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Gary Douglas Holmes'
"Financial Hope"
A Dangerous, Criminal Scam

By Edward Snook
Chief of Investigations
US~Observer

USA – “Too good to be true,” almost always is... Criminal scam artists like Gary D. Holmes are nothing more or less than well-polished “wolves in sheep’s clothing.”

Holmes-type con men, including Gary D. Holmes himself use the internet and meetings to promote and then fund their financial scams. Holmes used the group-title “Lariat Group” years ago and now he is using the title “Financial Hope.” Many other names and programs, now fallen by the wayside have been sold to an unsuspecting public by this modern day con-man.

Holmes and most of his ilk use Christianity to enhance their

deception, and older people, usually upper-middle-age to the elderly, are their targets. In “Castle Builders Ministry,” one of Holmes’ programs, this deceitful and dangerous man signed his correspondence with his victims – “In His Service.” This is merely a cunning and deceptive reference to God, when any prudent person knows that God’s servants do not lie to, steal from and cheat naïve and trusting individuals.

On January 28, 2010, Holmes sent the following email - *verbatim* - from his email address gdh@legacyassurance.net:

"Hello Fellow Members!

The attacks on me personally continue to a pain in the anterior so I have taken time on the latest FH (Financial Hope) training



Gary D. Holmes

webinar to outline some of the outright lies, half truths, fraud, yellow journalism that is out there in cyber world, you will be able to listen to the webinar by the weekend by going to the financialhope.info site and it will be posted there. We are still on course to see the VICTORY! We have updates below that are positive, we have RPP's that are ready to pay, we have everything ready to complete our journey so continue to pray for protective coverings for our efforts! 2010! Now is When! We will all be blessed!

*HIS
Gary"*

Yes indeed Gary Holmes, you filthy, lying thief! You continue to be “on course” and “ready



We, the
People

By Ron Lee
US~Observer

USA - You and I, our brothers, sisters, mothers and fathers, children, elders - all 310 MILLION of us - are the People. You know, the People referred to in our Constitution. The very people who have ultimate authority and right to exercise that mandated power. We are each a citizen - and therefore each responsible - and for too long we have all given control to those who would lead us, not represent us; control us, not inspire our republic. And, it is time that the People are heard and our will be done.

Recently, the US~Observer asked for submissions, suggestions and opinions on what needs to change. We received a great many responses, all of which can be found on-line at www.usobserver.com. While I personally didn't agree with

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TEA TROUBLE?



Dale
Robertson

“The Tea Party is an inspired movement of like minded Patriots, not the actions of one person, but countless Patriots acting as one. I am deeply concerned the Tea Party is becoming nothing more than a whollyownedsubsidiary of the Republican Party.” - Dale Robertson, President/Founder TeaParty.org

Go to teaparty.org for more!

Joe Stack - Angry,
Like Many Americans



Joe Stack (right) and the result of his attack on the IRS building (left)

By Chuck Baldwin
NewsWithViews.com

All of us are now aware of the Texas man who yesterday flew his private plane into a 7-story Austin office building. Apparently, he intentionally crashed his plane into the building to target the IRS offices that were housed inside the facility.

As I am writing this column just hours after the event took place, there has not yet been a lot of time for the major news media talking heads to spin the story. By the time this column is released on Friday, however, I'm sure we will all have been inundated with copious references to this man, Joe Stack, as being "off his rocker," or similar assertions.

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Larry Stockman Case -
Broken Administrative Law

By Curt Chancler
Investigative Reporter

Crime in America is at an all time high if we count the crimes committed by government against the tax payer and what's left of the business community. The news media and the talking heads in government quote crime stats daily, and most just sit there wide-eyed and take it all in as fact.

The largest perpetrators of crimes committed in this country go unreported and uncounted, they are the crimes committed by government against the people and business. Our government by any definition is a criminal enterprise or more like unorganized crime.

There are hundreds of examples I can quote of



Larry Stockman

behavior that is considered a criminal act if you perform the act, but if government performs the act it is considered part of the governmental process or just business as usual.

Federal law states, “Whom so ever that offers anything of value to anyone for their testimony in any trial, hearing, senate or house committee meeting, has committed the crime of witness tampering, bribery and you can

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Oh My, How Things Have Changed! Or Have They?

By Claire Muzal

I beg to differ with Washington Irving who wrote, "There is a certain relief in change, even though it be from bad to worse; as I have found in travelling in a stage-coach, that it is often a comfort to shift one's position and be bruised in a new place."

Hmmm, not the kind of change I want to believe in!

A year ago, I remember the powerless despair that my Senior-self and some of my peers felt as we observed a Federal juggernaut racing toward more debt and Federal control. Was it inevitable that we endure more and bigger bruises in more places? It was looking like a rough stage-coach ride indeed.

A year ago this month, the first Tax Day Tea Party was held. Then on April 15, I met with some of my despairing friends and a couple thousand other people in Asheville, North Carolina. We were encouraged!

We kept meeting: on July 4th, and on Sept. 12th.

In Washington D.C. we were a huge but very tidy crowd, picking up after ourselves and acting so peaceful that not one police incident took place that day. It was a heady experience to join ranks with so many Main Street Americans to shout "Can you Hear Us Now?" to our Leaders. It was disheartening to go home and see the disparaging, marginalizing, non-news coverage that took place. We weren't being heard.

So we dug in and got more organized, looked ahead to 2010, and planned to hit 'em where it hurt: we'll just take both Democrat and Republican career jobs away and put in some people who won't continue the bruising ride.

In one year's time, we have gone from feeling



Claire Muzal

powerless to becoming empowered and very politically active. All this, despite the fact that the Federal Government, many media outlets, and even many of our neighbors still don't "get us." We had read the signs that pointed to a controlling, Federal Nanny-state, took the signs seriously, and acted. But can the Federal and State Governments and the major political parties read the signs too? Do they clearly hear and understand the rumblings from millions of people out on Main Street?

I wanted to attend a press conference in Greenville, SC today, but a snow storm is coming. One farmer called into a local radio station to report that his pigs broke into his barn, dug holes and made a nest in the straw. Somehow the pigs knew that we were in for a doozie of a winter. They could read the signs and see it coming.

We are surely smarter than those pigs....?

Today's press conference was called by a coalition of upstate conservative political action organizations to clarify - one more time - our relationship to the SC State GOP. The members of the coalition are not professional politicians or lobbyists. They are my friends and neighbors, local business owners, nurses, teachers and retirees. They are tellers and the bank managers, computer geeks and college professors, Moms and doctors.

Collectively we are The Tea Party. We have appealed for fiscal common sense, adherence to our Constitution, national and state sovereignty, and true transparency. We are activists, independent government watchdogs, pushing a positive agenda of reform across all parties according to our Constitution.

So I was dismayed a few days ago when I read the Politico headline, "South Carolina Republicans Unite with Tea Party."

Unlike the pigs who can sense a storm coming, the SC GOP leadership thought that they could get away with misrepresenting their relationship with the Tea Party - and there would be no fuss! The coalition spent a week making it crystal clear that we are independent entities who will cooperate with WHICHEVER party or candidate we find agreement. In effect we had hollered, "Can you hear us now?" We were at least acknowledged - but not exactly heard.

On the national front, despite Massachusetts, the Democrats are smiling and nodding in our direction - and forging ahead with their fingers in their ears.

We are, for the most part, a mature lot with firm political resolve. Some of our peers, however would prefer to remain in the nostalgia zone of the 50's and 60's. I know some who find the signs so disconcerting that their emotional discomfort makes involvement too difficult.

We who remain are tidy and peaceful and determined to act through the system to affect change that won't bruise us. However, as the light dawns among Americans who can and do read the signs, I pray the political leadership is likewise enlightened. Because if they refuse to be, it is hard for me to get my mind around us tea partiers, with our pot bellies and gray hair staging sit-ins, and walk-ins, and stand-ins and starting riots -- doing penance for our foolishness of the 60's. But like my friend Judy says all the time: "What goes around comes around."

Maybe things haven't changed so much after all - what it comes down to is this: a person's gotta do what a person's gotta do.

Claire Muzal is a Grandma living in South Carolina. She works from home, runs The Seneca Tea Party website at <http://senecateaparty.org> and is discovering what living with Parkinson's is all about.

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each submission, I found myself relating to all of my fellow Americans, and one Aussie who had an amazing suggestion for our country. It went beyond relating to politics, or spirituality - it was more primal than that - I related to their anger, frustration, and sadness toward what feels like the loss of our country.

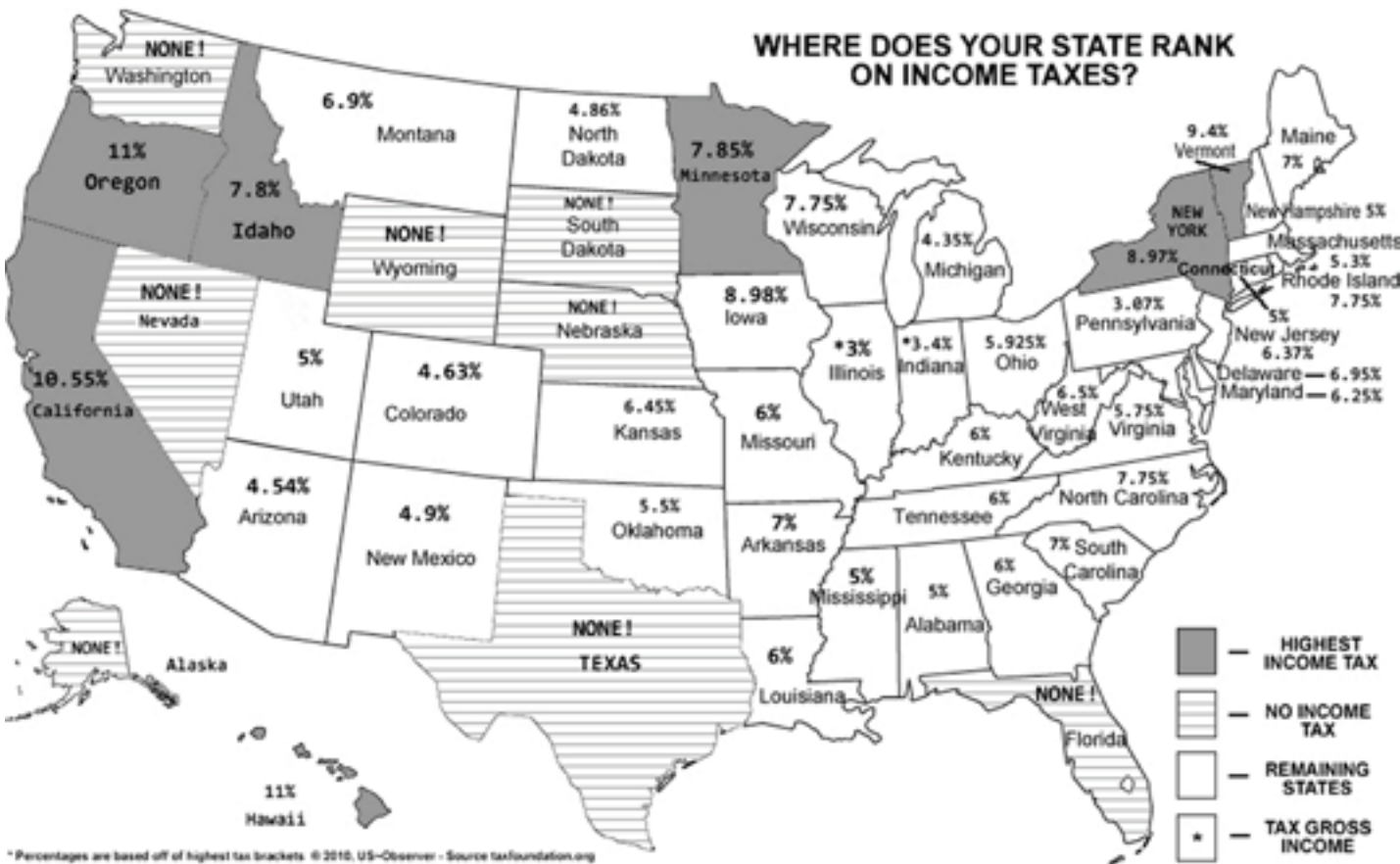
Each of us is reeling and it is seemingly getting worse each day. The government has too much control and it is bleeding the people. We can all see it. We are all feeling the effect of it. We, the People, are in fact under attack and we are frightened.

What the responses taught me is that we all need a place where our voices can be heard; where our opinions will be counted; and the US~Observer is that vehicle. We need it spread far and wide; we need constant contributions - stories of your local municipalities and how you are combatting corruption - and we need funding.

Unlike groups who inevitably acquiesce to political powers, this paper can be our united voice and weapon. We can prove that the pen is in fact mightier than the sword.

Reaching far and wide our words would not be hidden; our agenda of informing, exposing, and pressuring the political status quo into a truly representative form of government would happen in the light of day, where it needs to occur.

Remember folks, we are the bottom line. It is time we start acting like it and



make them hear our united voice, for WE ARE THE PEOPLE ...

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You then rush to an attorney, pay him a retainer to cover the usual \$150.00 per hour (if not higher), which he/she charges, to supposedly defend your innocence. The attorney usually files some motions, writes some worthless letters and makes many unproductive (unless they pertain to you accepting a plea bargain) phone calls until you are broke. Generally you haven’t even started your trial and 99% of the time the attorney hasn’t completed any investigation.

All of a sudden your attorney is telling you that you can’t win your case and you should accept the benevolent plea bargain that the

almighty district attorney has offered you. “Do you want to take the chance on spending 30-40 years in prison when you can plea bargain for 18 months,” your attorney tells you. What happened to: “I think we can win this case, it’s a good case.” Remember? Isn’t that pretty close to what your attorney told you as he/she was relieving you of your money?

You then accept a plea bargain and go to jail or you have a jury trial, you’re found guilty (because your attorney hasn’t produced enough evidence-if any and because the judge directs the jury to find you guilty) and then you go to jail. When you finally wake up you realize that on top of now being a criminal, you are flat broke and incarcerated. You find that the very person (your attorney) you frantically rushed to retain, became your worst enemy.

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In The Nation

Reversal of fortune Housing markets see about-face

By Amy Hoak
MarketWatch

CHICAGO (MarketWatch) -- One in five housing markets entered a second leg of home price declines in late 2009, after showing price increases for nearly half of last year, according to a report released Wednesday by Zillow.com, a real-estate Web site.

In 29 of the 143 markets tracked by the site -- including Boston, Atlanta and San Diego -- prices flattened or began to decrease again in the second part of last year, after five or more months of consecutive monthly increases, according to the site's fourth quarter real-estate market report.

Home prices in another 29 markets, including Los Angeles and New York, increased each month throughout the fourth quarter. But the rate of increase slowed from November to December in 21 markets, according to the data.

Nationwide, home values fell 5% in the fourth quarter compared with the fourth quarter a year earlier. Values fell 0.5% from the third quarter of 2009. "While we have seen strong stabilization in home values during 2009, there are clear signs that they will turn more negative in the near-term," said Stan Humphries, Zillow's chief economist, in a news release.

"What we saw in mid-2009 was a brief respite from a larger market correction that has not yet run its course," he said.

Still, Humphries said markets that see a "double dip" in values before reaching a bottom won't see a return "to the magnitude of depreciation seen earlier." Instead, the drop will look like a "modest aftershock" of the initial drop in prices. In this scenario, a "double



dip" is defined as two periods of sustained declines separated by a brief stabilization or recovery, according to the release.

The report also found the percentage of single-family homes with mortgages in negative equity rose slightly, to 21.4% in the fourth quarter, compared with 21% in the third quarter. Twenty-three percent were underwater in the second quarter.

And homeowners who lost their homes to foreclosure reached a high in December: More than one in every thousand

homes was foreclosed on that month, the highest since Zillow began recording national foreclosure data in 2000.

