinary, in the political context. The pre-constitutional Militia Acts enforced the duty of each individual to keep and bear arms which derived from—and put into general effect for the benefit of society as a whole, the unalienable right of each individual to keep and bear arms for personal self-defense—what the Founding Fathers’ legal mentor, William Blackstone, called “the natural right of resistance and self-preservation, when the sanctions of society and laws are found insufficient to restrain the violence of oppression.”[4] Indeed, if Americans had enjoyed no right to keep and bear arms—that is, no legal claim to arms themselves against the contrary commands of public officials—they could never have imagined themselves entitled, empowered, or enabled to employ arms to suppress, oppose, or even deter usurpation and tyranny.

The principle in operation was that the only truly free men are armed men, because an armed citizenry is necessary to maintain a free society. As the Second Amendment came to summarize the idea, “[a] well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.” A “free State” is one with “[a] well regulated Militia,” and “[a] well regulated Militia” is one composed of all “the people” actually exercising their “right *** to keep and bear Arms,” with no “infringe[ment]” by public officials. Arms in every citizen’s personal possession are the precondition for freedom, freedom the hoped-for consequence of such possession (if the Militia do their part). And public officials can do nothing to interfere with such possession, being limited in their authority to ensuring that, through and in the Militia, everyone obtains and maintains private possession of firearms suitable for defending individual liberty and social order.

In Georgia, however, as in most Colonies and independent States, not everyone was free to possess firearms, because not everyone was free in other ways. As the Militia Act of 1755 itself recited, “every able Male person from the age of Sixteen to Sixty years who has once resided & shall be [within] this province for the space of Three Months (SLAVES EXCEPTED) is *** liable to bear Arms.” Thus, the emphasized words turn the researcher to the Colonial law of slavery.

Georgia’s Slavery Act of 1765, for example, explained itself on the rather blatant theory of legalistic oppression that: “Slavery has been introduced and allowed in His Majesty’s Colonies in America and *** Power over such Slaves ought to be settled and limited by positive Laws, so that the Slaves may be kept in due Subjection and Obedience *** [.][5]

The Act went on to provide: “... [t]hat it shall not be lawful for any Slave unless in the presence of some White Person to carry and make use of Fire Arms or any offensive Weapon whatsoever. Unless such Slave shall have a Ticket or Licence in Writing from his Master, Mistress or Overseer to hunt *** and that such Licence be renewed once every Month, or unless there be some White Person of the Age of sixteen years or upwards in the Company of such Slave when he is hunting or Shooting, or that such Slave be actually carrying his Master’s Arms to or from his Master’s Plantation by a special Ticket for that purpose, or unless such Slave be found in the Day time actually keeping off Birds within the Plantation to which such Slave belongs lodging the same Gun at Night within the dwelling-House of his Master, Mistress, or white Overseer. PROVIDED ALSO That no Slave shall have Liberty to carry any Gun, Cutlass, Pistol or other Offensive Weapon abroad at any Time, between Saturday Evening after Sun-set and Monday Morning before Sun rise Notwithstanding a Licence or Ticket for so doing, and in Case any Person shall find any Slave using or carrying fire-Arms or other Offensive Weapon contrary to *** this Act, such Person may lawfully seize and take away such Offensive Weapon or fire-Arms *** [.][6]

The connection between theory and practice in this statute was as inevitable as it was obvious. Those “kept in due Subjection and Obedience” could not be suffered to possess firearms without strict supervision and restraint, lest they attempt to employ those firearms to free themselves from that “Subjection and Obedience.” So, slaves’ access to and use of firearms were strictly “licensed” or otherwise controlled, in order:

- to minimize the number of firearms available to them;
- to keep track of which slaves had access to which firearms and for what purposes;
- to limit the uses to which slaves could put firearms;
- to make sure that the selfsame firearms made available to slaves during the day were returned to their masters’ control “at Night” (when, presumably, the danger of insurrection was most acute); and
- to subject to seizure all unlicensed firearms, and any firearms possessed outside of permissible places or during prohibited periods.

Under some circumstances, though, even slaves could be armed for service with the Militia during emergencies. For example, Georgia’s Militia Act of 1755 allowed: “... [t]hat [certain] Slaves [whom their masters deemed particularly reliable] * * shall in Time of General Alarm and Actual Invasion *** & not otherwise be armed by the respective Owners *** with one sufficient Gun, one Hatchet, powder Horn and Short Pouch, with Ammunition of powder and Bullets, for twenty Rounds, and Six Spare Flints, and Shall be Sent *** to the place of Ranzvous of the respective Company’s *** and instead of a pecuniary fining, such Slaves for Breach or neglect of duty, shall be subject to *** Corporal punishment *** [.][7]

And meritorious service was rewarded. For “... every Negro or other Slave *** who shall actually engage the Enemy, in times of Invasion***, and Shall *** kill any one of the Enemy, or take a prisoner alive or Shall take any of their Colours *** shall be *** free and absolutely discharged from all Slavery *** whatsoever, and the Owner *** of such *** Slaves *** shall be satisfied for the full Value [thereof] *** out of the public Treasury[,]”[8]

This remained the practice on the eve of the War of Independence.[9] Nonetheless, armed service with the Militia depended entirely on a slave’s proven political reliability, as evidenced by his master’s recommendation. No one else in Colonial America required a recommendation from some alleged superior before he could possess a military-grade firearm; and no one else could keep and bear such a firearm only “in Time of General Alarm and Actual Invasion *** & not otherwise.”

That the only general exception in Colonial statutes to the right of individuals to keep and bear arms applied exclusively to slaves supports three conclusions:

- First, the principle of slavery—that men “kept in due Subjection and Obedience” must be disarmed—is the opposite of and antagonistic to the principle of the Militia—that free men are armed.
- Second, general “gun control” whereby most individuals in society are disarmed unless “licensed” or otherwise regulated by some select group of supposed
superiors — is destructive of the Militia.

• Third, general “gun control” can be justified only on the theory that the individuals disarmed are thereby rightfully to be “kept in due Subjection and Obedience.”

Now, the exception to the right of individuals to keep and bear arms found in the Slave States — namely, that those States could completely and permanently disarm the class of individuals held in bondage — continued after ratification of the Constitution, because slavery persisted in those States. And, as the Militia remained “the Militia of the several States,” even Congress could not employ its power under Article I, Section 8, Clause 16 to arm slaves in contradiction of State laws that sanctioned “the peculiar institution.” Therefore, Congress never attempted to do so.

In 1865, however, the Thirteenth Amendment outlawed slavery in most cases:

Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, except as a punishment for crime whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, shall exist within the United States, or any place subject to their jurisdiction.

Because slavery was, as Georgia’s statute of 1765 attested, a matter of “positive law” — that is, because the legal existence of slavery required a statute within the competence of the legislature to enact — when the Thirteenth Amendment limited the imposition of slavery to “a punishment for crime” it necessarily stripped both the State legislatures and Congress of any purported power to impose slavery or any of its peculiar “badges and incidents” for any other purpose.

General “gun control” was an important “badge and incident” of slavery — indeed, the most crucial of all, because without it the slaves could not possibly have been “kept in due Subjection and Obedience.” Therefore, today the Thirteenth Amendment must outlaw all general “gun control,” except as to those individuals who have actually been “duly convicted” of “crime” and for their “punishment” have been sentenced to a term of “slavery” [or involuntary servitude], during which they may be “kept in due Subjection and Obedience” by being disarmed, even after being released from prison. (What violations of law may rightfully be considered a “crime” deserving of “slavery” or involuntary servitude is, however, another question. Arguably, a “felony” as understood in the Colonies — that is, “an offence which occasions a total forfeiture of either lands or goods, or both, at the common law; and to which capital or other punishment may be superadded, according to the degree of guilt”[10] — could qualify.) In any event, the Thirteenth Amendment’s implicit limitation on general “gun control” puts sharp teeth in the explicit guarantee of the Second Amendment that “the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.” For vanishingly few Americans would knowingly tolerate the imposition of any of the “badges and incidents” of “slavery” or involuntary servitude as “punishment” for any but the most serious “crime[s]” and the most hardened, recidivistic offenders.

And teeth are surely necessary, in light of the parallels between the law of slavery as it applied to firearms and contemporary proposals for general “gun control”:

• The law of slavery denied slaves any legal right to possess firearms, and minimized the number of arms available to them. Contemporary “gun control” presumes that Congress and the State legislatures enjoy the power to disarm anyone and everyone, invents more and more classes of individuals to be disqualified from possessing firearms, and designates more and more types of firearms, the private possession of which is to be forbidden.

• The law of slavery carefully tracked which slaves had access to which firearms and for what purposes. Contemporary “gun control” seeks to ban all firearms for which politicians and bureaucrats claim to see no “sporting” purposes — especially those of proven military value, such as so-called “assault weapons,” 50 BMG caliber rifles, and accurate high-powered rifles with telescopic sights (now being demonized in the media as “sniper rifles”).

• The law of slavery required that the firearms slaves were allowed to use during the day always be returned to their masters’ control every night. Contemporary “gun control” proposes that all privately owned firearms be secured in governmentally supervised storage until withdrawn for governmentally approved “sport,” and then promptly returned.

• The law of slavery subjected to seizure all unlicensed firearms in slaves’ hands, and any firearms slaves possessed outside of permissible places or during prohibited periods. Contemporary “gun control” insists on nothing less for everyone except the Armed Forces and the police, as well as confiscation of all firearms of prohibited types in private hands.

These parallels illustrate that general “gun control” is nothing less than a political program aimed at reposing the most crucial “badge and incident” of slavery on every one other than an elitist leadership class and its armed guardians, in order thereby to remove the ultimate deterrent to and defense against that class’s usurpation and tyranny, and keep common Americans perpetually “in due Subjection and Obedience.” (A slave, of course, can never complain of usurpation or tyranny, because slavery is the very perfection of usurpation and tyranny.)

Nowhere in America are these parallels more glaring and shocking than in the District of Columbia. The District prides itself on being a city in which African-Americans, the vast majority of whom are probably to some degree descendants of Southern slaves, hold high political, economic, and social positions. And it is the Nation’s Capital. Yet, all of this notwithstanding, the residents of the District of Columbia suffer from “gun control” that in its thoroughgoing oppressiveness embodies the essence of the exorbitant powers claimed by antebellum Southern slavery.

How is one to explain this anomy? The time for correction is running out, for all of us together.

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Stop Forced Human Chipping

Ban RFID Technology for Human Identification

PROBLEM

Just a few short generations ago, the very mention of implanting a microchip into a human would have been either repulsive or laughable to most people. The technology was not available, nor was it really conceivable. At the very mention of the idea, most people would have rejected the notion outright. No debate. No discussion. Just NO!

So, what happened to “No?” What happened to a common sense “No” by “We The People” to the notion of implanting, or even forcibly implanting, people with microchips? Frog boiling—that’s what! We have been watching our liberties disappear slowly over time and we have failed to react. Now as the proverbial “water” heats up with the disappearance of our 4th amendment rights, we are finally waking up to see that we are almost cooked.

If you are not familiar with human implantable microchip technology, you can gain a full understanding at www.antichips.com. It is a small microchip about the size of a grain of rice. Once inserted under the skin, it will recognize the signal of a microchip “reader” and communicate with it. The chip’s unique ID number will be used to identify and track people, ostensibly for their own “safety,” and it may contain private, personal data as well.

Forcible human chipping is not a far-off threat or a delusion on the part of a bunch of misguided privacy advocates, as some would like the public to think. As an example, patients at the Alzheimer’s Community Care Center in West Palm Beach, Florida have already been chipped. The website for this company states that this program is not forced and that a patient’s legal representative can make the decision for them. The program is to improve the safety for the patient and, of course, it improves the staff’s efficiency.

This sounds nice in theory, but what happens if the patient held religious or political beliefs that would not allow the chipping? Certainly one would hope their legal representative would make the choice based on the patient’s personal commitments, but this will not always be the case, especially when the patient is in the custody of the “state.”

While the rest of us continue to “stew” in the frog pot, unaware of this brewing predicament, prisoners, mentally disabled people, soldiers, immigrants and selected religious, civil liberty and activist groups, and eventually—you—will be ready to be served up! After all, once you take the Real ID card, why bother carrying the card at all? Why not just take the chip or the tattoo, or allow your face, fingerprint or iris, to be used to identify and track you?

Here is why! • It attacks human dignity, lowering us to a class of animals to be tagged, monitored, and controlled.

Assault • It invades our bodily privacy in a form akin to “rape.” Arguably, if rape is forced sexual intercourse, forced human chipping is forced “technological intercourse.” Why is assault by rape limited to invasion of the body sexually? Bodily invasion is bodily invasion. If we cannot be secure in our own bodies, how can we be secure with our persons and papers?

1st Amendment Trashed • It defies our 1st amendment rights to religious freedom: “Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof…”

4th Amendment Trashed • It defies our 4th amendment “right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects…”

Causes Cancer • Studies published between 1996 and 2006 link microchips and cancer in...
laboratory animals. The cancers form at the injection site. VeriChip apparently knew of these studies but, according to AP reporter Todd Lewan, failed to provide them during the FDA approval process in 2004. For a full report on these studies and VeriChip’s lack of full disclosure to the FDA you can go to http://www.antichips.com/cancer/index.html

Overwhelms Us • It is Orwellian in nature and pulls a slow heavy cloud of denial over the vast majority of sleeping voters who simply wish to look the other way and watch this occur in some other segment of the population, until they too, are “frog boiled.”

Social Engineering • From the time we were very small we have been taught to trust the government, people in uniforms, corporations and other authorities. It is beyond many American’s comprehension that our own government and/or our corporations would harm us in any way. This defensive instinct has been “educated out” of most of us, leaving many of us not knowing whether to fight, flee or just sit there. With most of us choosing the latter alternative, who will be left to watch the watchers.

“But, I want the chip!” • Many people will actually be eager for such a chip: no more hassle with identification, medical records will be readily available, no need to present additional identification when you board a plane – just show up – you are your own ID.

It’s for Our Own Good • Another argument in favor of human chipping is the protection of infants from being stolen from hospitals and for identification of children in the event of abduction or murder. Others will say that hikers and mountain climbers should be chipped for their own safety and to facilitate rescue operations. There is, apparently, literally no end to “good” reasons for our liberties to be “chipped” away.

The Agenda • In essence, the case of human chipping is literally a desire on the part of some to inject a chip into the infant the moment it is born, and to track, monitor, understand, predict and control the activities and productivity of that person from cradle to grave.

The Truth • People are not transactions and we are not bits and bytes. As the gap closes between human and machine, our fundamental understanding of what it means to be “human” and, in the United States of America, what it means to be a stakeholder in the Constitution must be crystallized.