More price drops expected

A home-buyer tax credit, lower interest rates and increased lending backed by the Federal Housing Administration helped fuel the recent stabilization in prices, Humphries said.

"The remaining correction in home values we'll see in the first half of this year is a function of market fundamentals, such as the increasing flow of foreclosures, high levels of inventory in the market and a probable decrease in demand as the impact of the tax credit wanes and mortgage rates rise," he said.

The next few months will likely show more declines in home values in most markets, Humphries said. But he expects that, on a national basis, home prices should still hit bottom by the middle of the year.

"Thereafter," he said, "home values are likely to bounce along the bottom with real appreciation remaining negligible for some time."

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Obama Surrendering Internet to Foreign Powers

By Bradley A. Blakeman
NewsNax

Without the ingenuity of America's brightest minds and the investment of U.S. taxpayer dollars, there would be no Internet, as we now know it today.

Now, the Obama administration has moved quietly to cede control of the Web from the United States to foreign powers.

Some background: The Internet came into being because of the genius work of Americans Dr. Robert E. Kahn and Dr. Vinton G. Cerf. These men, while working for the Department of Defense in the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency in the early 1970s, conceived, designed, and implemented the idea of "open-architecture networking."

This breakthrough in connectivity and networking was the birth of the Internet.

These two gentlemen had the vision and the brainpower to create a worldwide computer Internet communications network that forever changed the world and how we communicate in it.

They discovered that providing a person with a unique identifier (TCP/IP) that was able to be recognized and interact through a network of servers would allow users to communicate with others.

The servers would use a series of giant receivers to recognize the identifier and connect networks to networks, passing on information from computer to computer in a seamless real-time exchange of information. This new process of communication



became known as the "information super highway," aka, the Internet.

Now for the bad news: In an effort to show the world how inclusive, sharing, cooperative, and international America can be, the Obama administration set off on a plan to surrender control and key management of the Internet by the U.S. Department of Commerce and its agents.

The key to the control America has over the Internet is through the management of the Domain Name System (DNS) and the giant servers that service the Internet.

Domain names are managed through an entity named IANA, the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority. The IANA, which operates on behalf of the U.S. Department of Commerce, is responsible for the global coordination of the DNS, IP addressing, and other Internet protocol resources.

In short, without an IP Address or other essential Internet protocols, a person or entity would not have access to the Internet.

For years, the international community has been pressuring the United States to surrender its control and management of the Internet. They want an international body such as the United Nations or even the International Telecommunications Union, (an entity that coordinates international telephone communications), to manage all aspects of the Internet in behalf of all nations.

The argument advanced for those seeking international control of the Internet is that the Internet



has become such a powerful, pervasive, and a dependent form of international communications, that it would be dangerous and inequitable for any one nation to control and manage it.

Just this past spring, within months of Obama's taking office, his administration, through the Department of Commerce, agreed to relinquish some control over IANA and their governance. The Obama administration has agreed to give greater representation to foreign companies and countries on IANA.

This amounts to one small step for internationalism and one giant leap for surrendering America's control over an invention we have every right and responsibility to control and manage.

It is in America's economic and national security interests not to relinquish any control. We are responsible for the control, operation, and functionality

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Immigration will be overhauled by Democrats

By Jim Kouri

While the news media feverishly cover the soon-to-be passed health care debacle, the Democrats' echo chamber is slow to reveal renewed plans to "reform" US immigration policy.

To be sure, President Barack Obama and several powerful lawmakers are all on the same page. For example, Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi called Immigration & Customs Enforcement operations "Un-American," while fellow Democrat Congressman Luis Guttierrez called Border Patrol and ICE agents "the Gestapo."

Unfortunately for an America chock full of potential crime victims, not once did the President, Pelosi or Guttierrez mention "undocumented criminals" or "criminal aliens" nor was there any mention of crimes committed by thousands and thousands of non-citizen criminals who commit the murders, rapes, robberies and other offenses that American citizens don't commit.

It's been widely reported that illegal aliens comprise upwards of 27 percent of the US prison and jail population. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement and U.S. Customs and Border Protection -- two agencies within the Department of Homeland Security -- claim in several reports that they've apprehended over 100,000 criminal aliens whose offenses go far beyond violation of immigration laws and regulations.

Sadly, only about 25 percent of expenses for imprisoning criminal aliens is reimbursed by the federal government to state and local governments. This creates a hardship for taxpayers in states with high incarceration rates for criminal aliens. In some states, there's even talk of releasing criminal aliens without notifying the federal authorities.

In Los Angeles, according to police reports, 95 percent of the arrest warrants for homicides are for illegal aliens. Sixty-five percent of overall warrants are for "undocumented criminals."

The proponents of open borders or lax immigration enforcement always point to the benefits derived from illegal immigration such as the amount of taxes they pay into the government system. Evidence, however, exists that refutes those claims. For instance, there is an abundance of anecdotal evidence that suggests a large number of illegal aliens are paid "off-the-books" therefore those wages are not taxed.

The National Research Council has estimated that the net fiscal cost of immigration ranges from \$11 billion to \$22 billion per year, with most government expenditures on immigrants coming from state and local coffers, while most taxes paid by immigrants who actually do pay taxes go to the federal treasury.

The net deficit is caused by a low level of tax payments by immigrants, because they are disproportionately low-skilled and thus earn low wages, and a higher rate of consumption of government services, both because of their relative poverty and their higher fertility.

This is especially true of illegal immigration. Even

though illegal aliens make little use of welfare, from which they are generally barred, the costs of illegal immigration in terms of government expenditures for education, criminal justice, and emergency medical care are significant. And those who managed to steal the identities of American citizens do in fact apply for welfare including food stamps.

Californian officials have estimated that the net cost to taxpayers in order to provide government services to illegal immigrants approached \$3 billion during a single fiscal year. And even that figure is suspected of being low-balled for political purposes. The fact that states must bear the cost of federal failure turns illegal immigration, in effect, into one of the largest unfunded federal mandates existing today.

In addition, according to the Center for Immigration Studies, even with free trade, the United States continues to enjoy a higher real wage than other nations, due to the superiority of US technology. If taken to an extreme and the US removed all barriers to migration, most foreign workers would move to the United States, lured by the higher wages available here; Foreign labor would essentially cease to exist.

As a result, with all labor now in the United States, the prices of goods would return to their level of self-sufficiency, prior to the opening of trade. That is, perfectly free migration entirely eliminates the gains from trade that US natives had enjoyed. World income rose with the migration, but the natives of foreign countries in this case received more than all of this rise, since the income of US natives declined. With the world's majority of low-wage workers in the US, there would be tremendous damage to free trade and its benefits, with US middle and upper-middle class workers suffering the brunt of declining wages.

The urge for a utopian state of existence and a desire to make all things equal by the American Left has given way to a desire simply to make all things equal sans utopia. In their passion for a neo-Marxist level playing field for the masses, they've decided consciously or subconsciously that if they could not bring the World's population up to the American level of prosperity and wealth, then they will bring US citizens down to the World's level of poverty and misery. For this is a result of seeing free trade as a zero-sum entity, and self-alienation of the American Left from their own country, the USA.

The problem isn't about the need for new laws; the



problem is about the lack of enforcement of existing laws. The US Constitution provides the executive branch with a number of inherent powers such as the enforcement of immigration laws.

The Constitution also mandates that the President protect American sovereignty and the American people. That is the number one priority for our government -- of it should be. And congress is mandated to provide domestic tranquility for Americans. Criminal alien gangbangers do not add to our domestic tranquility.

Why is it suddenly necessary for congress to pass laws on illegal immigration when we haven't been enforcing the laws that already exist. The executive branch has the power to add border agents, equipment and other resources. The President has the power to use the military if necessary to enhance border protection. Passing laws is an easy, painless process. The trick is to enforce those laws.

The University of Texas at El Paso recently conducted a study that found the following: Treating illegal immigrants in hospitals accounts for nearly one quarter of the uncompensated costs at border county hospitals in Cochise County. That county in Arizona spends tens of thousands of dollars just picking up trash left at campsites by these illegals. Prosecuting and jailing illegals costs this county an additional \$5 million a year. And 25 percent of Cochise County's budget is paid for health care for the uninsured, the majority of whom are illegally in the country.

In another study of a sample group of 55,000 criminal aliens, it was discovered they accounted for over 400,000 arrests and more than 700,000 criminal acts including felonies. Americans are being hoodwinked by politicians who are squandering the legacy of future American citizens in the name of charity. And the blood of citizens killed, brutalized and raped by de facto invaders is on the hands of our elected leaders.



Nancy Pelosi



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of one of the modern world's greatest inventions and most powerful communications network.

What better country to protect the Internet than the United States?

We invented it, and we paid for the research and implementation that made it possible. We are the freest, most tolerant nation on earth, we believe in the fundamental right of free speech, and we practice a free market of commerce and ideas.

America has always been against censorship and has shared its invention with the world without fee or unreasonable or arbitrary restriction. The user fee to operate on the Internet is not one paid to the U.S. government; a consumer pays it to private Internet companies, who provide access to the Internet through servers for their subscribers.

Look no further than China's recent move against

Google to censor the Internet, and you can envision what can happen when other nations less free than the United States seek to control the Internet beyond even their own borders.

America needs to wake up. If we lose control over the management of the Internet, we have given away one of our nation's greatest assets with nothing in return to show for it.

The Obama administration's actions will set in motion a slow and complete takeover of the Internet by the United Nations or some other equally U.S.-hostile and unfriendly international body. And once it is gone, it will be gone forever.

The surrender of the Internet will spell disaster for



our nation, financially, as well as for safety, security and our standing as a great power that values freedom and the free exchange of ideas and information.

As far as I am concerned, America is still the last best hope for a more peaceful and prosperous world and our president should not be looking for ways to weaken us. Rather, his job is to work to strengthen us and protect our nation's greatest asset our people's creativity and ingenuity.

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DEMANDING ACCOUNTABILITY

Oregon’s Plan – Spend More, Tax More, Borrow More



By Dennis Richardson
Oregon State Representative

Individuals, families and businesses, during hard economic times where there is not enough money to pay the bills, have three options: lower expenditures, increase income or combine the two. The State of Oregon has chosen a different strategy. During this, the “Great Recession,” Oregon has had a six word economic plan: Spend More, Tax More, Borrow More.

Spend More. In Oregon’s state budget for 2005-7 the total “All Funds” budget was \$41 Billion. In the current 2009-11 budget the All Funds total is \$56 Billion. Thus, Oregon’s spending has grown \$15 Billion (37%) in only four years. The current budget is the largest in Oregon history.

To enable Oregon’s current \$56 Billion budget to balance, \$1.45 Billion of “one-time money” was used. Thus, to maintain the current service level, plus the additional programs approved in the 2009 Legislative Session, and still balance the State Budget required \$1.45 Billion more money than Oregon’s revenue streams would normally fund.

In other words, instead of curtailing expenditures, the Governor and Legislative leaders approved spending \$1.45 Billion in “one-time money”—money that will not be available in the next budget. Oregon’s on-going spending habits are heading the state toward a financial cliff; there simply is not enough revenue to sustain the burgeoning appetite of our “super-sized” State government.

The realities of Oregon’s decreasing revenues are sobering. The March 2010 Revenue Forecast has just been released. It states:

“The forecast for General Fund revenues for 2009-11 is \$13,210.3

million. This represents a decrease of \$182.8 million from the December 2009 forecast. The forecast for the 2009-11 biennium is now \$365.4 [million] below the Close of Session forecast. On net, nearly all of the decrease for the March forecast is associated with lower expectations for personal income taxes....”)

Revenue forecasts not only show data; they also disclose trends. For instance, as quoted above the March 2010 Forecast indicated a \$182.8 Million reduction in revenue in less than three months since the December 2009 Forecast. The December 09 Forecast indicated a \$43.5 Million reduction in anticipated revenue when contrasted with the September 09 Forecast released three months earlier. Thus, in the 7 ½ months since the close of the 2009 session, the anticipated revenues for the current biennial budget have decreased \$365 million, and the drop in the March Forecast was 400% greater than the previous drop in state personal income tax revenues contained in the December Forecast, less than three months earlier. Since, historically Oregon’s unemployment rate remains high for at least two years following the “official” end of a recession, we should expect Oregon’s high unemployment to continue throughout 2010. Since Oregon workers do not pay much in income taxes while unemployed, Oregon should therefore anticipate reduced revenues and decrease spending accordingly. Instead, Oregon has been following the dream, “if you spend it, more money will come.” Without a dramatic course correction, Oregon will find its finances in the same desperate situation New Jersey currently finds itself.

Tax More. The recent passing of Measure 66 gives Oregon the distinction of having the highest personal income tax rate in the USA. A distinction it shares with Hawaii. Passing Measure 67 created an alternative minimum corporate tax for Oregon corporations. Effective January 1, 2009 (14 months ago), “C” corporations will be required to compare the costs of taxing corporate sales, regardless of the business’ profitability, with the usual corporate income tax, at the new 7.9% rate (on income exceeding \$250,000), and pay whichever amount is greater.

Before the vote on Measures 66 and 67, I explained the chilling consequences on jobs of passing these two tax increases. In only days after the tax measures were approved, the anticipated negative consequences for employers and jobs have begun to be realized. For example,

Comnet Marketing Group has Oregon call centers providing 150 Oregon jobs averaging \$30,000 per year. Comnet’s plans to expand Oregon operations have been stopped, as explained by Comnet CEO, Bruce Hough:

“I love Oregon. It is unfortunate that Oregon doesn’t love me and is now going to penalize me with punitive taxes. These taxes will cost me a quarter of a million dollars over the next four years as I further expand my company to 250 – 300 employees.

“Accordingly, I have already started the process of relocating my company to another state which understands the value of having a thriving, growing business adding to their economic health. It will take several years to complete the transition but I have instituted an immediate hiring freeze in Oregon.”

Comnet’s move from Oregon will have at least three negative ramifications:

- (1.) Oregon loses the tax income already paid by the corporation and its 150 workers;
- (2.) Oregon loses the 150 jobs currently filled by Oregon workers; and
- (3.) Oregon loses the future jobs and income from the additional 100-150 new jobs that would have been created in Oregon, had Comnet not decided to move to another (low tax) state.

Comnet’s decision to flee Oregon’s

America.

Going into debt is a lot like conceiving a baby—exciting at first, but real challenges come later.

The cost of servicing Oregon’s high amounts of debt is extremely burdensome to the budgeting process. The total debt payments for all Oregon debt over the next two years is \$1.3 Billion. Of that amount, \$614 Million will come from General Funds and \$246 Million from Lottery Funds.

Think about what this really means. In the next two years, \$860 Million of state income taxes and lottery revenue will be spent on debt payments--\$860 Million that could have been spent on Education, Public Safety and Human Services, or retained by taxpayers for their own purposes. It is like having \$860 Million of credit card debt that will not be paid off until 2039 (29 years from now).

The current 2009-11 budget is worst of all. It contains approval for \$4 Billion dollars of debt and the debt service cost increase from Lottery Funds on just one form of that additional debt—Certificates of Participation—will increase from \$40 Million in the current budget to \$163 Million in the 2011-13 budget.

Where will the money come from that is needed to pay this heavy debt load, maintain current service levels and cover the costs of new programs? As mentioned about, the State Economist treads lightly when giving the negative March 2010 forecast.