We must use our Constitution as a prism through which we can refract the issues presented by each of the technical, economic, social and political changes presented to us. In so doing, we can control the technologies and use them for real good. For instance, being able to implant a microchip to assist during a surgical operation could be a great use of the technology. Microchips to track and control product inventories and shipments – great! Using the same skills and determination you used to contact legislators on the Anti-Human Chipping issue, make Real ID the next agenda item to take up with your legislators. There are some wonderful websites to help you on this cause: www.stoprealidcoalition.blogspot.com, www.realnightmare.org, www.stoprealidnow.blogspot.com, www.ronpaul2008.org.

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SOLUTION
Don’t take the chip! Blog! Write! Educate! Protest! Legislate!

Legislation #1 • Draw a clear bright line in the “sand” – Help pass “The Bodily Integrity Act” in your state: Wisconsin, North Dakota, California and Oklahoma have all passed legislation banning the forced implantations of microchips in humans. Florida, Colorado, Arizona and Ohio are considering the issue.

To find the model legislation, please go to http://www.antichips.com/legislation.htm. Then, look up your legislators and ask them to sponsor the bill or support bills already being considered. The Bodily Integrity Act can be downloaded as a PDF file from the above link. A sample letter is also available to help you get started.

When you read The Bodily Integrity Act you will notice that it clearly delineates the microchip device from the act of tracking the device. This is a critical issue because, as is already being seen, the “device” is not limited to the current VeriChip microchip, but could literally be “any means, any item, application, device, marking, or other technology capable of storing or passively or actively transmitting an individual’s identity, characteristics, status, group membership, travel history, or location, or capable of storing or transmitting a number, symbol, signal, pattern, or other identifier that could be linked with any such information.”

This cannot be over-emphasized as there are really two critical issues at stake: 1, the forcible implantation of a device on or in a person is a clear violation of our 1st and 4th amendment rights. And 2, tracking a person based on any device or characteristic is also a clear violation of our 4th amendments rights and potentially our 1st amendments rights if our particular religion is “why” we are being “tracked.”

If you have never contacted your legislators before, you might feel a bit nervous. Just take a deep breath and remember who they work for — you! Get on the Internet or the telephone and let them know your views. If you need assistance in any step of this process help is only a click or two away and can be obtained through the same link.

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Contact the Media • Contact your local, regional and national papers, television and radio channels and web news. Write letters to the editor and send them to your local paper — they really work!

Write To the Companies and Associations • Send a personal letter to companies and associations that provide products and services to people that might be first in line to receive “the cancer chip.” At this time, over 600 hospitals are capable of “reading” the VeriChip. Other associations might include those affiliated with elder care, disabled care, prison directors and even Homeland Security.

Advertise • If you are financially well off, consider placing an ad in a regional or national paper or magazine or other publication to call attention to the encroachment of our civil rights.

Find Alternatives • If you have a loved one who might need immediate access to their medical records, try the MedicAlert® Foundation. They have over 50 years of experience in the emergency response business.

Lobby • Yes — anyone can do it. Many of our legislators attempt to introduce bills to protect privacy and or stop any attempts to force human chipping. If they are not in “someone’s pocket,” they are usually fighting alone against corporate lobbyists and technology companies and even Homeland Security. Very few members of “We the People” ever show up to rally our support for them. Assist them by reviewing legislation and suggesting changes as needed to help craft tight, well-written legislation. Help them build a solid constituency of other legislators in agreement. This takes work, but you can do it from home, over the Internet and on the telephone if you can’t get to your state capital.

This is critical if we want our “good” elected people to succeed. They will be happy to work with you if you are part of the “solution” rather than the “problem.” Most of them are overworked and under-staffed — help them succeed for you and your family. If you need help, give us a shout at www.antichips.com.

Hold the Moral High Ground
We know instinctively that control of government encroachment is critical at this juncture. Technical capabilities are expanding so rapidly that holding them up to the prism of Constitutional freedoms is beyond most of our abilities. This does not change our freedoms, nor does it release us from the responsibility to self-govern.

While no one at the time the Constitution was written could have visualized the ease of identification and tracking provided by a microchip, it would only have encouraged our forefathers to place even more rigid restrictions on the federal government. Our forefathers would be dismayed to see so many of us happily being “frog boiled.”
When Are Parents Going to Fix Education

Over the past 25 years I have read thousands of words written about how to improve education in America, but what do we see coming out of the government’s indoctrination centers? It makes me sad to say, but so many are little more than zombies. Fifty percent of all college freshmen need remedial reading instruction. Watch the individual out there who can’t even make change at a mini-mart until the computerized cash register puts it up on a digital screen. All the money in the world won’t fix education as long as the system is unconstitutionally controlled by the federal government and as long as the curriculum is anti-American, anti-learning and new world order doctrine driven. See Education for Sustainable Tyranny: The UN Agenda For America’s Children. Get this video and share it with grandparents who have the time to march on the statehouses.

People are under the gross misconception that the federal government has authority to regulate education in this country. It doesn’t, and anyone can simply look at Article I, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution to verify this statement. If Congress always had the constitutional authority to control education, why then did it wait until 1978 to hijack the educational system in America? Those who have done their homework on this issue know the answer only too clearly. Thank you Jimmy, “the Fool”, Carter.

The big question I have is: How much longer are parents going to allow their most precious gifts from God, their children, to participate in a system designed to crush patriotism, erase any thought of God, teach the communitarian doctrine and shove social engineering down their throats?

Do you think the politicians who scream and chant the loudest about how they’re for “more money for education” send their children to the “public fools” system? Think again. Al Gore’s children went to private school. Bill and Hillary Clinton’s daughter attended private school. Rep. Jane Harman kept her children in private school in Beverly Hills. Way back in 1998, Al Checci, Democratic candidate for governor of California, not only sent his children to private school, but when asked why they don’t attend public school, Checci replied: “Why should I do that? I’m not going to sacrifice my children’s future.” Don’t you just love these hypocrites? He has no problem with your children getting brain rot in the public cesspool system, but because he’s fortunate enough to have the big bucks it takes, his kids go to private school. Republican Dan Lundgren, former Attorney General for the State of California, now living off the public dole in the House of Representatives, chose Catholic school for his children. This smarmy liar wouldn’t have his children in an environment where condoms and sodomy are crammed down their throats every day instead of reading, writing, arithmetic, the U.S. constitution, Bill of Rights and American history.

Well-intended conservatives in this country think that vouchers or charter schools are the answer to the decaying and immoral public school system. This is just more treating of the symptoms, instead of curing the cancer. The voucher and charter-school ideas are playing right into the hands of the globalists. These two Band-Aids are integral in the one-world government agenda, steppingstones if you will, and solve nothing.

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There are many excellent concerned parents groups in the United States, but most of them continue to treat the symptoms by preaching “write your member of Congress” or “elect a conservative Republican.” Has that worked? A resounding no, because Congress (except Ron Paul), no longer represents the American people. The genesis of the problem with America’s education began in 1978 when the federal government unconstitutionally told the sovereign states of the Union to sit down, shut up and put up. Tragically for America’s children over the past thirty years, the state legislatures in this country have sat

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back and bashed in their ignorance. The sickening result is today’s school system; some states like Utah have been fighting back. Parents are also teachers, many of whom I met when I ran for Congress. They told me how ashamed they were that they are forced to teach sodomy as a normal, natural and healthy lifestyle, as well as the stupidity of the environmental wacko agenda just to keep their jobs. I graduated from high school in California in 1967. At that time, America’s school system was the envy of the world and California ranked No. 1 in the Union; today the state is 34th with their buffoon governor, Arnold Schwarzenegger, proposing “universal health care” rammed down every Californians throat. Arnie apparently still believes in Nazism, something he has in common with his father, Gustav, who voluntarily joined Hitler’s infamous Sturmbteilung (SA), “brown shirt” storm troopers.