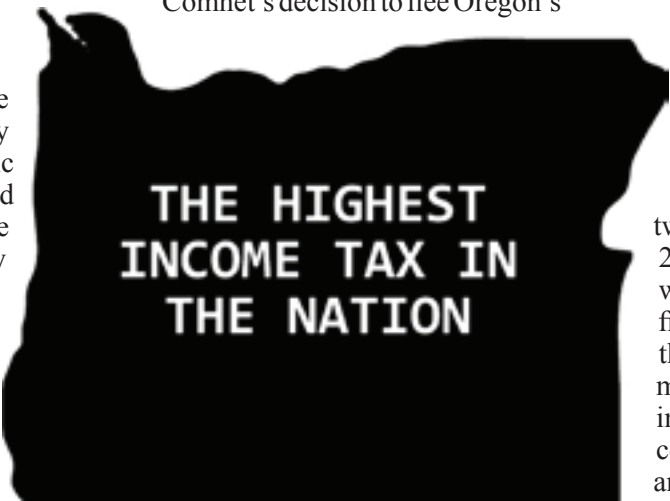
In addition, to “obtain” Oregon’s two Senator’s votes for TARP in 2008, the Oregon timber counties were given \$254 million, in the first year, then less each year until this timber-payment replacement money is completely phased out in 2011. Then what? For decades, counties like Curry, Josephine and others have relied heavily on those federal timber-replacement dollars, and soon they will be gone for good.

Conclusion. Oregon desperately needs a budgeting course correction. Oregon needs to change its economic strategy to one of “prudent economic planning.” Such a course correction would require prioritized spending, conserving one-time resources and sloping expenditures downward to deal with the economic realities that must be confronted to balance the 2011-13 State Budget.

I proposed House Bill 3641, which would limit future growth in State Budgets to increases in population and inflation, except in times of true emergencies. When revenue is high, excess dollars would go to the Rainy Day Fund. Once the RDF is funded with an amount equal to 25% of the General Funds Budget, additional revenues would be used to pay down Oregon’s debt. HB 3641 would have been a starting point for budgetary reform. Unfortunately, HB 3641 has not been given a hearing.

In sum, for those addicted to state spending, you have nothing to fear for the time-being. It is business-as-usual in your Legislature. But, the days of Oregon’s “Spend More, Tax More and Borrow More” are numbered. Such an imprudent economic plan is unsustainable. Oregon’s financial judgment day is coming.

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anti-business, high tax policies is not isolated. Such letters are coming in from businesses statewide. Oregon currently punishes successful businesses and individuals with higher taxation, class envy propaganda, redistribution of wealth strategies and other economic constraints.

In contrast, prudent economic planning would promote economic incentives attractive to new and expanding businesses. It is a basic economic principle that money and wealth flow toward incentives and away from economic constraints. Arizona is one state that is lowering its taxes even though it faces revenue shortfalls. Arizona appears to understand that such basic economic strategies are needed to attract business expansion and create new jobs.

Borrow More. Little known to Oregon citizens and taxpayers is the dramatic increase in long-term debt approved by Oregon’s Governor and Legislature in recent years. According to the State Debt Policy Advisory Commission’s 2010 Legislative Update, released on February 1, 2010, in 2006 Oregon’s “net tax-supported debt” was a little over \$6 Billion. By the end of the current 2009-11 biennium, Oregon’s debt-load will exceed \$9.6 Billion in Net Tax Supported Debt—a 57% increase in long-term debt in less than four years. Oregon went from a low debt state to one of the highest indebted states in

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throw in obstruction of justice and many more.

If the witness is a government witness then the law does not apply to them, because most government witnesses arrive at the court room in “hand cuffs,” because their testimony has already been bought and paid for by the government. Simple deal, if you do it, it is called witness tampering, bribery, obstruction of justice. If government does it, it’s called plea bargaining or witness protection and relocation.

The Supreme Court has ruled in several cases that a cop, government investigator or D.A., can lie to you during the course of an investigation and it is ok, but if you make false statements to them or make false statements on an official document it is a crime. This brings me to Larry Stockman and the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (ODEQ).

The Larry Stockman Case
In November 2006, one of my friends Don Camp, an environmental consultant, introduced me to one of his clients Larry Stockman, the owner of North West Shot Manufacturing (NWSM). Mr. Stockman’s company recycles lead scrap metal that has been reclaimed from the soils of trap and shooting ranges. Then, through his recycling process, he converts the reclaimed lead scrap metal into lead shot.

At our first meeting Mr. Stockman showed Mr. Camp and I the complaints and the claims that ODEQ had cited him with. ODEQ’s complaints come complete with pictures to corroborate their claims and a price tag or fines of about \$25,000.00.

Mr. Stockman offered me the opportunity to look at the evidence against him and give him my opinion. I accepted the offer and for the next two days Mr. Camp and I went over ODEQ’s claims and the pictures that ODEQ had offered as evidence.

After looking at ODEQ’s claims I felt that I had hit the mother lode of criminal and civil violations committed by a representative of a government agency against a private citizen and his business.

The very first thing that jumped out at me was not one single state statue that ODEQ quotes in their charges can

meet any of the constitutional standards or requirements needed to become an enforceable law.

Second, the administrative process ODEQ was citing Mr. Stockman with is unconstitutional from its beginning to its ending.

The third thing is, the crimes committed against Larry Stockman by ODEQ’s enforcement officers Susan Shewczyk and Lisa Freeman. Susan Shewczyk lied in her report when she claimed first-hand knowledge of the content of the 55gal Drum’s located at Larry Stockman’s property. Susan Shewczyk lied again when she over stated the drum count by almost a hundred 55 gallon drums.

When Mr. Stockman tried to hold Ms. Shewczyk and Ms. Freeman accountable for their crimes of making false statements on an official government document, the Jackson County District Attorney refused to prosecute without a police report and the Jackson County Sheriff’s Dept. refused to investigate.

Last but not least, the real power player in this sham is the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Through federal statues located in the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), Mr. Stockman and his company, as recyclers, are excluded from RCRA Regulation.

The irony of all of this is Mr. Stockman and his company’s exclusion from RCRA regulation makes all of ODEQ’s claims moot, yet ODEQ continued to go forth with their claims against Mr., Stockman, while refusing to address the criminal actions of Susan Shewczyk, and Lisa Freeman.

DEQ’s unwarranted attacks on Larry Stockman began in November of 2006, and after two years, four arbitrational meetings and thousands of dollars in legal fees and hundreds of lost man hours, in 2008, administrative law judge Joe Allen ruled against ODEQ.


You have to understand that in ODEQ’s administrative process, ODEQ wrote all of the administrative environmental laws and they wrote all of the administrative rules. One of their first rules is they are not bound by the administrative law judge’s decisions. ODEQ does have the ability to direct the judge to re-open this case and let

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Subject: Support H.R. 5860 to Amend the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986

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RESOLUTION:

Whereas: The passage of H.R. 5860 would amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow-the-line deduction for state and local and foreign, real property taxes.

Whereas: H.R. 5860 Bill states the following: Section 1. Deduction for real property taxes allowed whether or not tax payer itemizes other deductions.

(a) In General - Subsection (a) of section 62 of Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (defining adjusted gross income) is amended by inserting before the last sentence the following new paragraph:

'(21) Real Property Taxes - The deduction allowed by Section 164 for real property taxes described in section 164(a)(1).'

(b) Effective Date - The amendment made by this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2006.

Therefore be it resolved: That the Oregon State Grange supports the passage of U.S. Congressional H.R. 5860 Bill which will amend the Internal Revenue Code to allow deduction for real property taxes on income tax forms without having to itemize other deductions.

This resolution was adopted by the Deer Creek Grange #371 at it's regular meeting held on May 14, 2007.

This resolution was adopted by the Oregon State Grange at it's 134th Annual State Session held at Jefferson, Oregon, week of June 17-22, 2007.

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COMMENTARY

Your Right to Speak Out



America Truly is the Greatest

By Kitty Werthmann

What I am about to tell you is something you’ve probably never heard or will ever read in history books.

I believe that I am an eyewitness to history. I cannot tell you that Hitler took Austria by tanks and guns; it would distort history. *We elected him by a landslide – 98% of the vote.* I’ve never read that in any American publications. Everyone thinks that Hitler just rolled in with his tanks and took Austria by force. In 1938, Austria was in deep Depression. Nearly one-third of our workforce was unemployed. We had 25% inflation and 25% bank loan interest rates.

Farmers and business people were declaring bankruptcy daily. Young people were going from house to house begging for food. Not that they didn’t want to work; there simply weren’t any jobs. My mother was a Christian woman and believed in helping people in need. Every day we cooked a big kettle of soup and baked bread to feed those poor, hungry people – about 30 daily.

The Communist Party and the National Socialist Party were fighting each other. Blocks and blocks of cities like Vienna, Linz, and Graz were destroyed. The people became desperate and petitioned the government to let them decide what kind of government they wanted.

We looked to our neighbor on the north, Germany, where Hitler had been in power since 1933. We had been told that they didn’t have unemployment or crime, and they had a high standard of living. Nothing was ever said about persecution of any group -- Jewish or otherwise. We were led to believe that everyone was happy. We wanted the same way of life in Austria. We were promised that a vote for Hitler would mean the end of unemployment and help for the family. Hitler also said that businesses would be assisted, and farmers would get their farms back. Ninety-eight percent of the population



Hitler receiving the Nazi salute from the Reichstag on the announcement of the occupation of the Austria

voted to annex Austria to Germany and have Hitler for our ruler.

We were overjoyed, and for three days we danced in the streets and had candlelight parades. The new government opened up big field kitchens and everyone was fed.

After the election, German officials were appointed, and like a miracle, we suddenly had law and order. Three or four weeks later, everyone was employed. The government made sure that a lot of work was created through the Public Work Service.

Hitler decided we should have equal rights for women. Before this, it was a custom that married Austrian women did not work outside the home. An able-bodied husband would be looked down on if he couldn’t support his family. Many women in the teaching profession were elated that they could

retain the jobs they previously had been required to give up for marriage.

Hitler Targets Education – Eliminates Religious Instruction for Children:

Our education was nationalized. I attended a very good public school.

The population was predominantly Catholic, so we had religion in our schools. The day we elected Hitler (March 13, 1938), I walked into my schoolroom to find the crucifix replaced by Hitler’s picture hanging next to a Nazi flag.

Our teacher, a very devout woman, stood up and told the class we wouldn’t pray or have religion anymore. Instead, we sang “Deutschland, Deutschland, Uber Alles,” and had physical education. Sunday became National Youth Day with compulsory attendance. Parents were not pleased about the sudden

change in curriculum. They were told that if they did not send us, they would receive a stiff letter of warning the first time. The second time they would be fined the equivalent of \$300, and the third time they would be subject to jail. The first two hours consisted of political indoctrination. The rest of the day we had sports. As time went along, we loved it. Oh, we had so much fun and got our sports equipment free. We would go home and gleefully tell our parents about the wonderful time we had.

My mother was very unhappy. When the next term started, she took me out of public school and put me in a convent. I told her she couldn’t do that and she told me that someday when I grew up, I would be grateful. There was a very good curriculum, but hardly any fun – no sports, and no political indoctrination. I hated it at first but felt I could tolerate it. Every once in a while, on holidays, I went home. I would go back to my old friends and ask what was going on and what they were doing. Their loose lifestyle was very alarming to me. They lived without religion. By that time unwed mothers were glorified for having a baby for Hitler. It seemed strange to me that our society changed so suddenly. As time went along, I realized what a great deed my mother did so that I wasn’t exposed to that kind of humanistic philosophy.

Equal Rights Hits Home:

In 1939, the war started and a food bank was established. All food was rationed and could only be purchased using food stamps. At the same time, a full-employment law was passed which meant if you didn’t work, you didn’t get a ration card, and if you didn’t have a card, you starved to death. Women who stayed home to raise their families didn’t have any marketable skills and often had to take jobs more suited for men.

Soon after this, the draft was implemented. It was compulsory for young people, male and female, to give



Austrian German Youth gathering to meet Baldur von Schirach in Vienna, 1937. © Time Inc.

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COMMENTARY

The State of Disunion

By Attorney Jonathan Emord
NewsWithViews.com

At a time of continuing recession, in the wake of government spending unparalleled in American history, and in the presence of rising unemployment rates beyond the double digit mark, President Barack Obama’s State of the Union Address offered not a fundamental change in the direction of the federal government but more of the same. Although he praised himself for the rapidity of government intervention into the market and massive expenditure, he could not crow about the success of those measures because none has ended the recession, reduced the ever rising unemployment rates, or restored American economic predominance in the world.

One could sense a degree of defensiveness and unease in the President’s remarks, clearly indicating that he is getting the message that Americans are generally not satisfied with the course he has charted. But, while a true education in the laws of economics and liberty would lead to an abandonment in his big government agenda, true to form President Obama only sees big government as the solution. We are now to endure a new iteration of the failed federal stimulus bill. The one now being trumpeted by the White House, Senator Harry Reid, and Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi will call for \$100 or more billion to be spent on employing people in temporary jobs for road, bridge and infrastructure projects and for retaining teachers and other public employees again on a temporary basis.

Like the original stimulus bill, the measures do nothing at all to address the underlying problems that prevent American business from growing and employing the available labor pool. Instead, the measures create a new army of government dependents who, after the first \$100 billion is spent, will need a perpetual fund to keep them in their make work jobs. In addition, the President again calls for eliminating tax cuts on those earning \$250,000 or

more, to impose new taxes on large banks and investment operations, and to tax certain health care plans. Finally, he criticizes those who favor deregulation and, by implication, assures that there will be no end in the growth of the regulatory state.

Like the bailout bill of his predecessor, his own increases in the bailouts, and his stimulus bill, the new jobs bill will do nothing to change the underlying dynamic that creates unemployment and will add to inflationary pressures and to the national debt. The new taxes will only increase unemployment and will diminish investments necessary to expand the economy. The advance of regulation will likewise squeeze out of existence company after company, adding to unemployment and decreasing opportunity and economic growth.

The President has yet to appreciate that government is parasitic by nature. He has yet to appreciate that the wealth he uses for social engineering comes from those who possess true genius in satisfying the needs of people, which satisfaction has led to wealth creation, and who will be far less willing and able to satisfy those needs if constantly deprived of the fruits of their labors. He has yet to appreciate that in a recession increases in taxes, increases in regulation, and increases in the national debt sap the life’s blood out of the host upon whose back the government rides. It should come as no surprise, then, that this expensive government planning (the product of those who necessarily have, at best, a view of what the market has been and not what it is) cannot end the recession, stem rising unemployment, and restore America to economic predominance in the world because it completely ignores the root cause of those conditions.

It is impolitic for the President to recognize the simple fact that unleashing the free market to permit massive business growth is the means to end the recession, restore full employment, and return America to global economic dominance. Doing so requires a degree of humility neither he nor Senator Reid nor Speaker Pelosi has. It requires them

to accept that nothing they do with other people’s money will be as effective in fueling economic growth as what the people who earned that money do with it. It requires them to accept that a businessman who has earned a profit knows better than they do how to invest that money to grow his business and employ more people. It requires them to accept that tomorrow will not be the idyllic vision they would wish upon America but will be the product of hundreds of millions of separate, independent dreams, the success or failure of which will be decided by consumers pursuing their own self-interest. In short, it requires that they come to respect the genius of free enterprise and appreciate, as did our Founding Fathers, that government is a necessary evil best kept limited, not a positive good that should experience constant growth.

Rather than build the largest government in Western civilization, rather than attempt to command the American people to adopt a single vision of the future, and rather than depend on redistribution of wealth to achieve modest employment gains, this government would do well to learn the lessons that come from a free enterprise economy, the source of prosperity upon which they feed. Freedom, together with the right to retain the fruits of one’s labors, is the secret to American greatness.

To end the recession, dramatically decrease unemployment, and restore American economic dominance in the world, we should declare a two year moratorium on all federal business and income taxes and should endeavor not to freeze the cost of the federal government but to cut it in half (from 25% of the gross domestic product to 12.5%). Imagine how the trillions now taken in taxes could be put to best and



highest use by those who have earned the money. We would witness the greatest economic miracle in world history. We should pass Congressman Ron Paul’s Congressional Responsibility and Accountability Act that would prohibit any regulation from taking effect unless specifically codified by Congress, restoring the separation of powers required by our Constitution and halting the flood of federal regulation that is washing out of the market small business after small business year after year.

This President trusts in government more than he trusts in the American people. If he truly trusted the American people, he would trust them to keep and spend their own earnings. He would trust them to follow their own dreams of industry and improvement even if it produced an economy that differed from his own ideal. He would trust them with freedom rather than take that freedom away from them. The problem with the President is not that he lacks intelligence and not that he lacks ability, but that he lacks ultimate faith in the American people.

He does not trust us to command our own economic destinies. He would rather trust in those the American people distrust the most—the Congress of the United States and the unelected army of federal bureaucrats—to spend Americans hard earned wealth and to direct the American economy to go where it otherwise would not.

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Lew Rockwell

like to see, with the type of political order that Mises and the entire classical-liberal tradition believed would be most beneficial for mankind.

It would appear that the more liberty we lose, the less people are able to imagine how liberty might work. It is a fascinating thing to behold.

- People can no longer imagine a world in which we could be secure without massive invasions of our privacy at every step, and even being strip-searched before boarding airplanes, even though private

By Llewellyn H.
Rockwell, Jr.

This talk was delivered at the Jeremy Davis Mises Circle in Houston, Texas, on January 23, 2010:

I’m finding it ever more difficult to describe to people the kind of world that the Mises Institute would

The Misesian Vision

institutions manage much greater security without any invasions of human rights;

- People can no longer remember how a true free market in medical care would work, even though all the problems of the current system were created by government interventions in the first place;

- People imagine that we need 700 military bases around the world, and endless wars in the Middle East, for "security," though safe Switzerland doesn’t;

- People think it is insane to think of life without central banks, even though they are modern inventions that have destroyed currency after currency;

- Even meddlesome agencies like the Consumer Products Safety Commission or the Federal Trade Commission strike most people as absolutely essential, even though it is not they who catch the thieves and frauds, but private institutions;

- The idea of privatizing roads or water supplies sounds outlandish, even though we have a long history of both;

- People even wonder how anyone would be educated in the absence of public schools, as if markets themselves didn’t create in America the world’s most literate society in the 18th and 19th centuries.

This list could go on and on. But the problem is that the capacity to imagine freedom – the very source of life for civilization and humanity itself – is being eroded in our society and culture. The less freedom we have, the less people are able to imagine what freedom feels like, and therefore the less they are willing to fight for its restoration.

This has profoundly affected the political culture. We’ve lived through regime after regime, since at least the 1930s, in which the word freedom has been a rhetorical principle only, even as each new regime has taken away ever more freedom.

Now we have a president who doesn’t even bother to pay lip service to the idea of freedom. In fact, I don’t think that the idea has occurred to Obama at all. If the idea of freedom has occurred to him, he must have rejected it as dangerous, or unfair, or unequal, or irresponsible, or something along those lines.

To him, and to many Americans, the goal of government is to be an extension of the personal values of those in charge. I saw a speech in which Obama was making a pitch for national service, the ghastly idea that government should steal 2 years of every young person’s life for slave labor and to inculcate loyalty to

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leviathan, with no concerns about setting back a young person's professional and personal life.

How did Obama justify his support of this idea? He said that when he was a young man, he learned important values from his period of community service. It helped form him and shape him. It helped him understand the troubles of others and think outside his own narrow experience.

Well, I'm happy for him. But he chose this path voluntarily. It is a gigantic leap to go from personal experience to forcing a vicious national plan on the entire country. His presumption here is



Stalin, Mao, Hitler

really taken from the playbook of the totalitarian state: the father-leader will guide his children-citizens in the paths of righteousness, so that they all will become god like the leader himself.

To me, this comment illustrates one of two things. It could show that Obama is a potential dictator in the mold of Stalin, Hitler, and Mao, for the presumptions he puts on exhibit here are just as frightening as any imagined by the worst tyrants in human history. Or, more plausibly, it may be an illustration of Hannah Arendt's view that totalitarianism is merely an application of the principle of the "banality of evil."

With this phrase, Arendt meant to draw attention to how people misunderstand the origin and nature of evil regimes. Evil regimes are not always the product of fanatics, paranoids, and sociopaths, though, of course, power breeds fanaticism, paranoia, and sociopathology. Instead, the total state can be built by ordinary people who accept a wrong premise concerning the role of the state in society.

If the role of the state is to ferret out evil thoughts and bad ideas, it must necessarily become totalitarian. If the goal of the state is that all citizens must come to hold the same values as the great leader, whether economic, moral, or cultural, the state must necessarily become totalitarian. If the people are led

to believe that scarce resources are best channeled in a direction that producers and consumers would not choose on their own, the result must necessarily be central planning.

On the face of it, many people today do not necessarily reject these premises. No longer is the idea of a state-planned society seen as frightening. What scares people more today is the prospect of a society without a plan, which is to say a society of freedom. But here is the key difference between authority in everyday life – such as that exercised by a parent or a teacher or a pastor or a boss – and the power of the state: the

state's edicts are always and everywhere enforced at the point of a gun.

It is interesting how little we think about that reality – one virtually never hears that truth stated so plainly in a college classroom, for example – but it is the core reality. Everything done by the state is ultimately done by means of aggression, which is to say violence or the threat of violence against the innocent. The total state is really nothing but the continued extension of these statist means throughout every nook and cranny of economic and social life. Thus does the paranoia, megalomania, and fanaticism of the rulers become deadly dangerous to everyone.

It begins in a seemingly small error, a banality. But, with the state, what begins in banality ends in bloodshed.

Let me give another example of the banality of evil. Several decades ago, some crackpots had the idea that mankind's use of fossil fuels had a warming effect on the weather. Environmentalists were pretty fired up by the notion. So were many politicians. Economists were largely tongue-tied because they had long ago conceded that there are some public goods that the market can't handle; surely the weather is one of them.

Enough years go by and what do you have? Politicians from all over the world, every last one of them a huckster of some sort only pretending to represent their nations, gathering in a posh resort in Europe to tax the world and plan its weather down to precise temperatures half a century from now.

In the entire history of mankind, there has not been a more preposterous spectacle than this!

I don't know if it is tragedy or farce that the meeting on global warming came to an end with the politicians racing home to deal with snowstorms and record cold temperatures.

I draw attention to this absurdity to make a more general point. What seems to have escaped the current generation is the notion that was once called freedom. Let me be clear on what I mean by freedom. I mean a social or political condition in which people exercise their own choices concerning what they do with their lives and property. People are permitted to trade and exchange goods and services without impediment or violent interference. They can associate or not associate with anyone of their own choosing. They can arrange their

own lives and businesses. They can build, move, innovate, save, invest, and consume on terms that they themselves define.

What will be the results? We cannot predict them, any more than I can know when everyone in this room will wake up tomorrow morning, or what you will have for breakfast. Human choice works this way. There are as many patterns of human choice as there are humans who make choices.

The only real question we should ask is whether the results will be orderly – consistent with peace and prosperity – or chaotic, and thereby at war with human flourishing. The great burden born by the classical liberal tradition, stretching from medieval times to our own, is to make believable the otherwise improbable claim that liberty is the mother, not the daughter, of orderliness.

To be sure, that generation of Americans that seceded from British rule in the late 18th century took the imperative of liberty as a given. They had benefitted from centuries of intellectual work by true liberals who had demonstrated that government does nothing for society but divide and loot people in big and small ways. They had come to believe that the best way to rule a society is not to rule it at all, or, possibly, rule it with the people's consent in only the most minimal way.

Today, this social order sounds like chaos, not anything we dare try lest we be overrun with terrorists and drug fiends, amidst massive social, economic, and cultural collapse. To me this is very interesting. It is the cultural condition that comes about in the absence of experience with freedom. More precisely, it comes about when people have no notion of the relationship between cause and effect in human affairs.

One might think that it would be enough for most people to log-on to the World Wide Web, browse any major social-networking site or search engine, and gain direct experience with the results of human freedom. No government agency created Facebook and no government agency manages its day-to-day operation. It is the same with Google. Nor did a bureaucratic agency invent the miracle of the iPhone, or the utopian cornucopia of products available at the Walmart down the street.

Meanwhile, look at what the state gives us. The department of motor vehicles. The post office. Spying on our emails and phone calls. Full-body scans at the airport. Restrictions on water use. The court system. Wars. Taxes. Inflation. Business regulations. Public schools. Social Security. The CIA. And another ten thousand failed programs and bureaucracies, the reputation of which is no good no matter who you talk to. Now, one might say, oh sure, the free market gives us the dessert but the government gives us the vegetables to keep us healthy. That view does not account for the horrific reality that more than 100 million people were slaughtered by the state in the 20th century alone, not including its wars.

This is only the most visible cost. As Frédéric Bastiat emphasized, the enormity of the costs of the state can only be discovered in considering its unseen costs: the inventions not brought to market, the businesses not opened, the people whose lives were cut short so that they could not enjoy their full potential, the wealth not used for productive purposes but rather taxed away, the capital accumulation through savings not undertaken because the currency was destroyed and the interest rate held near zero, among an infinitely

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one year to the labor corps. During the day, the girls worked on the farms, and at night they returned to their barracks for military training just like the boys. They were trained to be anti-aircraft gunners and participated in the signal corps. After the labor corps, they were not discharged but were used in the front lines. When I go back to Austria to visit my family and friends, most of these women are emotional cripples because they just were not equipped to handle the horrors of combat. Three months before I turned 18, I was severely injured in an air raid attack. I nearly had a leg amputated, so I was spared having to go into the labor corps and into military service.

Hitler Restructured the Family Through Daycare:

When the mothers had to go out into the work force, the government immediately established child care centers. You could take your children ages 4 weeks to school age and leave them there around-the-clock, 7 days a week, under the total care of the government. The state raised a whole generation of children. There were no motherly women to take care of the children,



German troops greeted with open arms by the populace Vienna, Austria, shortly after their arrival and occupation of the country. © Time Inc.

just people highly trained in child psychology. By this time, no one talked about equal rights. We knew we had been had.

Health Care and Small Business Suffer Under Government Controls:

Before Hitler, we had very good medical care. Many American doctors trained at the University of Vienna . After Hitler, health care was socialized, free for everyone. Doctors were salaried by the government. The problem was, since it was free, the people were going to the doctors for everything. When the good doctor arrived at his office at 8 a.m., 40 people were already waiting and, at the same time, the hospitals were full. If you needed elective surgery, you had to wait a year or two for your turn. There was no money for research as it was poured into socialized medicine. Research at the medical schools literally stopped, so the best doctors left Austria and emigrated to other countries.

As for healthcare, our tax rates went up to 80% of our income. Newlyweds immediately received a \$1,000 loan from the government to establish a household. We had big programs for families. All day care and education were free. High schools were taken over by the government and college tuition was subsidized. Everyone was entitled to free handouts, such as food stamps, clothing, and housing.

We had another agency designed to monitor business. My brother-in-law owned a restaurant that had square tables. Government officials told him he had to replace them with round tables because people might bump themselves on the corners. Then they said he had to have additional bathroom facilities. It was just a small dairy business with a snack bar. He couldn't meet all the demands. Soon, he went out of business. If the



Austrian citizens watching parades in the Ring. © Time Inc.

“Mercy Killing” Redefined:

In 1944, I was a student teacher in a small village in the Alps . The villagers were surrounded by mountain passes which, in the winter, were closed off with snow, causing people to be isolated. So people intermarried and offspring were sometimes retarded. When I arrived, I was told there were 15 mentally retarded adults, but they were all useful and did good manual work. I knew one, named Vincent, very well. He was a janitor of the school. One day I looked out the window and saw Vincent and others getting into a van. I asked my superior where they were going. She said to an institution where the State Health Department would teach them a trade, and to read and write. The families were required to sign papers with a little clause that they could not visit for 6 months. They were told visits would interfere with the program and might cause homesickness.

As time passed, letters started to dribble back saying these people died a natural, merciful death. The villagers were not fooled. We suspected what was happening. Those people left in excellent physical health and all died within 6 months. We called this euthanasia.

The Final Steps - Gun Laws:

Next came gun registration. People were getting injured by guns. Hitler said that the real way to catch criminals (we still had a few) was by matching serial numbers on guns. Most citizens were law abiding and dutifully marched to the police station to register their firearms. Not long after-wards, the police said that it was best for everyone to turn in their guns. The authorities already knew who had them, so it was futile not to comply voluntarily.

No more freedom of speech. Anyone who said something against the government was taken away. We knew many people who were arrested, not only

government owned the large businesses and not many small ones existed, it could be in control.

We had consumer protection. We were told how to shop and what to buy. Free enterprise was essentially abolished. We had a planning agency specially designed for farmers. The agents would go to the farms, count the live-stock, then tell the farmers what to produce, and how to produce it.



Above, a view of the first movies house in Austria to open showing German propaganda film based on the life of Horst Wessel and was called "Hitler Junge Quex." © Time Inc. Below, a pictorial depicting the similarities between current gov't and WWII Germany.

Jews, but also priests and ministers who spoke up. Totalitarianism didn't come quickly, it took 5 years from 1938 until 1943, to realize full dictatorship in Austria . Had it happened overnight, my countrymen would have fought to the last breath. Instead, we had creeping gradualism. Now, our only weapons were broom handles. The whole idea sounds almost unbelievable that the state, little by little eroded our freedom.

After World War II, Russian troops occupied Austria. Women were raped, preteen to elderly. The press never wrote about this either. When the Soviets left in 1955, they took everything that they could, dismantling whole factories in the process. They sawed down whole orchards of fruit, and what they couldn't destroy, they burned. We called it The Burned Earth. Most of the population barricaded themselves in their houses. Women hid in their cellars for 6 weeks as the troops mobilized. Those who couldn't, paid the price. There is a monument in Vienna today, dedicated to those women who were massacred by the Russians. This is an eye witness account.

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After America, There is No Place to Run. ■■



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expandable list of unknowns. To understand these costs requires intellectual sophistication. To understand the more basic and immediate point that markets work and the state does not, needs less sophistication, but it still requires some degree of understanding of cause and effect. If we lack this understanding, we go through life accepting whatever exists as a given. If there is wealth, there is wealth, and there is nothing else to know. If there is poverty, there is poverty, and we can know no more about it.

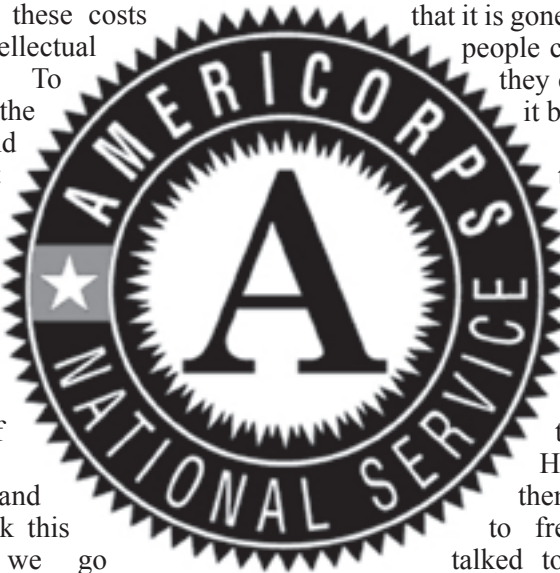
It was to address this deep ignorance that the discipline of economics was born in Spain and Italy, the homes of the first industrial revolutions, in the 14th and 15th centuries, and came to the heights of scientific exposition in the 16th century, to be expanded and elaborated upon in the 18th century in England and Germany, in France in the 19th century, finally achieving its fullest presentation in Austria and America in the late-19th and 20th centuries.

And what did economics contribute to human sciences? What was the value that it added? It demonstrated the orderliness of the material world through a careful look at the operation of the price system and the forces that work to organize the production and distribution of scarce goods.

Its main lesson was taught again and again for centuries: government cannot improve on the results of human action achieved through voluntary trade and association. This was its contribution. This was its argument. This was its warning to every would-be social planner: your dreams of domination must be curbed.