The failed “No child left behind” program raped the American people to the tune of $24.4 BILLION dollars in 2007. There is no money in the treasury; it’s overdrawn almost $9 TRILLION dollars. The entire education budget (the list of waste is here) will be a whopping $54.4 BILLION BORROWED dollars. There’s no money in the treasury, so this continued waste of money will be funded in the form of a hot check courtesy of both Republicans and Democrats in Congress. Not only are America’s young adults coming out of college in debt from loans ($15-$45,000) the federal government isn’t authorized to give, this borrowed debt to fund education will slap those same young adults with more progressive, heavy taxation so that they will never get out of debt. Is it any wonder so many become alcoholics and drug zombies in college? What future are their parents giving them by allowing this putrid system continue?

Ronald Reagan promised to abolish the unconstitutional Federal Department of Education. Did he keep his promise? No. On September 9, 1996 while in Georgia, Bob Dole, said: “We’re going to cut out the Department of Education.” At that time, the GOP presidential platform read, in part: “Our formula is as simple as it is sweeping: The federal government has no constitutional authority to be involved in school curricula or to control jobs in the workplace. That is why we will abolish the Department of Education, end federal meddling in our schools, and promote family choice at all levels of learning. We therefore call for prompt repeal of the Goals 2000 program and the School-To-Work Act of 1994, which put new federal controls, as well as unfunded mandates, on the States. We further urge that federal attempts to impose outcome- or performance-based education on local schools be ended.” Did Dole carry through with his promise? No, he lied for votes. They’re all liars and opportunists lining their pockets with other people’s hard earned dollars.

At the state level: Parents must get their groups and organizations together and get in the face of their state legislators: Get the Federal Department of Education out of your state. This isn’t about party loyalty, it’s about the safety and welfare of children. At the local level: Parents must get their groups and organizations together and attend school board meetings and demand the sodomite and lesbian recruiting organization are kicked out of your local schools. No more sex education that is thinly disguised porn being shown to young children. My God, I honestly don’t know how America’s parents simply pay no attention to what’s going on at these communist indoctrination centers, but will vote for any incumbent or candidate, state or federal, who promises “more money for education” while the system continues to turn out illiterate young adults brainwashed with the communitarian doctrine. I also highly encourage you to order Holly Swanson’s book, Set Up and Sold Out: What Green Really Means. I shared the podium with her in Grants Pass, Oregon last month and her speech on how much headway the greenie wackos are making in the public schools is frightening. If you
thinks one day your child won't turn you in for stepping on a bug, think again.

There are 72 million parents with children. What do you suppose would happen if 10 or 12 million of them pulled their children out of school all at the same time and home-schooled them until the state legislatures correct the problem? Only parents, using the power they have can stop the brainwashing of America's children into becoming "global citizens" and the push to get children to experiment with queer sex. Let your voices be heard from border to border, coast to coast. Not all parents can afford to put their children in private schools; so many have written me that they feel so poorly educated, they are afraid to home school. There is help out there for those parents who wish to get their children out of these cesspools: Welcome to the National Home Education Network and National Home School Networks. I also highly recommend you look into Exodus Mandate Program. Starve the beast and send a very clear message to Washington and the state houses: We will NOT sacrifice our children on the altar of political correctness, allow them to be taught to hate God and everything this nation was founded on while denying them a real education.

Today's children are tomorrow's society. America's children cannot compete for good paying jobs, learn animal husbandry, farming, accounting or whatever their heart desires if they're functionally illiterate. Get busy, start talking with your friends and other parents from your child's school. Gear up for the first school board meeting this year. I can tell you that dozens of school board members have been recalled by angry parents all over the country, but it takes sacrificing your time and it takes commitment. Working mothers remember this: you are not paying federal income taxes for education. Your "income" tax dollars go to the privately owned Federal Reserve to be doled out to rich potentates in the Middle East and for free dental care for people in New Guinea while your family can barely scrape up enough for teeth cleaning. You aren't working to give your children a better life, you're working to enrich the elite around the world and fund immoral wars for the bankers.

Important Information
1 • The Totalitarian Vision of Human Reconstruction. 2 • A More Perfect Union [DVD]. 3 • Learn what the "communitarian" doctrine is: human reconstruction. 4 • Charlotte Iserbyt's excellent book, The Deliberate Dumbing Down of America, is free on the Internet; every parent should read it. 5 • Education for Sustainable Tyranny: The UN Agenda For America's Children. Get this video and share it with your grandparents who have the time to march on the state houses.

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What Can You Do?
What can you do as one free individual to make a difference? How can you protect your human rights and the rights of others? How can you regain the birthright of liberty left to you by those who fought and died, that we might enjoy individual human rights and the blessings of liberty, life, property, and prosperity? How can you peacefully regain these rights? How do you, one individual, become a revolutionary force of justice and freedom?

Become a juror. To learn more, visit www.fija.org or call 1-800-TEL-Jury for a free information packet.

One of the best and least-known methods you can use to protect your rights and the rights of everyone is to serve on a jury every chance you get. Yes, you read that correctly: every chance you get, serve on a jury.

To defend peaceful, productive individuals from routinely being abused by the power of government, you must first get on the jury. During jury selection lawyers and judges, who like to dictate the law, remove thinking people from juries. The corrupted power of lawyers and judges is dependent upon ignorant, unthinking jurors who will do whatever they are told by government officers, even in violation of good conscience and constitutional law. Be educated!

YOU, as one individual, cannot do much to effect legislation. But YOU can effectively defend the Constitution when a gun owner, a tax resister, or someone who knows he owns his individual body, is on trial for not following government-made laws that are both unconstitutional and violate human rights. The primary responsibility of any juror is to protect innocent humans from government tyranny. That means any violation of basic human rights should be nullified by you, the juror. This is your individual executive veto power, built into our justice system by our founders.

How Can You Do This?
One person can “hang” a jury by refusing to convict. You cannot be punished for doing so. If you are called to serve on a jury, do so! In turn, if your rational exercise of a right is ever described as a gun crime, a property crime, or a body management crime by a typical government prosecutor, wouldn’t you want a member of your Jury to be an informed gun owner, tax resister or supplement user? You would want them to understand that they can hang a jury by simply stating that the government prosecutor failed to prove the government case.

This is important: You can also state no reason for your verdict, as is your right.


The defense of our liberties comes first at the ballot box, then the soap box, then the jury box and...
finally, failing all else, the cartridge box. The writers of the U.S. Constitution understood that power always corrupts, and that the people must retain and understand all the ways to defend themselves from the greatest threat to liberty: one’s own government. The founders wrote the Constitution with many checks and balances for the People to use—peacefully—to keep government under control. Some of us never heard about these checks and balances because the government-run schools do not teach about juror veto rights, nor will government judges or government-licensed attorneys tell you about this right when you are called for jury duty.

For instance, there are more than 20,000 inferior gun laws contradicting the superior or prevailing law of the U.S. Constitution’s Second Amendment. Because judges and lawyers are ignorant of the Constitution and the Common Law, it is only a matter of time before you or one of your friends are stupidly accused of some victimless crime. Enough of us must become informed jurors and use our juror veto, or nullification, to refuse to convict those who have been wrongfully accused of some government-invented crime. An actual crime is when another individual human is injured, not when a reasonable peaceful person fails to obey some tyrannical government mandate or pronouncement. (Government has no rights and, therefore, cannot be injured by a person. If no other human is injured in any way, by force or fraud, then there is no crime. Period!) The duty and function of a juror is to apply honest, common-sense reasoning that is without craving for power of office. Lawyers and judges literally cannot understand that concept, even if they read these words, which is why wise people instituted the peer jury system with its authority over lawyers and judges. The jury is the highest authority in the courtroom. Jurors are not officers of the court; jurors own the courts! This veto authority is how We the People keep our government under our control.