In effect, this was a message of freedom, one that inspired revolution after revolution, each of which stemmed from the conviction that humankind would be better off in the absence of rule than in its tyrannical presence. But consider that what had to come before the real revolutions: there had to be this intellectual work that prepared the field of battle, the epic struggle that lasted centuries and continues to this day, between the nation-state and the market economy.

Make no mistake: it is this battle's outcome that is the most serious obstacle to the establishment and preservation of freedom. The political order in which we live is but an extension of the capacities of our collective cultural imagination. Once we stop imagining freedom, it can



vanish, and people won't even recognize that it is gone. Once it is gone, people can't imagine that they can or should get it back.

I'm reminded of the experience of an economist associated with the Mises Institute who was invited to Kazakhstan after the fall of the Soviet Union. He was to advise them on a transition to free markets. He talked to officials about privatization and stock markets and monetary reform. He suggested no regulations on business start-ups. The officials were fascinated. They had become convinced of the general case for free enterprise. They understood that socialism means that officials were poor too.

And yet, an objection was raised. If people are permitted to open businesses and factories anywhere, and we close state-run factories, how can the state properly plan where people are going to live? After all, people might be tempted to move to places where there are good-paying jobs and away from places where there are no jobs.

The economist listened to this point and kept waiting for the objection. He nodded his head that this is precisely what people will do. After some time, the government officials became more explicit. They said that they cannot simply step aside and let people move anywhere they want to move. This would mean losing track of the population. It could cause overpopulation in some areas and desolation in others. If the state went along with this idea of free movement, it might as well shut down completely, for it would effectively be relinquishing any and all control over people.

And so, in the end, the officials rejected the idea. The entire economic reform movement foundered on the fear of letting people move – a freedom that most everyone in the United States takes for granted, and which hardly ever gives rise to objection.

Now, we might laugh about this, but consider the problem from the point of view of the state. The whole reason you are in office is control. You are there to manage society. What you really

and truly fear is that by relinquishing control of people's movement, you are effectively turning the whole of society over to the wiles of the mob. All order is lost. All security is gone. People make terrible mistakes with their lives. They blame the government for failing to control them. And then what happens? The regime loses power.

In the end, this is what it always comes down to for the state: the preservation of its own power. Everything it does, it does to secure its power and to forestall the diminution of its power. I submit to you that everything else you hear, in the end, is a cover for that fundamental motive.

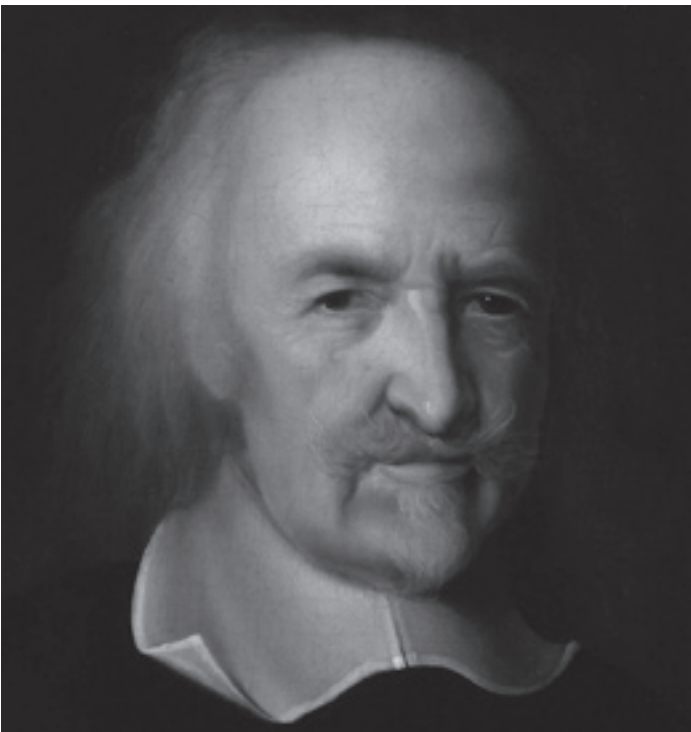
And yet, this power requires the cooperation of public culture. The rationales for power must convince the citizens. This is why the state must be alert to the status of public opinion. This is also why the state must always encourage fear among the population for what life would be like in the absence of the state.

The political philosopher who did more than anyone else to make this possible was not Marx nor Keynes nor Strauss nor Rousseau. It was the 17th-century philosopher Thomas Hobbes, who laid out a compelling vision of the nightmare of what life is like in the absence of the state. He described such life as "solitary, poor, nasty, brutish, and short." The natural society, he wrote, was a society of conflict and strife, a place in which no one is safe.

He was writing during the English civil war, and his message seemed believable. But, of course, the conflicts in his time were not the result of natural society, but rather over the control of leviathan itself. So his theory of causation was skewed by circumstance, akin to watching a shipwreck and concluding that the natural and universal state of man is drowning.

And yet today, Hobbesianism is the common element of both left and right. To be sure, the fears are different, stemming from different sets of political values. The left warns us that if we don't have leviathan, our front yards will be flooded from rising oceans, big business moguls will rob us blind, the poor will starve, the masses will be ignorant, and everything we buy will blow up and kill us. The right warns that in the absence of leviathan society will collapse in cesspools of immorality lorded over by swarthy terrorists preaching a heretical religion.

The goal of both the left and right is that we make our political choices based on these fears. It doesn't matter so much



17th-century philosopher Thomas Hobbes

which package of fear you choose; what matters is that you support a state that purports to keep your nightmare from becoming a reality.

Is there an alternative to fear? Here is where matters become a bit more difficult. We must begin again to imagine that freedom itself could work. In order to do this, we must learn economics. We must come to understand history better. We must study the sciences of human action to re-learn what Juan de Mariana, John Locke, Thomas Jefferson, Thomas Paine, Frédéric Bastiat, Ludwig von Mises, F.A. Hayek, Henry Hazlitt, Murray N. Rothbard, and the entire liberal tradition understood.

What they knew is the great secret of the ages: society contains within itself the capacity for self-management, and there is nothing that government can do to improve on the results of the voluntary association, exchange, creativity, and choices of every member of the human family.

If you know this lesson, if you believe this lesson, you are part of the great liberal tradition. You are also a threat to the regime, not only the one we live under currently, but every regime all over the world, in every time and place. In fact, the greatest guarantor of liberty is an entire population that is a relentless and daily threat to the regime precisely because they embrace this dream of liberty.

The best and only place to start is with yourself. This is the only person that you can really control in the end. And by believing in freedom yourself, you might have made the biggest contribution to civilization you could possibly make. After that, never miss an opportunity to tell the truth. Sometimes thinking the unthinkable, saying the unsayable, teaching the unteachable, is what makes the difference between bondage and sweet liberty.

The title of this talk is "the Misesian vision." This was the vision of Ludwig von Mises and Murray N. Rothbard. It is the vision of the Mises Institute. It is the vision of every dissident intellectual who dared to stand up to despotism, in every age.

I challenge you to enter into the great struggle of history, and make sure that your days on this earth count for something truly important. It is this struggle that defines our contribution to this world. Freedom is the greatest gift that you can give yourself, and give all of humanity.

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ODEQ change the evidentiary record and have him issue an amended decision and they did so.

At this point Mr. Stockman felt he was left with no remedy but to make a plea to his elected officials, so he sent the following letter to the members of the US House of Representatives that were on the ways and means committee that fund ODEQ.

In this letter he included a copy of a constitutional challenge he had already submitted to the administrative law judge, challenging ODEQ's constitutionality.

We felt it was important to print the constitutional challenge in its entirety because it is the perfect argument against all administrative agencies and their unconstitutional administrative process.

Larry Stockman's Letter

Dear Elected Representative:

My name is Larry Stockman; I have been a small business owner in Southern Oregon for the last 30 years. For the last two years I have been living a nightmare that I believe was started by your predecessors; however, I believe you are now funding and supporting this nightmare. The source of my nightmare is the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (ODEQ). Everyone I have spoken to believes as I do, that the need to protect our environment is paramount.

However, no matter the need for actions to protect our environment and no matter the intent, the State of Oregon and its elected officials have created an administrative form of government that is constitutionally offensive and denies the citizens of the State of Oregon the constitutionally mandated protections promised in the Constitutions of the United States of America and the State of Oregon.

The people of the United States of America are guaranteed in the US Constitution Article 4. Section 4 a Republican form of government to all States of the United States.

The United States is a Constitutional Republic and by definition a state where the head of state and other officials are elected as representatives of the people, and must govern by existing constitutional law that limits government's power over its citizens.

The power of government and its officials is further limited in a republican form of government by the separation of powers into three separate branches,

legislative, executive and judicial, and no person charged with official duties under one of these departments shall exercise any of the functions of the other:

A Constitutional Republic by design prevents any one person or group from gaining absolute power over its citizens

Our Founding Fathers intent on the delegation of constitutional powers and its importance is shown by the order it appears in the Constitution of the United States of America.

ARTICLE. 1, Section. 1. All legislative powers vested in Congress.

ARTICLE. 2, Section. 1. Executive Power. To the President.

ARTICLE. 3, Section. 1. Judicial Power. To the Courts.

Our founding fathers intent regarding who possesses constitutional power is made crystal clear again by the order it appears in our Oregon Constitution.

ARTICLE 1 Bill OF RIGHTS.

Section 1. Natural rights inherent in people.

We declare that all men, when they form a social compact are equal in right: that all power is inherent in the people, and all free governments are founded on their authority, and instituted for their peace, safety and happiness and they have at all times a right alter, reform, or abolish the government in such manner as they may think proper.

ARTICLE 3. Distribution of Powers.

Section 1. Separation of Powers. The powers of the government shall be divided into three separate departments, Legislative, Executive, including the administrative, and the Judicial; and no person charged with official duties under one of these departments, shall exercise any of the functions of the other; except as in this Constitution expressly provided.

No reasonable person would ever believe that a constitutionally elected public official possesses the constitutional authority to delegate their legislative power to a non-elected appointee of the State of Oregon.

The legislative power in question belongs to the people not the elected public official. This power is only on loan for that elected public official to serve the will of the people.

DEQ's administrative legislation and enforcement of vague and ambiguous rules that are treated as law and enforced on the people of Oregon as law is a clear violation of Article 1, Section 1 of the US Constitution and Article 3. Section 1 Separation of Powers of the Oregon Constitution.

The Executive branch of the State of Oregon acted beyond the scope of their Constitutional authority by delegating judicial powers to employees of the executive branch for the creation of administrative courts manned by non-elected judges is a clear violation of

Article 1, Section 1 of the US Constitution and

Article 3, Section 1 - Separation of Powers of the Oregon Constitution.

This unconstitutional action by the Executive branch of the State of Oregon usurps my most fundamental right of trial by Jury in all civil cases as provided in

7th. Amendment of Constitution of the United States of America

Trial by jury in civil cases and

Article 1, Section 17 of the Oregon Constitution

In all civil cases the right of Trial by Jury shall remain inviolate.

It further denies me access to the constitutionally intended Courts as provided in Article 7. Section 1 of the Oregon Constitution as holding original jurisdiction to hear and adjudicate any matters of law civil or criminal involving any citizen of the State of Oregon

It also denies me the right to a fair and impartial Trier of facts that is held accountable through the election process - an elected Judge.

Article 7, Section 1. Of the Oregon Constitution.

The judicial power of the state shall be vested in one Supreme Court and in such other courts as may from time to time be created by law. The judges of the supreme and other courts shall be elected by the legal voters of the state.

Article 5

Section 1 of the Oregon Constitution Declares the Executive Power of the State of the State of Oregon shall be vested in a Governor.

Article 5 Section 10 of the Oregon Constitution Declares the Governor shall take care that the laws be faithfully executed.

I do not believe that the unconstitutional creation of DEQ is simply the tyranny of unintended consequences, but a carefully orchestrated plan by elected officials and appointee's to create an administrative government agency that came complete with the ability to make environmental rules that were so arbitrary, capricious and written in terms so vague and ambiguous that no one can agree on their intent or meanings, but they must

be treated as law.

The Executive branch now must create an unconstitutional administrative court that appears to be fair, impartial and maintain the illusion of constitutionality. Legislators, governors, past and present, and a host of government minions now posses the unconstitutional power to adjudicate outside of the Constitution.

It would appear from the inactions and interactions of the judiciary in DEQ's unconstitutional process that most of the judiciary of the State of Oregon has given its approval to this unconstitutional fraud and assault on the Constitutions of the United States and the State of Oregon and the protections they provide for the citizens of the State on Oregon from the tyrannical actions of government.

In the past 2 yrs. I and other likeminded people helping me through this nightmare have spoken to hundreds of other people from every walk of life and every political party about the administrative agencies and their role in our lives.

I find it interesting that not one person in the private or business sector we have spoken to about this matter believes ODEQ meets the constitutional standards needed to be constitutionally enforced on the people of Oregon.

Just a reminder for the record the form of government we the people are guaranteed by Constitutional decree is a Constitutional Republic not a Democracy.

Again, we are a Republic with a Democratic form of representation not a Democracy and please note they are not the same. Maybe this will help you remember what form of government you were elected to represent and swore an oath to uphold. The next time you are standing and giving the pledge of allegiance are you going to say and to the Democracy for which it stands or to the Republic for which it stands. You were elected by the people and sent to Salem to be the people's champion, not to be seduced by special interests or ill advised by legislative counsel concerning the constitutionality of some of your actions. As a elected representative of the people of the State Of Oregon, you are someone that took an oath, a promise to the people to uphold the Constitutions of the United States of America and the State of Oregon. You not only have a right to demand constitutional accountability to every action of government you have a duty to do so.

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"He, therefore, who is now against domestic manufacture, must be for reducing us either to dependence on that foreign nation, or to be clothed in skins, and to live like wild beasts in dens and caverns. I am not one of these; experience has taught me that manufactures are now as necessary to our independence as to our comfort; and if those who quote me as of a different opinion, will keep pace with me in purchasing nothing foreign where an equivalent of domestic fabric can be obtained, without regard to difference of price, it will not be our fault if we do not soon have a supply at home equal to our demand, and wrest that weapon of distress from the hand which has wielded it." --The Letters of Thomas Jefferson: 1743-1826. To Benjamin Austin Monticello, January 9, 1816

Americans are very afraid and jobs is at the top of the list for millions. Employers don't know what will come out of Washington, DC next that will further hurt their ability to make a profit. Millions are coming to realize they're being snowed with propaganda like "We're in a recovery."

It is not the job of the federal government to create jobs, yet the thieves in the Outlaw Congress right now are bickering over another con job called a "jobs bill". This is just more of the same: increasing the debt, weaning more Americans into government jobs and possibly another extension of unemployment benefits:

"Senate Finance Committee Chairman Max Baucus (D-Mont.) and Sen. Charles Grassley (R-Iowa) worked for weeks with Reid's blessing and frequent involvement to craft an \$85 billion jobs bill, a measure that seemed destined to break the partisan log-jam that has ground the Senate to a halt."

"[Reid's] trying to keep it simple," Harkin said emerging from the meeting, "but what I think ought to be in the package is unemployment insurance for one year."

The Marxist usurper in the White House just (without any legal authority) signed another law raising the public debt limit from \$12.4 TRILLION "dollars" to \$14.3 TRILLION "dollars".

Heck, what's another \$85 BILLION tacked on for you, me, our children and grand children to labor like oxen under the yoke to do *nothing more than pay the interest on* that debt for our entire lifetimes? The people's purse is overdrawn \$12.3 TRILLION "dollars". But, the Outlaw Congress wants to spend another \$85 BILLION "dollars" that will have to be borrowed? *Create jobs out of borrowed debt?* Does anyone see the insanity of this? Remember: you are going to work today to help pay

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"That liberty [is pure] which is to go to all, and not to the few or the rich alone."
--Thomas Jefferson

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\$800 MILLION dollars a week just on the interest to commie China for "our" debt.

It is impossible to pay off this Congressionally created debt, [1] signed off by every president for the past 100 years:

"A lot of people are very upset about the rapidly increasing U.S. national debt these days and they are demanding a solution. What they don't realize is that there simply is not a solution under the current U.S. financial system. It is now mathematically impossible for the U.S. government to pay off the U.S. national debt. You see, the truth is that the U.S. government now owes more dollars than actually exist. If the U.S. government went out today and took every single penny from every single American bank, business and taxpayer, they still would not be able to pay off the national debt. And if they did that, obviously American society would stop functioning because nobody would have any money to buy or sell anything."

"And the U.S. government would still be massively in debt."

Unemployment checks are replacing paychecks. This has done nothing to restore our most important and good paying job sectors. This has done nothing and will do nothing towards putting Americans back to work. More Band Aids to cover the massive bleeding. Employers will not hire unless there is an increase in their business and 17 MILLION unemployed Americans are only buying diapers, food, gas and other essentials. Too many are living in tents or their cars. Then, there are consumers like me who will NOT buy Made in commie China or India. I go without if I can't find what I want, so retailers are not getting our money. Employers also cannot hire when being hit by massive unemployment taxes. [2]

Folks have been sending me their candidate of choice for Congress in the coming November elections. The only problem is -- why are none of the candidates (that I've seen so far) addressing real solutions instead of just more pap and warmed over political rhetoric? John Dennis is running against Marxist Nancy Pelosi. He is a great constitutional candidate, except I don't see him stepping forward with taking the first step in bringing home MILLIONS of good paying jobs: "As a country we should welcome trade with all countries, resolve our outstanding disputes with countries considered unfriendly and have diplomatic relations with all."

Well said, but, like so many of the other candidates for Congress, where is your pledge to introduce and fight to get passed, bills that will get America out of three unconstitutional treaties: NAFTA, CAFTA and GATT?



Full page ad, NY Times, April 15, 1994:1944. Bretton Woods: The IMF and the World Bank. 1945. San Francisco: The United Nations. 1994, Marrakech: The World Trade Organization. History knows where it's going. The final act of the Uruguay Round...to the WTO, the third pillar of the New World Order, along with the UN and the IMF." Henry Kissinger, a tried and true traitor and Soviet agent [3] recently said when asked the most important role Marxist Obama can play regarding the middle East: "Obama can give a new impetus to American foreign policy...his task is to step forward to create a new world."

People like me fought tooth and nail against all of those treaties - job killers. The destruction of our most important job sectors, agriculture, manufacturing and industrial have been destroyed by those treaties. The Republicans had 12 years to get us out of those treaties and out of the communist controlled UN. Instead, they did NOTHING while this



nation hemorrhaged jobs by the millions.

Voters, tired, hungry and jobless or having lost their good factory job and now working for minimum wage, continue to vote back into the office the same turncoats who voted for these job killing treaties: John Boehner, Dana Rohrabacher, Newt globalist Gingrich, Tom Delay, Dennis Hastert, Nancy Pelosi, Steny Hoyer and so many more. On the senate side: Grassley sold us out as well as McCain, Lott, Shelby, Kay Bailey Hutchinson and more. Some of the crooks are gone (Hastert, Gingrich, Lott), but I can tell you that the aforementioned (with possibly the exception of Pelosi and Hutchinson who is running for Governor in Texas) will all be rewarded with re-election for their treachery in handing over our jobs to communist countries. Pro-communism is anti-American.



Nancy Pelosi

The Pelosi/Reid team has had control of Congress since January 2007. They have done NOTHING to get us out of those destructive trade treaties. Instead, they continue to spend more debt, not money, and creating more government jobs from borrowed, worthless paper, that produces nothing but higher taxes to pay for those jobs. What they have done is simply light a bigger bonfire for what's coming very soon and it can't be stopped. The same policies pursued by FDR [4] are being replayed today and the results will be the same - financial Armageddon - just on a grander scale.



Sen. Harry Reid

Agriculture, manufacturing and industrial -- all crippled and dying a slow death because of destructive trade treaties signed by Bill Clinton (NAFTA & GATT) and George Bush, Jr. (CAFTA) to keep a "one world trading system" operating. George Bush, Sr., spearheaded the NAFTA treaty with Canada and Mexico; Billy was selected to continue the destruction. Obama is to cement the final stakes through the heart of this republic.

How many times have you heard on the boob tube, "Those are millions of jobs that will never come

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back."

Why the hell not? I'll tell you why: Because the Outlaw Congress is corrupt and cowardly. Those poltroons are afraid of communist China and will do nothing to get us out of those destructive treaties and bring home millions of jobs for Americans.

Of course, Americans are to blame, too. Before NAFTA and GATT were passed, 97% of all shoes were made here in OUR country. From toasters to hand tools, clothing to cars, we made our own products. We paid our workers good wages. Our factories hummed, our farmers and ranchers fed our people and millions around the world. Our industrial sector made the steel, we kept the money and the jobs. America kept her wealth where it should be: in the pocketbooks of her people. Instead of buying Made in America - even though it takes extra time - tens of millions of Americans bought and continue to buy "cheap" made in other countries. In reality what they've done is fire themselves. I know that sounds harsh, but it's the truth.

Did we have trade with other nations prior to NAFTA, CAFTA and GATT? Of course we did and we had tariffs. Fair trade is good. Free trade is financial suicide for any nation.

As those millions of jobs left our country for places like Bangladesh, commie Hong Kong, commie Viet Nam, commie China and India, Americans were forced out of small to medium towns and cities. They were driven to the major metropolitan cities which couldn't handle the massive numbers. As a result of that and the sickening burden of paying the way for illegal aliens, their infrastructures are collapsing. Oh, yes, let us not forget the impact on our economy because MILLIONS of criminals (illegal aliens) are illegally holding jobs that belong to Americans and naturalized Americans who came to our country the legal route. Juan McCain, Obama and Sarah Palin now want to reward [5] some 20 MILLION of those criminals with amnesty.

Those millions "displaced" by those toxic treaties began to buy "cheap" junk from China and other countries. American manufacturers struggle to compete with products coming from China - a communist country that murders their people at will. They monitor women's menstrual cycles to force abortions on them if they get pregnant twice. A country that condones the skinning of dogs and cats alive [6] so the fur can be illegally sold in parkas, doll clothes and sweaters sold in the US. I'd rather wear rags.

Back in 1994, a lame duck Congress voted on the hideous "free" trade treaty, GATT, whereby the United States of America totally and completely abrogated it's sovereignty to a foreign body - the WTO. At the time of the vote, Bob Dole said, "Any way you cut it, we're the big beneficiary." Counterfeit U.S. Senator Ernest Hollings had just the opposite prediction, "...described the vote as 'the gravest mistake the U.S. has ever made on economic policy.'"

Hollings' statement turned out to be right; Dole walked from the Senate a millionaire. Our nation has been plundered as a result of GATT and We, the People, our businesses, our commerce, and our livelihoods, have been under attack ever since, losing virtually every single challenge made by some foreign country. On September 26, 2002, counterfeit U.S. Senator Max Baucus said he was deeply troubled by the WTO dispute settlement process: "Things are looking more and more... like a kangaroo court against U.S. trade laws."

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to complete.” How in the world people can continue to listen to this criminal-hypocrite is beyond me. With Financial Hope, just as with other scams, clients are continually put-off. In other words they are given continual excuses as to why their funding hasn’t occurred yet. There is always a problem with a bank, part of the program or interference from government, when the truth is; the client has literally been robbed. No, the thief didn’t break into their home and steal, he didn’t hold a gun to their head, he simply deceived the hell out of them and gladly received his stolen goods, with a smile on his face – all in God’s name.

As reported earlier, Holmes is in the process of purchasing property in the Dominican Republic, while many of his clients have already lost their homes,

vehicles and life savings. It really doesn’t matter to the US~Observer where Holmes is residing or where he feels safe and secure. This despicable human will soon find that he is no safer in the Dominican Republic than he is in the USA...

People reportedly associated now or in the past with Holmes and his various scams are Jerry and Debbie Smith from Zapata, Texas, Eddie and Nora Salas from El Paso Texas, Elyette (Ely) and Patrick Maillet from Jacksonville Florida, Justin Tallman of Portland, Oregon and Daniel and Jeanette Meyerhofer of Hubbard, Oregon. These people are listed as members of WASA (Wealth and Success Associates), operating out of Portland, Oregon. Deborah Eldridge is also a person of interest in this case. Eldridge is reported

Funny thing about Baucus' stand on trade. He's a "free" trader. On his web site it states, "I've also been a leader in the successful efforts to open Chinese markets to U.S. products and to bring China into the World Trade Organization." Lie down with dogs, get up with fleas. The vote on GATT was 76-24. Guess how many members of the entire Congress read the fine print? One! Former counterfeit Senator Hank Brown (R-CO). He's the only one who read this 28,000 page treaty and declared that in no way would he vote for it.

During the hearings on this monster, French financier Sir James Goldsmith testified in front of Earnest Hollings' committee. He demonstrated that GATT would gut the American textile market. The following are some quotes from the Washington Times, December 6, 1993; they accurately reflect Sir Goldsmith's statements during the hearings, which I watched on TV:

"Global free trade will force the poor of the rich countries to subsidize the rich in poor countries. What GATT means is that our national wealth, accumulated over centuries, will be transferred from a developed country like Britain to developing countries like Communist China, now building its first ocean going navy in 500 years."

"China, with its 1.2 billion people, three Indochinese states with 900 million, the former Soviet republics with some 300 million, and many more can supply skilled labor for a fraction of Western costs. Five dollars in Communist China is the equivalent of a \$100 wage in Europe."

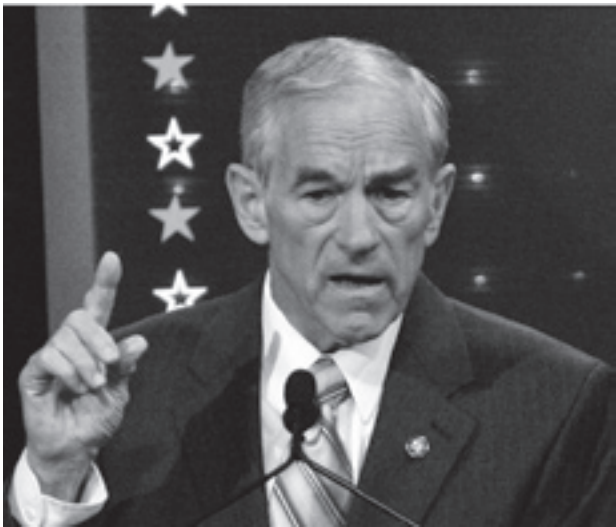
"It is quite amazing that GATT is sowing the seeds for global social upheaval and that it is not even the subject of debate in America....If the masses understood the truth about GATT, there would be blood in the streets of many capitals. A healthy national economy has to produce a large part of its own needs. It cannot simply import what it needs and use its labor force to provide services for other countries."

"We have to rethink from top to bottom why we have elevated global free trade to the status of sacred cow, or moral dogma. It is a fatally flawed concept that will impoverish and destabilize the industrialized world while cruelly ravaging the Third World."

Sir Goldsmith could see into the future, only it's been far worse than he predicted.

The architects of a one world government crushed our freedom and independence with those treaties and here we are today. The Plan was written long ago and I hope you can take the time to read this column I wrote [7] back in 2002. It has opened many eyes over the years: Americans Committing National Suicide.

Have you heard any candidate or incumbent talk about getting America out of the Bretton Woods agreement? This should be a priority. Bretton Woods was brought into being to reorder the world's financial structures and banking system. It has been POISON for our sovereignty and our financial survival. Bretton Woods was and is a major tool for stripping you of



every last penny you make and illegally pumping it into totalitarian operations like the IMF and BIS. A complete failure, because the dominos are getting ready to topple globally.

Congressman Ron Paul (*pictured left*) has introduced several bills in the past that would boost the economy and create jobs through spending. All ignored by those caring Republicans and Democrats in Congress.

- **December 12, 2000:**
Paul Calls for an End to Withholding Taxes
- **April 4, 2001:**
Congressman Paul Introduces Legislation to Abolish Withholding Taxes
- **January 29, 2009:**
Ron Paul Introduces Tax Free Tips Act

On November 16, 2009, I wrote a column titled: Demand Congress Stop Withholding Taxes Now. That is another solution being completely ignored by Congress AND the American people.

At the risk of sounding like a broken record: Buy American. On my web site is a huge list of Made In American companies who want your business. It might require a little extra time, but if we don't support our own industries, we will be supporting our own destruction. The more we buy Made in America, the more American companies will hire. Through a free market, the prices will be affordable and the money stays HERE in America. Not India or some communist country. Tell retailers you want Made in America or you will find it someplace else.

Vote out every incumbent in Congress who voted for NAFTA, CAFTA, GATT. Throw them out for destroying and betraying our republic. How can any voter reward any incumbent who has sold out their own country? Contact candidates and get their pledge to get us out of the UN, all those treaties and no more of our money stolen to illegally feed the IMF, BIS or foreign aid to ANY country and that includes Israel. Congress never had the legal authority under the U.S. Constitution to steal the fruits of our labor to simply give to any foreign country on this earth. That's why I call them the Outlaw Congress.

Writer's Note: My new columns are posted regularly on my web site. You can also sign up for my free email alerts at www.deevy.com. What I can't get done in a column, I use the email alert system.

Footnotes: If you have a computer, simply type the title of the footnote into a search engine and it will pop up.

- [1] **It Is Now Mathematically Impossible To Pay Off The U.S. National Debt**
- [2] **Unemployment taxes slam businesses**
- [3] **Kissinger Out of the Closet**
- [4] **Great Myths of the Great Depression**
- [5] **Palin Interview on Univision - Amnesty**
- [6] **I can still hear their screams**
- [7] **Americans committing national suicide** ■■■

also members of the WASA group. He attempted to intimidate them into retracting their decision to turn Holmes in to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. His threats didn’t work, Holmes was turned in and Tallman subsequently made moves to remove these very same victims from the “Board” of WASA. What integrity Mr. Tallman. In essence, Tallman was clearly committing Obstruction of Justice and get this – Tallman is reportedly a retired attorney.

When Holmes referred to “yellow journalism” in his letter above, he was obviously referring to the US~Observer and past articles we have written about him. Is calling someone a thief, criminal, con-man and hypocrite yellow journalism? – Absolutely not. It is either the truth or it is libelous slander. All who read this can rest assured that each

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.



Court Strikes Down Seattle Park Gun Ban



Mayor Greg Nickels because it violates Washington State's long-standing preemption statute.

Judge Catherine Shaffer ruled from the bench that the gun ban, adopted under former Mayor Greg Nickels, violates Washington's law, which placed sole authority for regulating firearms in the hands of the State Legislature. That law was adopted in 1983 and amended in 1985, and has served as a model for similar laws across the country.

SAF and NRA were joined in the lawsuit by the Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms, the Washington Arms Collectors and five individual plaintiffs.

"This is a great victory for the rule of law and Washington citizens," said SAF Executive Vice President Alan M. Gottlieb. "Greg Nickels was so blinded by his personal hatred for firearms owners and his own arrogance that he imagined the city under his control could simply ignore state law. That arrogance cost Nickels his job last year. We repeatedly warned him not to push

SEATTLE, WA - A King County Superior Court judge has ruled in favor of a lawsuit filed by the Second Amendment Foundation and National Rifle Association, striking down a ban on guns in city parks



a gun ban, but he refused to listen. "It is also a victory for the Legislature," he observed, "because this case affirms the intent of lawmakers in 1983 to prevent cities like Seattle from creating a nightmare patchwork of conflicting and confusing firearms regulations. The ruling solidifies the legislature's authority and sends a message to city and county governments to stop meddling with the rights of Washington citizens."