Why Should You Do This?

The promotions of government prosecutors and judges are based on their record of protecting and increasing the corrupt power of government. That entrenched corruption is easily verified. Court judges are no longer a check and balance on the court officers and prosecutors profile jurors based on their psychological and professional likelihood of not questioning what some government authority-figure says, so the jurors will do exactly what a judge tells them in the jury instructions. That is the same type person every dictator selects for his minions. Guiltible people who do not question authority are the foundation of every tyranny. Always question authority. Always!

What Are the Results If Jurors Veto Bad Laws?

In 1789 Thomas Jefferson accurately stated: “I consider trial by jury as the only anchor yet imagined by man by which a government can be held to the principles of its constitution.” The People of this country advanced individual human freedom above government power until corrupted judges usurped the jury system by refusing to remind jurors of their authority to judge the law and the facts of any case. Judges then imposed unlawful jury instructions that fooled guiltible jurors into rubber-stamping guilty verdicts that the judge devised with instructions and by disallowing evidence that proved innocence. The lawyer-judge written Rules of the Court replaced the U.S. Constitution within the jury-rulled dictatorship of what were, once, our Courts. The only anchor—a juror—holding government to the U.S. Constitution was thus rendered useless by this process, unless the juror knew prior to entering the courtroom about the authority of the juror. You know from reading the Constitution that nothing in the Constitution remains in effect in the United States of America, except at the personal whim of court judges who may grant their friends and colleagues the privilege of exercising human rights, while sending others to prison for the exact same offense.

When jurors refuse to convict, legislators and prosecutors know that the law is NOT supported by the community. Acquittals and hung juries are politically embarrassing to the power-craving prosecutors, legislatures, bureaucrats and most judges. Do not underestimate the effect that acquittals have on the currently out-of-control law and regulation writing process. One thinking person among each of only a few juries, who understands the value of individual liberty that cost so many lives to create, can regain gun owner rights in the U.S. A very important point is that in recent jury decisions where the defendant may have been found not guilty of the felony counts but perhaps guilty of some minor misdemeanor counts, the judges will use these verdicts of guilt on lesser offenses to “throw the book” at the defendant, often sentencing the person on trial to the maximum allowed under the law such as happened in the Waco, Sniper and other trials. Jurors need to remember that government employees can be vindictive and, therefore, jurors should refuse to convict a defendant on any counts when it is apparent that the government wants to “get” the defendant and when there is no harm to another person.

For jury nullification to protect all human and constitutional rights, it is necessary for jurors to learn about their authority to judge laws and their application. The reason jurors can lawfully and logically ignore the traditionally corrupted judge’s instructions and apply their conscience alone for their decision as a duty created by the jury system is that no law requires, or can successfully require, a juror to reveal the reason she or he made their decision. There is no way to look inside a human mind to verify anything. To any government question of the juror’s decision, the juror can lawfully respond with silence, or respond that the question seems intimidating, and thus unlawfully tampering with the jury duties. Or the juror can simply state that the evidence was not credible or sufficient. Jurors need never reveal their conscience or their decision-making process.

For every person accused of a crime by the government, each juror would wisely ask his or her own conscience these questions. 1. Did the action of the accused result in a real person being damaged against their will? 2. Was the damage real and verifiable? If the answer is “No” to these questions, why would you, as a juror, agree to punish this person either with a fine or jail or prison time? And you might ask, “Why is a government wasting my tax dollars on this case?” Refuse to convict. It is your right and your authority!

How Can You Spread the Word?

Visit FLJA at www.fija.org for more information you can use to become a juror for justice. At our web supply shop you will find literature, brochures to share, essays, various educational tapes, and DVDs. Want more information right away? Act now! Call 1-800-TEL-JURY for a free information kit!

Now That You Know, What Else Can You Do?

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• Write Letters to the Editor, put up FLJA Posters. Encourage people to demand jury trials, and help educate the jury pool in your area.
• Leave FLJA brochures at neighborhood meetings, PTA meetings, in your Church, at the office or your place of work, at gun shops and ranges, at medical offices, and any other place you have permission to leave materials. Talk to people about this wonderful tool for restoring the Constitutional Republic our founders intended. Ililois Marguerite Jones is the Executive Director of FLJA/AAJ.

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Globalization
The Path to Tyranny

A person caught up in the blur of events, dished up by the purveyors of managed news reporting may not recognize an ever pervasive change of scenes going on backstage. What comes to mind when you hear the term “globalization?” Is it a good thing that hints at the promise of a social utopia, or is it, rather, a portent for doom? So what is this “New World Order?” Is it, in fact, something new at all, or does this catch phrase have significant historical precedent? Socialist collectivism, or this “New World Order” spoken of by Bush senior, has long been pursued by others before him who have sought to implement a utopian ideal.

The Problem
The promotion and eventual passage of GATT (General Agreement on Trade and Tariffs) under the Reagan Administration was touted by the media as a necessary means to boost U.S. commerce and jobs by reducing barriers to international trade. After all, we all wanted to be able to purchase things cheaper, right? During G.H.W. Bush’s Administration, the president’s clarion call from the podium of the House chambers boldly ushered in the “New World Order.”

Then, NAFTA (North American Free Trade Agreement) was initiated by G.H.W. Bush and pushed through Congress during Clinton’s Administration, ostensibly to “encourage trade by eliminating tariffs on most goods originating in and traded between these [Canada, U.S. & Mexico] countries over a fifteen-year period.”

More recently, under the current Bush Administration, the SPP (Security and Prosperity Partnership) has been promoted with the claim that it will provide greater cooperation on security and economic issues. Clearly, there is an overall attempt in these three initiatives by participating countries to promote international trade between countries. We’ve been told by journalists, business and government that, “It’s a vital necessity for business and commerce in order to promote trade between countries.” However, is it actually designed to benefit citizens of the U.S. or is it a Trojan horse being pushed through our gates to entangle us in burdensome and unfair regulations, designed to lower our relative competitiveness as a sovereign and independent nation, thereby destroying our high standard of living to put our workers on par with those from neighboring third world countries while public/private corporate interests control the populace and the profits? In the long run, who really ends up on the short end of the deal?

What you don’t know can hurt you
The operational cloak the proponents of these initiatives are counting on hinges upon keeping the citizenry ignorant of the facts and distracted from considering the implications. Researching the details of treaties such as The North American Union, North American Free Trade Agreement and Security and Prosperity Partnership, reveals a frightening overall picture.

“[Our loss of liberty is through] ...a gradual process of salami slicing where the citizen is eventually subjugated to what is essentially a volunteeristic, quasi-judicial political body controlled by the political elite. It would be like putting a frog into the cold water and then gradually increasing the heat; if you put it into the hot water, it would jump out right away.”—Srdja Trifkovic, Ph.D.

Globalization vs. Globalism
For the purpose of clarity, it is first necessary to understand the terms being used. When using the term of globalization, it is not to be misconstrued to mean globalism which refers to “the belief that we share one fragile planet, the survival of which requires mutual respect and careful treatment of the earth and of all its people…” (Mark Ritchie, Globalization vs. Globalism). Globalization, on the other hand, simply put means the movement of corporate assets, factories and their products to various countries around the world for the purpose of minimizing production costs while maximizing profits.