Gottlieb suggested a review of local ordinances may now be in order, so that city and county governments can be compelled to remove old gun regulations or face legal consequences.

"This ruling puts anti-gun local officials on notice that legally-armed citizens have rights, too," Gottlieb stated.



The Second Amendment Foundation (www.saf.org) is the nation's oldest and largest tax-exempt education, research, publishing and legal action group focusing on the Constitutional right and heritage to privately own and possess firearms. Founded in 1974, The Foundation has grown to more than 650,000 members and supporters and conducts many programs designed to better inform the public about the consequences of gun control.

Newspapers Seek "Transparency" And What Else?

(OFF ALERT) - Oregon's Attorney General, John Kroger (pictured right), has announced a series of public meetings to discuss "Government Transparency."

We agree this is an important issue. In Oregon, legislation is often the subject of "amendments" that are not available to anyone, even legislators, until someone walks into a hearing and puts them on the table. This in spite of the definition of "public record" given by Kroger himself:

"With a few exceptions, all government records of any kind are considered public records. Specifically, a "public record" is any writing that contains information relating to the conduct of public business that is prepared, owned, used or retained by a public body."



documents" or treated like information about government functions. They are, in fact, records created because of the demands of the state on those who simply choose to exercise their rights.

The AG is planning several meetings



So, while we are very supportive of making Oregon government as "transparent" as possible, we are concerned about whom the AG chose as a "partner" for these meetings. The Oregon Newspaper Publisher's Association.

These are the folks who were the major force behind disclosure of the private information of those with concealed handgun licenses.

Although most sheriffs now refuse to reveal this information, the ONPA has made repeated efforts to force disclosure of this private and sensitive data. There is at least one lawsuit in process to force a sheriff to turn over this information to a newspaper.

Our position has always been that the records of persons with CHL's should not be considered "government

to take public testimony on the issue of public records and "transparency."

SPECIAL 'OFF' NOTE:
HR 45, The Blair Holt Firearms Licensing Act of 2009, is NOT "flying under the radar," is NOT slipping quietly by most gun owners, and is NOT likely to go anywhere anytime soon. It's sponsored by one Chicago area, former Black Panther and has no co-sponsors. There are plenty of things to worry about, but right now this is not one of them. Furthermore, there is no Federal bill pending that would require you to list your guns on your income tax forms. The currently circulating rumors about a fictional bill "SB 2099" are just that. Bogus.

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Perhaps our friends at DHS will label Stack a "right-wing domestic terrorist." However, Mr. Stack apparently left behind a "suicide manifesto" explaining his actions. After carefully reading Stack's manifesto, I am quite convinced that he was not crazy, and he was not a "terrorist." However, he was angry.

A lot of us are angry--and for many of the same reasons that Mr. Stack was angry! While I would certainly take exception to some of the things Stack says in his manifesto, he said things that many of us are feeling.

Stack began his manifesto by saying, "If you're reading this, you're no doubt asking yourself, 'Why did this have to happen?'" The simple truth is that it is complicated and has been coming for a long time."

He goes on to say, "Sadly, starting at early ages we in this country have been brainwashed to believe that, in return for our dedication and service, our government stands for justice for all. We are further brainwashed to believe that there is freedom in this place, and that we should be ready to lay our lives down for the noble [principles] represented by its founding fathers. Remember? One of these was 'no taxation with representation' . . . These days anyone who really stands up for that [principle] is promptly labeled a 'crackpot,' traitor and worse."

For the most part, he's right about that, of course. It has been a long time since the average hardworking American has been represented in Washington, D.C. By and large, the politicians in DC represent only Big Money interests. Just try talking with your congressman or senator and see how much personal interest he or she takes in anything you have to say. As for emails, letters, and faxes, unless they number in the tens of thousands, they are mostly used as kindling for the fireplace.

Obviously, Mr. Stack had long felt the frustration of being ignored by these pimps in Washington that we know as congressmen. He wrote, "While very few working people would say they haven't had their fair share of taxes (as can I), in my lifetime I can say with a great degree of certainty that there has never been a politician cast a vote on any matter with the likes of me or my interests in mind. Nor, for that matter, are they the least bit interested in me or anything I have to say."

I suppose that just about every American could say the same thing.

Then, regarding our current tax system, Stack wrote, "Here we have a [tax] system that is, by far, too complicated for the brightest of the master scholars to understand. Yet, it mercilessly 'holds accountable' its victims, claiming that they're responsible for fully complying with laws not even the experts understand. The law 'requires' a signature on the bottom of a tax filing; yet no one can say truthfully that they understand what they are signing; if that's not 'duress' [then] what is. If this is not the measure of a totalitarian regime, nothing is."

He also wrote, "However, this is where I learned that there are two 'interpretations' for every law; one for the very rich, and one for the rest of us."

However, I think a better way of putting his statement would have been, "There are two interpretations for every law; one for the GOVERNMENT, and one for the rest of us." And only the most naïve among us would not understand that statement.

According to Stack's manifesto, he

earned an engineering degree with the goal of becoming an "independent engineer." He said this about working his way through college: "I was living on peanut butter and bread (or Ritz crackers when I could afford to splurge) for months at a time."

I know that feeling! My wife and I married between my sophomore and junior years of college, and for months we had a grand total of \$15 a week to spend on groceries. And believe me: that did not go very far--not even in 1974. How many politicians on Capitol Hill do you think could even remotely relate to Mr. Stack?

Stack later said, "I decided that I didn't trust big business to take care of me, and that I would take responsibility for my own future and myself."

Wow! What a revolutionary idea: taking responsibility for yourself! Now I know that practically no one on Capitol Hill can relate to Mr. Stack!

After quoting a portion of the tax law relating to Section 1706 (Treatment of Certain Technical Personnel), Stack wrote, "The bottom line is that they may as well have put my name right in the text of section (d). Moreover, they could only have been more blunt if they would have came out and directly declared me a criminal and non-citizen slave."

His manifesto clearly reveals bitterness and resentment toward the IRS, the tax system, the banker and Big Business government bailouts, and the emergence of police-state attitudes and actions in the aftermath of 9/11. He expressed disdain for "the monsters of organized religion." He talked about his move from California to Texas. He referred to a divorce and the way his savings and retirement had been wiped out after a career of working "100-hour workweeks."

Stack also noted, "The recent presidential puppet GW Bush and his cronies in their eight years certainly reinforced for all of us that this criticism rings equally true for all of the government." I can say "Amen" to that.

Stack's conclusion: "I have had all I can stand."

In what was obviously a reference to what he was about to do, he wrote, "Nothing changes unless there is a body count."

Then, later he said, "But I also know that by not adding my body to the count, I insure nothing will change. I choose to not keep looking over my shoulder at 'big brother' while he strips my carcass, I choose not to ignore what is going on all around me, I choose not to pretend that business as usual won't continue; I have just had enough."

Stack wrapped up his manifesto by



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officials give lip service to our Constitutions when they are playing to the crowd but when the crowd is gone the same government officials seem to take a very cavalier attitude toward our Constitutions and the rights and the protections they provide to the people. Our Constitutions and the rights they provide to the people are not an abstract concept but the Supreme Law of the land.

The fact is ODEQ is an unconstitutional administrative process that was created to circumvent our Constitutional protections and our Common Law system. Created for the purpose of creating and enforcing environmental laws that could never meet the constitutional requirements or standards needed to become law and enforced on the people of Oregon.

No reasonable thinking person could ever believe the intent of our founding fathers was to trade the yoke of a monarchy and its Courts of Star Chamber for the tyrannous yoke of a Dictatorial administrative governmental agency.

I would ask that you respond to my letter in writing, your opinions on the issues contained in this letter are of paramount importance not only to me

but to all of the likeminded men, women and business of Oregon that have joined me in a quest for Constitutional accountability from government and its servants.

Proudly and Respectfully Submitted,

Larry Stockman

As a sidebar, it was no surprise that not one of these so called public servants ever answered Mr. Stockman's request for their opinions on this matter in writing.

However in November of 2009, State Representative Sal Esquivel contacted ODEQ's Director Dick Pederson and Mr. Pederson has come to NWSM personally and spoke with Mr. Stockman. Mr. Stockman said he is looking to put this matter behind him.

On December 21, 2009, Administrative law Judge Joe Allen made a second decision in the Larry Stockman case and found against ODEQ again. Judge Allen only cited NWSM with failing to file an administrative report with ODEQ.

At this point in time Mr. Stockman is waiting to see if ODEQ is going to appeal Judge Allen's decision to the Appeals Court.

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and every word the Observer publishes about Holmes is the absolute truth – if it wasn't the truth Gary Douglas Holmes would have filed suit against us long ago. All of the adjectives I have attached to Gary Holmes are quite accurate and his portfolio of victims increases daily.

If you know anything about Gary Douglas Holmes or those associated with him please contact Edward Snook at 541-474-7885. You might just be saving someone from financial ruin with your information, and if you have been involved with Holmes your call can possibly help you recover the money he has stolen from you and keep you from the inevitable jail cell that is awaiting those who knowingly and intentionally assist Holmes promote his scams. All information obtained by the US~Observer is held in the strictest confidence.

Remember: If something appears to be “too good to be true” – it is.

Editor's Note: Modern day con-

artists like Gary Holmes with Financial Hope, Jeff Lowrance, formerly the CEO of First Capital Savings and Loan and Robert Buckhannon who promotes the Vestium/Arcanum scam are the very worst our society has to offer. These con-artists have ruined many good people; they have stolen the life-savings of thousands.

As corrupt and evil as these criminals are, they couldn't have stolen all that they have without the assistance of naïve, ignorant or just plain greedy Americans... If you are naïve, ignorant or just plain greedy, listen to the warnings that the US~Observer provides you – If someone is promising you the moon, if they offer you exorbitant interest for your investment or basically, if they tell you something that is just “too good to be true,” as Edward Snook puts it – Get the hell away from them.

fed up with the harassments of the IRS. We know the "war on drugs" is merely the government's way of cutting out the competition (this is exactly what more than one retired federal law enforcement agent--employed in the drug war--told me). We know the "war on terror" is nothing but an excuse to trample our constitutional liberties. We are fed up with the voracious vampires known as the Federal Reserve sucking the lifeblood out of the veins of America's hardworking Middle Class. We are tired of the CFR, CIA, and America's State Department manufacturing perpetual wars that cost trillions of dollars and thousands of American lives for the benefit of the global elite. We are fed up with an arrogant and oppressive federal government that is strangling the life and freedom out of our states. We all share Joe Stack's pain!

I really wish Joe Stack had not killed himself, however. We need each other. By taking his life, he reduced our strength. The global elites delight in our demise. As we grow weaker, they grow stronger.

But the fight is not over; the battle is not lost! Rumblings of freedom's revival can be felt across the length and breadth of this nation. The clanging of liberty's resolve can be heard in hamlets and villages from Montana to South Carolina. There are still millions of us--from virtually every walk of life--who will not surrender our liberties without a fight! And we have not yet begun to fight!

So, to the rest of us Joe Stacks out there: let's not fly our planes into buildings. Let's not end our lives prematurely. Instead, get mad; get organized; get educated; start equipping your heart, mind, and body for the battle ahead. Let's fight; let's study; let's prepare; let's make every would-be tyrant on Capitol Hill and Wall Street know that we are not going to sit back and let them steal our country. Let's send a message, in no uncertain terms, that if they want our pound of flesh, they are going to have to come and get it--and if they do, it's going to cost them a whole lot more than a pound of theirs!

Oh, Joe! I wish you had not killed yourself.

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Having been a reader of the *US~Observer* for some time now, I feel that I am able to tell the wheat from the chaff. I see the work being done by Ed Snook et al. In my opinion, they are on a par with the late (and great) Don Harkins of the *Idaho Observer* and the wonderful patriot Devvy Kidd and too many others to name. Caring for the common people is what these beautiful people do. If you have not yet subscribed to this newspaper I would urge you to do so. Let’s save our great country. Get involved! Let’s take it back!

Jack Lovett
Merlin, Oregon

◆◆◆◆◆ Are Current Social Changes Good?

Editor;

Since the advent of our federally controlled public educational system we have subtly been dumbed down! By changes in quality and content of school subjects, society has slowly but intentionally been taught to accept government conformity, to accept federal control of education, to not think questioningly and critically, and to expect the government to solve all problems. .

Dumbing down of a society and thus controlling that society is a plank of the communist party philosophy. The various ism types of governments are gradual steps toward a New World Order and a one-world (global) government. For those of us who with knowledge and responsibility seek life, liberty, property, and the pursuit of happiness the New World Order is not to our liking or belief values.

During our revolutionary times a greater percentage of society knew and understood the law and accepted personal responsibility to succeed or fail than in our current society. People then believed in and understood the limited purpose of a government for we the people.

Our declining morals, lower standard of living, and changing social values have in large part resulted from purposely mal-directed education and shirking of personal, social, and political responsibility. In advanced societies America now ranks about 17th –or lower- in quality of education. Our teachers have good intentions and most are very capable. However, their efforts are tightly controlled and directed by the federal government. Parental control and responsibility for quality education of their children has been passively given to the federal government and the NEA. We are paying a very high price financially, politically, and morally for allowing our government to decide the values of our society.

It is time that we critically look at the changes occurring in our unique American Culture. I hope it is not too late to regain those higher values of our earlier society. I do not imply a return to lesser levels of progress and

achievement. We can retain our current achievements and continue to progress, but only if we again learn to “think” and to accept personal responsibility. We must learn to not depend on a ubiquitous inanimate government for everything.

We have gone from freedom, liberty, and free pursuit of happiness to government control through license, permits, fees, tax control, politically correct thought, etc. Consider this short list of social changes:

- *We have gone from God given unalienable rights to man given inalienable privileges.*
- *From personal values of morality, honesty, and responsibility, to demanding that government dictate and guide human values, choices, and actions.*
- *From true religious freedom to government controlled 501-c-3 churches.*
- *From freedom of thought and free speech to political correctness, hate crime laws, and confusion about right vs. wrong.*
- *From the uniqueness of our American Constitutional Republic to the historically proven failure of Democracy.*
- *From personal responsibility to not harm others in our pursuit of happiness to blaming others and government for our failures and demanding what we have not earned.*

We have forgotten that our unique country –America—is a Constitutional Republic form of government founded on Christian beliefs. I believe we must quickly again learn to think, to reason, to be properly educated, to be more self-reliant, and to accept personal responsibility. We should demand that our government function primarily only as intended in our -one of a kind- American Constitutional Republic. Legal ways to change our government are in the original -“Constitution for the united States of America.”

Please remember or learn that our incomparable American Nation was created with God’s help as a “Constitutional Republic!” It is neither a “Democracy” nor any kind of “ism!”

William L. Cimino
Strabane, PA

◆◆◆◆◆ Resident Usurper

Dear Editor:

Is there any way for an American citizen to press charges on the Resident usurper in the White House that is taking away my liberties and sovereignty and changing my way of life and jeopardizing my grandchildren's futures?

Every day I awaken to a new horror, and the Supreme Court sits on its laurels collecting my tax dollars. The Resident usurper writes Executive Orders that are un-constitutional and infringes on my freedoms. He is bankrupting my country and making it most difficult for me to attain life, liberty and my pursuit of happiness since he has taken office. There are millions of Americans

that feel as I do, and there has never been any proof that he is eligible to be in the White House. It would be bad enough if he were eligible in regard to his destruction of my country, but not to prove he is and allow this to go on is criminal on the part of every judge, elected official and states to not demand this documentation and protect my rights and those of the rest of the population.

Please let me know what I can do, or what you can do, to have these charges of fraud, corruption, treason and conspiracy to overthrow my government heard in a court of law.

There has to be ONE JUDGE that still believes in our founding documents and America!

Very truly yours,

Carol Horacek
Butler, NJ

◆◆◆◆◆ Hi Ron!