By Jon Higley
ization, states accurately, “Globalism means a centralization of control over the flow of commerce. When anything is centralized, it also centralizes all the negatives and makes them more of a rule rather than the exception. Survival of the fittest takes over. We also have international entities like the WTO that controls the flow of commerce outside of any real democratic process and act as if they are above individual nation’s laws.”

Historical Background
The scheming toward globalization actually began almost a hundred years ago. It was during the early 1900s that the likes of David Rockefeller, J.P. Morgan, Henry Ford and other wealthy dynasties such as the Vanderbilts and Rothschilds used their influence to manipulate commerce and banking to their favor. As G. Edward Griffin points out in his book, “The Creature from Jekyll Island,” it was Morgan and a cartel of other bankers who met to conspire for the purpose of creating The Federal Reserve, a non-governmental entity which was given the power to control interest rates and lend out funds to banks. It is the third, and current, central bank of the U.S. This was the first in a long, patient process which was intended to gradually dismantle the structure of our government, a republic, and move it toward a tyrannical state controlled by the “power elites” to serve their interests.

Identifying the Culprits
So, who are these “elites” referred to above who have a great deal of influence over our national foreign policies and global economy? Most of the public isn’t aware of this group because the media, being owned and controlled by them, are accomplices in not publicizing their regular meetings in various secluded, yet posh, resorts. They are an exclusive, invitation-only group of top political, business, and media figures known as the Bilderbergers.

Summarizing the objectives of this group of Europe’s and America’s wealthiest CEOs and political “insiders” is best done by quoting William Shannon (Plants to Destroy America are Exposed! American Almanac, Aug. 11, 2002)

“The Bilderbergers are searching for the age of post-nationalism: when we won’t have countries, but rather regions of Earth surrounded by Universal values. That is to say, a global economy one World government (selected rather than elected) and a universal religion. To assure themselves of reaching these objectives, the Bilderbergers focus on a “greater technical approach and less awareness on behalf of the general public.”

Backed by the World Bank and the IMF (International Monetary Fund), with an ever increase level of power and control being given to the United Nations, our elected officials are gradually being relegated to mere figure heads in the overall scheme of things. Over the course of several administrations, both Republican and Democrat, the immigration issue has been ignored while growing further out of control as the drug cartel in Mexico gradually tightened their grip of fear and intimidation on states along the southern border. Increasingly, actions of global magnitude have slowly been working their way through our own country’s legislative process such as the L.O.S.T. (Law of the Sea Treaty), which would give control of our national shores to the U.N. The construction of a “super highway” (I-35 in Texas) from Mexico through the heartland of our country, north to Michigan and Canada, has already begun. This has been well documented on nationally broadcast shows such as 60 Minutes on CBS.

What has been the result of these shifts to greater international trade? To the individual who’s been paying attention at all, it’s obvious that our country’s economic situation has worsened; industries have left the U.S. – steel, automobiles, computers, manufactured goods – our country’s largest area of employment is now in the service sector. We have shifted over the past thirty years from a nation of producers to a nation of consumers—buying products manufactured mostly overseas. Ocean freighters are coming over from China full and returning to China empty most of the time. How long can a country survive if it does not produce much of its own goods?

If our country does not have a balanced economy, how much longer will our existing jobs maintain the ability to purchase those goods being shipped in from overseas? Especially with the rising price of gasoline, the fluid to which this nation is at the mercy of, functioning efficiently. And it certainly doesn’t ease our concerns when, at the Congressional hearing recently, Congresswoman Maxine Waters threatened to nationalize the oil companies. Is this current situation just what the “power elites” have been waiting for in which to take the next step toward imposing a tyrannical government which promises to solve our problems, but very well could take steps which many would find unacceptable? Are we as a people so preoccupied with who gets Anna Nicole’s baby, or Britney Spears’ latest breakdown, or who got breast implants, that we are willing to allow the “power elites” to gradually force us into parity with the rest of the third world countries’ standard of living?

What Must Be Done?
While many would discount that such a thing could happen in our country, the reader need only recall that, back in the 1930s, many in the U.S. didn’t believe the news of concentration camps being used by Hitler either. Public awareness of the potential loss of freedoms we’ve taken for granted for too long, along with radical action by those who recognize the threat — both citizens and elected officials at every level of government — are the two most obvious solutions. To continue “sleeping at the wheel” for much longer will only allow those working with greater diligence to move us toward a tyrannical socialist regime of globalization and win the battle for control.

One organization I highly recommend to raise one’s awareness of the issues facing our nation is restoretherepublic.com, while another is the GiveMeLiberty.org site. These organizations, in a nutshell, best address the issues about which we must become knowledgeable and upon which we must press our elected officials. As you will find, there is soon to be a nation-wide campaign to take action, using the system, in which you can participate to make change for the betterment of our nation’s interests.

Because our government is structured as a representative republic, each of us must participate in the process. We must speak up and be heard. For, if we are silent, if left up to those others have elected to decide on voting one way or the other, because the lobbyists in D.C. have their ear more than we do, then we are complicit in the success of what may well be over the horizon and it will be too late.

Each citizen who understands the threat this situation poses to his/her freedoms and rights must educate and inform themselves so that they may communicate their concerns and expectations to their local, state and federal officials who are there to serve their constituents. We must demand that bills be introduced in state legislatures, as well as our Congress, that will bring the manufacturing production industry back to the U.S. We must demand that the Social Security and Welfare problems be addressed by Congress. We must demand that taxes be overhauled to be fair and equitable for all citizens. We must demand that initiatives like the SPP, the purchasing of land, highways, and other property by foreign entities, be stopped and investigated further.

Elected officials need to be educated about how these circumstances are impacting your life. I’m sure many are already beginning to see evidence of this. If our elected officials don’t respond, then We the People must take up the torch of preserving our freedoms and rights long enjoyed by our fathers, grandparents and others who’ve made the ultimate sacrifice to keep these freedoms, by running for office at the local, state and national levels to effect change for the revitalization of our country’s prosperity, or we have no one to blame but ourselves.

One can’t help but wonder, with all the events occurring so rapidly around us, if it’s too late to maintain hope for our country’s ability to turn its course away from future tyranny that may well be coming. Only time, participation and action by those who don’t want to see us go down that path, will tell.
ISSUE: Should parents be instructed by their children on how the parents run the household? The parents by virtue of their position as creator of the children tell the children how they are to behave, not the other way around. Who created the federal government? The Constitution states that “We the People” created the government for specific and defined purposes with specific and defined powers. One of the responsibilities of “We the People” is to ensure the government is held accountable. In this article I will discuss some of the issues we face and provide some guidance on how we can accomplish this.

I would like to start this article on accountability with the words of Patrick Henry: “This is no time for ceremony. The question before the House is one of awful moment to this country. For my own part, I consider it as nothing less than a question of freedom or slavery... It is only in this way that we can hope to arrive at truth, and fulfill the great responsibility which we hold to God and our country... Mr. President, it is natural to man to indulge in the illusions of hope... Is life so dear, or peace so sweet, as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? Forbid it, Almighty God! I know not what course others may take; but as for me, give me liberty or give me death!”

Patrick Henry’s famous “give me liberty or give me death” speech, when America sat on the brink of war with England, shows the resolve of the American settlers. Hearts were split between the land they grew up with, where their family’s lineage ran long and the binds of generations weighed heavy upon them. But they suffered under a government that would not answer their grievances and instead added increased taxation and more encroaching laws.

Today we have government intrusion into every aspect of our lives. We no longer own property free and clear, if you think you do just try not paying property “tax” and see how long they let you keep “your” property. Every right we may have had at the outset of this great union has been slowly infringed upon, taxed, limited, licensed, fee’s assessed, coded, legislated, and in some cases outright denied. The taxation rate within the colonies that flamed the feelings of oppression and revolt was between three and four percent. Today we give at least 25% of our total earnings and feel good when Uncle Sam gives us back a $500.00 refund check, without paying any interest.

Yet in this day and age of instant communication, YouTube, cable television, cell phones, internet, etc.; very few Americans know anything about the serious threats that loom over them and their posterity. And those that do may not know what to do about it.

James Madison stated: “I believe there are more instances of the abridgement of freedom of the people by gradual and silent encroachments by those in power than by violent and sudden usurpations.”

According to Black’s Law Dictionary (6th Edition) the term “Unalienable Right” is a “right which can NEVER be abridged because they are so fundamental.” (Abridged means: “To reduce or diminish.”) The seventh edition of Black’s however states that Unalienable Right means “a right that cannot be transferred or surrendered.”

Notice the difference, in the former edition where they denote a right cannot be made to be reduced or diminished. In the later they state that it cannot merely be transferred or surrendered. This would leave ground for one to surmise the ability to diminish or limit a right so long as they do not take it away completely.

By Michael LeMieux
Because governments are endowed with powers that can have good as well as evil effects upon their citizenry it is of utmost importance to the well being of that society to hold the government to a high standard and especially those who manage it.

Recently a group of concerned citizens, under the banner of the “We The People Foundation,” petitioned the government for a redress of grievances as provided for under the First Amendment. The government’s response was silence! Many more attempts were made with similar results; so they took the government to court. During this whole process the government acknowledged that, indeed, the people have the “right” to petition the government but that the government has no constitutional responsibility to answer. This of course is absolutely absurd!

For those who remember their history, one of the primary reasons, and in many people’s opinion the most important reason, we went to war with Britain was the King’s refusal to respond to the colonists petitions. In the Declaration of Independence the forefathers listed item after item of the oppressions heaped upon them and stated: “In every stage of these oppressions we have petitioned for redress in the most humble terms; our repeated petitions have been answered only by repeated injury.”

An IRS official when answering the question why would they not answer the petition of the We The People Foundation they responded that they were answering them by “enforcement.” This reminds me of the axiom “that those who forget the lessons of history are doomed to repeat them.”

The We The People Foundation’s case was appealed all the way to the Supreme Court. The Supreme Court decided that it would not hear the case. In my opinion the spineless Black robes chose to play politics with our rights and freedoms instead of standing up for the people and honoring their oath to support and defend the Constitution.

The Constitution defines itself as the supreme law of the land. The Supreme Court has affirmed that any laws that stray outside the enumerated boundaries of the Constitution are repugnant and void as law. This does not mean that the De Facto power does not exist to enforce unconstitutional law; it surely does, it only means that they are wrong doing it and they do it anyway, this is termed as despotic rule.

For instance, the Second Amendment states that “…the right of the people to keep and bare arms shall not be infringed.” Today we have over 20,000 laws, various licenses, fees, applications, and taxes on that “right.” This to me is a prime example of infringement by anyone’s definition.

So what do we do when those sworn to support and defend the Constitution, don’t?

**RESOLUTION** It is the responsibility of the citizens of this nation to hold the government accountable. Every government throughout history that has been left to its own devices eventually turned on its own people (some would argue this is already happening here). So what can WE do to hold our public servants accountable to their oaths and ensure this does not happen here?

- **First** - Get informed; you cannot hold your government accountable if you don’t know what they are supposed to be doing in the first place. The good news is the vast majority of information you need is readily available and free. Start with the founding documents, read the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, and the Bill of Rights. Just knowing these documents will put you ahead of the majority of Americans.

- **Second** - If the persons are elected officials then on the next election cycle fire him! Every other year we have the opportunity to change a percentage of those in office. Review the voting record of any person coming up for re-election. If they fail to uphold the constitutional standard fire their buttons and replace them with someone who will.

- **Third** - Run for office yourself; sometimes when you want a job done right you have to do it yourself, or support someone you know who will. Get involved!

- **Fourth** - Know what your servants are up to. Read the bills being presented and contact your representative to let them know you either support or oppose those bills. There are a number of watchdog organizations that will send you email alerts whenever a suspect bill is introduced. Groups like Restore the Republic, Downsize DC, NRA, Gun Owners of America, and many more.

- **Fifth** - When public servants disregard the Constitution call for their impeachment. It is within the right of every citizen to contact their representative and demand adherence to Article II Section 1 and Article VI of the Constitution where they swear an oath to support and defend the Constitution. Breach of this oath is grounds for impeachment.

- **Sixth** - Support new bills that hold your representatives accountable to the Constitution. Two bills worth supporting are the Enumerated Powers Act and the Read the Bills Act. Both of these bills originated at the grass roots level and are gaining support in Washington.

  The “Read The Bills” Act requires any member voting yes on the bill to have actually read the bill he is voting on. This makes perfect sense. How can anyone in good faith vote to enact law when they have not read the law.

  The Enumerated Powers Act requires anyone submitting a bill for consideration must cite the Constitutional Authority under which this bill gains its authority to authorize the legislation to pass such a bill. Without a clear tie to a constitutional power no bill would be allowed to the floor let alone a vote unless it can be tied directly to the Constitution.

- **Seventh** - Don’t be selfish, once you know something tell someone else. Write your family and friends and pass along the important information you find. Don’t assume they already know this stuff, it was new to you when you found it, share it.

- **Eighth** - Contact your representative and have them sponsor or support a bill that requires every elected representative in both houses to be versed in the founding documents and to know what a “republican form of government” looks like. They cannot “support and defend” a thing they know nothing about.

- **Ninth** - The last and final resort was stated at the beginning of this article by Patrick Henry in preparation of supporting this nation – “Give me Liberty or give me Death.” The founding document, the Declaration of Independence, states “Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed. — That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it… It is their duty to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security…"

So you see my fellow Americans it is up to us to keep our public servants accountable for what THEY do and how WE respond makes all the difference.

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HOW IT STARTED
It started with an unlawful annexation by resolution from the US Congress. There is no provision in the U.S. Constitution that allows its Congress any authority for annexing a foreign nation, which the Constitutional Texas Republic is and was at that time. To accomplish annexation, the U.S. House and Senate passed an unlawful joint resolution using color of law. There was not a quorum present to vote on the matter, so it was passed unlawfully.

Further, only the US Senate by a two-thirds majority vote can pass an annexation treaty, and their annexation authority is limited to territories, not nations. Through this fraud the Constitutional republic of the Texas Nation was unlawfully made by color of law trickery a part of the United States.

Re-Claiming Sovereignty
The government of the Texas republic Nation has now lawfully been vested back into the hands of the people of Texas as a Constitutional republic Nation. This process is not an act of succeeding from the U.S. since history shows that citizens of the Constitutional Texas republic never voted to cede their land in the first place.

More Information
The Constitutional Republic of Texas’ home page on the Internet is http://texas4yourfuture.com. Much information, as well as e-mail addresses, are provided there. You may also keep in touch with current meetings and events by emailing the Constitutional Senator District # 5 at trep777@dctexas.net.

The Next Step
The legal steps have been taken. The framework is in place. Now we can proudly stand upon principle, not because it is popular or easy, but because it is the right thing to do. Why would we continue to support Fraud? It is time to declare your right to live as a free individual and claim the freedoms of life in a republic. Unlike democracy where 51% of the people can enslave the other 49%, in a republic neither the people nor the government can vote away the rights of a Citizen. In the Texas republic a higher authority than man grants these rights.

Freedom for all Texian inhabitants
The Constitutional republic of Texas is not, and cannot and will not become a corporate member of the United Nations or a so-called One World Government. It is a Neutral Nation among the Nations being of God’s World, where its People will enjoy Freedom from oppressive government, Freedom from direct taxes, Freedom of alodial land ownership, Freedom of Travel without toll roads, Freedom of education, Freedom to own and run a personal business without fees, regulations, statutes or codes, Freedom to defend family and property without being arrested, Freedom of speech and Freedom to exercise their God Given Rights.

The Right for Texans is having Independence as a Nation under God’s law held up by Texas Common Law. For understanding what rights the People claiming to be in their official national name, Texians, have to exist and to operate as a free and independent nation, there are two separate fields of study one must address to comprehend its basis in fact. First is history and second is man’s international law, or what is termed in its organic source, as God’s law of nations. Neither field of law address the total question nor answers it.

The Unlawful Fraud
Let us begin this quest for understanding by revealing the facts of the history and the law so that you can make your own judgment on the question.

On March 2, 1836, while in the middle of a war for its independence, the Texians boldly declared their independence from Mexico, which itself several years before, had declared itself independent from Spain. The Texian movement, which had begun formally on November 13, 1835, assembled and adopted the formation of a provisional government. Texans were at war to free themselves from a tyrannical government, but there are also historical records to show that there was another agenda directed towards eventually bringing Texas into a union with the United States. After the fall of the Alamo, delegates in convention adopted a constitution for the new nation of Texas, known as the republic of Texas, on March 17, 1836. On May 14, 1836, by secret agreement with General Santa Anna in the Treaty of Velasco, Texas became a free and sovereign nation. On April 25, 1838 the United States of America entered into a formal treaty, which was declared ratified on October 13, 1838, recognizing the full boundaries of the Constitutional Republic of Texas that were also agreed to by the Adams-Onis Treaty in 1819 between the United States of America and the Nation of Spain, which encompassed approximately 393,000 square miles of land and included parts of the present corporate states of Oklahoma, New Mexico, Kansas, Colorado, and Wyoming.

The Congressional Records of both the Congress of the United States and Congress of the republic of Texas between 1837 and 1845 show that there had been several attempts to bring Texas into a union with the United States; but due to the aggressive stances of several senators and congressmen, such as John Quincy Adams, they were able to prove on the U.S. Congressional Record that it would be unconstitutional for the United States to annex the Texas Nation or any other foreign nation without proper ratification of an amendment to the Constitution to allow for such annexation. But on February 27, 1845, the Senate of the United States usurped its authority under the U.S. Constitution and started the unlawful process to annex Texas to a foreign Nation. This usurpation of authority lacked any lawful foundation under the international law, law of nations and the United States Constitution.

The US Senate was unable to muster enough votes to pass an unlawful treaty, so they proceeded un-lawfully to annex the Texas Nation with a so-called joint resolution. There is a big difference between a Treaty and a Resolution.
There has never been a lawful Treaty of Annexation between the United States of America and the republic of Texas. The records of these congressional proceedings during 1845 and early 1846 are quite explicit, with documented facts showing the unlawful annexation.

Although historians argue that the people of Texas voted for the annexation, they refuse to explain why the Constitution of the United States was violated by the lack of an amendment and ratification by the states then in the union. The records clearly show that the people of the United States would not have voted in support of Texas Annexation and that Texas Annexation was strictly a ploy to facilitate United States’ invasion of Mexico in order to gain Pacific Ocean seaports in California for certain international interests propagated by the United States.

Some historians will argue that since the People of Texas voted on this subject, and due to the long passage of time, the question is settled. Enter now the twist of history and international law that no one officially wants to face and everyone is trying to ignore. Man’s time cannot cure actions of un-lawfulness or fraud. Only God can forgive them.

As part of the unlawful Annexation Resolution of 1845, The People of The Republic of Texas were tricked into adopting a new constitution, which they did on December 29, 1845, but no matter how much you research from that date after 1845 or how much time has past, Fraud is Fraud and all matters regarding the Corporatism THE STATE OF TEXAS and parts of THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO, THE STATE OF COLORADO, THE STATE OF WYOMING, THE STATE OF KANSAS, and THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA are null and void since 1845 when the 10th Congress was forced into abeyance un-lawfully until its re-birth in the Year of our Lord 2005 (161 years). *As a Maxim of Law, fraud vitiates any agreement or contract ab initio (from the beginning).

Texians gained back their rights

The right of those claiming status as Texian Nationals to reform their nation is a reserved right given by God the almighty creator. It now has been reinstated and there is no court in the world that has lawful jurisdiction to decide this political issue. The hard facts are that the Constitutional republic of Texas Political Body assembled as the re-elected 10th Congress in September of 2005. Whereas the people, replaced the elected treasonous and Oath of Office violators of the 1845 10th Congress members who walked off their jobs and away from their responsibilities with dishonor by not convening the 10th congress legislative session thereby placing the Constitutional “Congress of the republic of Texas” into abeyance or dormancy.

After being brought forward in 2005 from the forced abeyance in 1845 by an unlawful Resolution falsely portrayed as a so-called treaty that never was, the Nation of Texas with its Constitutional “Congress of the republic of Texas” is presently conducting business under God’s law and the organic 1836 Constitution “as amended in September 2007.” It has now entered into its 3rd session as the Constitutional republic of Texas so named the 12th elected Congress for the Years of our Lord 2007-2008.

The Texians Demand: Let us go in peace

We native-born Texans, and many adopted Texans, simply want to reclaim our Texas heritage. With respect to Texas, the Corporate United States has violated its own Constitution by not providing Texas with a Republican Form of Government, and has unlawfully compelled the Texian People to participate in its fatally flawed wars, economics, social security, welfare, immigration programs, and its democracy (which was eschewed by the Founding Fathers). It has unlawfully hypothecated Texas land to THE STATE OF TEXAS, and parts of THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO, THE STATE OF COLORADO, THE STATE OF WYOMING, THE STATE OF KANSAS, and THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA.

The Texian People, acting through their body politic, the organic Constitutional Texas republic is re-establishing its true and lawful standing as an independent sovereign nation. Peaceful and lawful recognition by the United States will allow Texas to become the Republican nation where the main duty of the government is the protection of the Peoples’ Rights, Freedom, and Property; Where the government recognizes that the People are the Sovereigns, and the members of government are their servants; Where private personal Religion and Economics are areas that the government dare not enter, and where the People understand what the true role of government is, as well as understand the true nature of government.

The early Texian pioneers and settlers understood and appreciated the Promise of a Nation operating under a Constitutional Republic form of government, using only Gold and Silver as tender of payment of debts, embracing the common-law developed over the centuries to protect and secure the rights of man, providing man the ability to own land and property in allodium, guaranteeing that man will enjoy the fruits of his labor without being taxed for the right to earn a living and provide food, shelter, and the pursuit of happiness for one’s family. They saw an opportunity in Texas that wasn’t available in the United States and headed for Texas. They were up against the harsh Texas land. An imperious government and seemingly insurmountable odds taking on an Army thirty times their size at the Alamo, and finally being victorious in battle and negotiations to win the war and the land, for the people forever.

That is what being a “Texian” means. If you are of like mind we invite you to join us. Our Nation is being reclaimed one living soul at a time. The time is now! We have all the documentation supporting Texas as a legitimate, lawful, sovereign and independent nation that has come out of abeyance to take its lawful place among the nations of this planet.
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