I read your article titled, "It's the American Peoples Fault". I could have written it myself. You are spot on when you say that the American people have the power, but for some reason the people have forgotten. It is the most important thing we have... our power. We handed it over ever so slowly...step by step. Really...we didn't even feel it coming on...just like the frog in the boiling pot of water. Yes, it's our fault and yes it's the elites fault, too. Trickery of the American people is right at the top of the issue too. They are sly dogs, those elite evil souls. How could they dare try to kill us, our children then take everything we have! Maybe, just maybe we needed this to happen to get us to WAKE THE HECK UP AND TAKE BACK OUR POWER, OUR LIVES AND OUR COUNTRY. Other countries suffer too...all over the world.

You are right...we need to just walk into the government buildings with, oh say, 10,000 of our closest neighbors and take over. Very peacefully...but with a firm hand. Just hand them a pink slip and tell them to leave the building. Keep reaching out Ron. Keep on Keepin' On!!!

Nancy

◆◆◆◆◆ Response to the story, "It's the American People's Fault"

Mr. Lee:

I scanned your article concerning the ignorant and apathetic masses' responsibility for our country's current problems. Please comment on my perspective as to the root cause of these problems. I agree with you that the people are inattentive but I feel that there is more going than that.

This was sent to a lively group which debates politics in a somewhat unfriendly manner. Like most people, they focus the blame on "stupid" politicians, "greedy" corporations, "conniving" lobbyists, "liberal or

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right wing or controlled" media without sensing the orchestration which makes these minions act as they do on behalf of the super-rich. Reading the book referenced in the link below is what allowed me to see both the forest and the trees.

How about the "Conspiracy Theory" which we have all been taught to ridicule?

I feel that the family foundations on this list: www.namebase.org/sources/dZ.html are the root cause of most of America's problems. These tax-free foundations and many offshore numbered accounts hold major equity in America's largest corporations. The various boards of directors are elected on a one share/one vote basis and allow these families to use the corporations as cash cows to support their minions - corporate managers, politicians, lobbyists, media executives/celebrities and other leaders such as those in religion and education.

The elite's money is able to select the nominees in each major party's primaries for us to elect in the general election - especially for political offices at the national level.

In 1913, the Federal Reserve Banking System was created to force us to borrow our money into circulation at interest although Congress is, according to the Constitution, supposed to issue the money and regulate its value. Also in 1913, the IRS was created to provide a source of revenue to pay this interest and to subsidize the planned bloated government. To protect the wealthy families of that day, the tax-free foundations were established in 1913 so that this mostly inherited wealth could continue to grow without the burden of supporting their government.

These families hire the brightest from the best schools and rely very heavily on Julius Caesar's "Divide and Conquer" strategy of warfare. We are divided in virtually every way and, as pointed out in several of your group's e-mails, we spend all of our time battling each other over many, many controversial issues while the establishment transfers our wealth into their tax-free foundations and offshore numbered accounts unnoticed. We fight the smoke while ignoring the flame. Most of us are ignorant and apathetic. Those who pay varying degrees of attention to the world around us are sliced and diced by politics, education, wealth, religion and we are all manipulated by greed and fear.

It is basically Humanity 101. Nothing has changed in thousands of years except that, in the last few centuries, the super-rich have gone underground and selected surrogates to rule on their behalf.

I'm hoping for about 15% agreement with this until more of you aggressively research the subject.

Bill Madden

Author's Note: The following is my response to Mr. Madden's letter regarding the article.

Mr. Madden,

I agree that there are those "families" who could be likened to royalty in their influence in worldly affairs, but holding on to a belief that they are the cause is what has kept us under their yoke. What we need is a change of perspective ... thinking that anyone is above us, the People - the commoners - actually gives them their power. We have to strip them of this influence. By turning your attention from them and simply walking in and ignoring their self-adorned world crown we, literally, wrest their power from them. Throughout history we have had the masses led by the few; the few leeching off the backs of the laborers below them; the few "allowing" the masses to live on their land; the few telling the masses what to feel, believe, practice ... The change of perspective comes when you realize they are, in fact, just a few and inconsequential in the grand scheme of reality because the masses outnumber them millions-to-one ... that it is our will that will be done, should we make it happen. The founders knew this. They drew upon it to oust the king from our shores.

But through time, the masses lose sight of their own strength. They hand it over to those "more qualified" or ambitious. And it is these families that lurk and wait and seize every opportunity given them to profit from the masses blindly plodding along ...

It's time that the quote, made famous by "Tora! Tora! Tora!" and falsely attributed to Admiral Yamamoto, "I fear that all we have done is to awaken a sleeping giant and fill him with a terrible resolve" is aptly applied by the elites regarding the masses. They have pushed too far. I pray they have awakened enough and that we can live-up to being the giant we could be.

Sorry for the rant! :)
My best to you,

Ron
Editor/Writer
US~Observer

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Three Cheers Ron!!!!

You hit the nail on the head. It is a feat beyond belief, but Americans have been driving the nails in their own coffins, while laying on their backs on the inside of the coffin. Those who tried to expose all of these problems, that seem to have miraculously surfaced in the past few months, were quickly labeled "Conspiracy Theorists", Lunatics, etc. As history would have it, the majority of us were right. Why, one might ask? Because we smelled the "burnt meals" coming from the kitchen and sought out better places to get our meals. Sadly, this was many decades ago, before "investigative reporting", bit the dust. It was so simple, when the government started shutting certain "sources" down, for some trumped up charge,

only we "Village Idiots" knew that they were the only ones telling the truth.

Then there was Gordon Kahl, Randy Weaver, WACO, OKY City, ad nausem!!! By then, common sense had all but disappeared. Then, the home computer was starting to skyrocket into popularity!!! Who would have thought that the great American Human race was too stupid to take advantage of the vast amount of truth at the click of a key. To top all of this. The Great White Race finally proved that they were determined not to learn one thing from the Black Movement that started in the '50s and continues exploding until this very day.

I profess to be a Christian and I will be the first to say that the Christian Church Leadership has blatantly and intentionally failed and refused to teach and preach the Word of God as it is written and correctly translated. By having chosen this route, they carry a huge portion of the responsibility for the position America, as a country/nation and America, as a people find ourselves in. We allowed our education system to be reduced to that of a Third World Country. Don't know what 2+2=s, no State, National or World History, etc. When Jay Leno would "interview" his "Jay Walking Allstars", we were see the cream of what our educational system was/is producing.

They started send jobs after jobs overseas mostly to Red China and various nations that severely abused their youth, ie, sweat shops. THEN they work the Panama Canal so that Red China ends up with it!!! What Country would allow their #1 Enemy to gain access/controll of a major waterway/security passage??

DUH! I have to totally agree with your article! The "positions" that I grew up to respect and look up to have long disappeared. We are rapidly approaching an era of few choices: fight, follow the lemmings to the nearest cliff, play ostrich and poke our heads back in the sand(and kiss our asses good-bye) or make reservations at one of the FEMA "Reconditioned" Ex-military bases. I wonder if "Bayer" will contract to make the gas, should the chambers require it?

Good Show Ron!! Awaiting the next one!

Jim Kimbrough, 67
Alabama

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The Concern for Liberty

The monarch then was opposed "for imposing taxes upon us without our consent."

State and Federal governments today, to be sure, obtain legislative consent for tax rates but then, in administrating the rules of taxation with absolute power, actually determine who shall pay what and when just as effectively as though they passed the laws in the first place without consent.

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To view this matter through the lens of liberty is to see an entirely different sort of picture; it is to see the challenge of actually liberating black Americans from state control, letting them, if anything, have special assistance in cutting through red-tape, in blasting apart the restrictions of labor unions, business and zoning codes and, above all, constant police surveillance over their daily lives. It would mean, for instance, giving

A greater example, naturally, would be found in

BRAWLING IN A BARROOM

Wolves and Human Health

By Jim Beers

It is a simple rule of life that when brawling in a barroom, there are no rules. It is with this simple rule in mind that I bring to your attention to a minor, yet potentially major, aspect of the known biology of a little recognized species of tapeworm that infects wolves and dogs.

This species of tapeworm, *Echinococcus multilocularis*, has just been found in wolves in Slovakia. In North America, this species of tapeworm has been found only in western and northwestern Canada and a small area of Montana. A parasitologist recently mentioned to me that it may have spread into North Dakota as I am writing this.

This species, *multilocularis*, is of importance to rural North Americans since it is readily spread by infected wolves to dogs and humans. Dogs (and wandering wolves) can infest yards and homes (human living spaces) with the eggs of this tapeworm. The eggs are not only persistent, they are readily picked up by humans, their clothing, and boots and brought inside where toddlers and those that do not routinely wash their hands to those that unknowingly breathe in the eggs when the eggs are disturbed and airborne in the home can become infected. One other rather important point is that the cysts formed by this tapeworm in human tissues and organs are very dangerous since they can only be removed by surgery and if they are ruptured (very difficult to avoid) during surgery, they can cause death. In other words this is one of the most dangerous (to humans) tapeworms carried by and spread by wolves.

So you are probably wondering what all this has to do with “brawling in barrooms”? The answer is that the foregoing information contains a nugget of information that has great consequences if I am willing to present it like the environmental radical community presents select propaganda in a way that I find repugnant.

I have long been outraged at the environmental religious tenet that is dressed up in “science” under the rubric of “INVASIVE SPECIES”. This bit of fantasy holds that there is something “sacred” or “right” about a “Native Ecosystem” and therefore any species of life that is not “Native” is therefore “Invasive” and subject to eradication and/or total exclusion from places that they are not “Native” to. “Native” is defined as the biological communities that were in Pre-Columbian North America, that is pre-1492 when the supposedly impure Europeans contaminated this continent. This concept is a direct copy of the Nazi-era German plans and programs aimed at re-establishing “Pre-

Roman” plants and animals that were the result of equally impure Romans contaminating the Teutonic paradise. Repugnant is too light a word to describe what I feel for this biological chicanery.

In the past ten years environmental and animal rights radicals have used this “Invasive Species” argument to justify expanding federal authority, federal programs, and the federal budget. While they always use bogeymen like Brown Tree Snakes (Guam) or Killer Bees and Kudzu (Southern US) to justify their wishes, time shows how they are aiming more at pheasants and brown trout to diminish hunting and fishing or specious assertions to justify stopping grazing or logging or shutting down growing portions of the public estate. This is done based in large measure on “science” that is on par with the global warming/ climate control/global cooling quackery of recent times.

Yet it has worked, so what’s good for the goose is good for the gander and this gander now invokes the “Invasive Species” bugaboo with all the enthusiasm of a Druidic priest praying to mistletoe high in a winter oak as we all dance around a campfire.

Forget that *Echinococcus multilocularis* is deadly to humans. Forget that other tapeworms both dangerous and potentially deadly to humans AND carried by and spread by wolves are ubiquitous (all over the place) in

North America. So far as I can determine from the literature (oooh that sounds so... scientific) and from talking to acquaintances that are familiar with the topic --- *Echinococcus multilocularis* has NEVER been found in North America outside western Canada and a small area of Montana. Therefore, (drum roll please) *Echinococcus multilocularis* is an INVASIVE SPECIES in all lower 48 states with the exception of Montana (who could probably adopt a County approach to Invasive Species eradication and get in on this action.)

Now since the wolf was stocked by the federal government and is protected by the federal government AND IS THE VECTOR OR CARRIER OF THIS DEADLY INVASIVE SPECIES, AND SINCE THE



The Wolf

WOLF HAS SPREAD INTO THE NORTHERN GREAT LAKES STATES, MONTANA, WYOMING, UTAH, IDAHO, AND NOW WASHINGTON, OREGON, COLORADO, ARIZONA, NEW MEXICO, AND IS STRAGGLING INTO THE DAKOTAS, ILLINOIS, NEBRASKA AS WELL AS OTHER STATES; what can be done? Can the states kill all of these carriers of this truly deadly Invasive Species? Can state legislatures resist or overcome federal wolf sanctimony by declaring total war on these vectors of a deadly Invasive Species? How can the federal government justify spreading this infectious agent when they are charged Constitutionally with promoting “the General Welfare” in the very Preamble of the Constitution of the United States? Where are all the acolytes of a “pure Native Ecosystem”?

Like they say, when in a barroom brawl be prepared to do whatever it takes to win or get the heck out of there pronto. I (and you too, I hope) have no intention of running away from this fight so let’s either see this “Invasive Species” nonsense put to bed or lets haul all of these government wolf-enablers in the hoosegow for endangering rural Americans with a program that places a vector of a deadly-to-human Invasive Species infections under total protection while it invades the native state ecosystems while further endangering rural Americans’ families, livelihoods, communities, and ways-of-life.

This is no joke!

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the passage of laws to make the tax collectors obey any law at all — such as equal treatment, candor of information — as to their internal memoranda and operations (today, a body of secrets more closely guarded than the atom bomb) so that citizens would know just what the rules might be on any given day; and so forth and so on down a long line of abuses which now mark this profession as the governmental counterpart of the Black Hand Society.

Laws designed to respect, rather than deny the right of every man to his own life, also could be passed — as for example in forbidding government the right to conscript people for any purpose whatsoever.

Laws designed to respect, rather than degrade, the minds of men, also could be passed, as in laws forbidding anyone, particularly any level of government, the right to forcefully practice censorship or enforce conformity. (It goes without saying, of course, that this would scarcely prevent a parent from "censuring" inputs to a dependent child, if the parent felt so unsure of the child as to think he or she needed it, nor would it prevent any other consensual relationships. If some people want to let someone

else think for them, it probably would be impossible to stop them. But what eagerly should be opposed is their right to extend the action forcefully to cover anyone else!)

It is true that a libertarian concept of a legislature is largely negative. It envisions the only function of government, and voluntary government at that, as lying on the realm of providing, by community agreement, the sort of protection for individuals which, otherwise, individuals could and would provide for themselves. Sound arguments, of course, can be delivered for the achievement of precisely this same sort of protection by nongovernmental means, as through fee services, voluntary arbitration agreements, commercial protective services, and so forth — or for the existence, side-by-side, of competing community and commercial services in all those fields.

The sheerly constructive side of libertarian views of society is in the liberation of men to try voluntarily any and all sorts of daring, innovative social forms, or stick with old ones if they wish.

The real point lies beyond the details. The point is that there is vast and legitimate room to discuss the

forms of liberty without forever being bogged down in discussions of the form of the nation-state. The point, further, is that a serious interest in liberty, as opposed to a parlor-protest, rhetorical interest only in how to play the power game, will impel men to exert themselves in what is essentially the revolutionary direction of our own Declaration of Independence rather than in any more polite discussions.

Look for Part 4 “Liberty - The Unsettled Issue” in the next edition of US~Observer!

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Suspended Animation Coming to Life: Researcher



Biochemist Mark Roth

LONG BEACH, California (AFP)—A gas proven deadly in chemical weapons could one day be used to put people into life-saving suspended animation. While hydrogen sulfide is toxic in large doses, small amounts of the gas have the potential to make animals appear dead for a while then allow them to wake up unharmed, according to biochemist Mark Roth. "I think we are on the path of understanding metabolic flexibility in a significant way," said Roth, whose work

at an eponymous lab in Washington State has gotten funding from a research arm of the US Department of Defense. "In the future an emergency medical technician might give hydrogen sulfide to someone suffering serious injuries and they might become a little more immortal giving them time to get the care they need." Suspended animation takes place in the natural kingdom, with bears hibernating through winters while plant seeds and bacterial spores are able to biologically sleep for millions of years, according to the researcher. It has also long been fodder for science fiction. "Usually when I mention suspended animation people will flash me the Vulcan peace sign," Roth said while

explaining his research at a TED Conference the ended here Saturday. Roth found that hydrogen sulfide in bonds in spots in bodies that would usually be occupied by oxygen,

ostensibly becoming a sort of dimmer switch for metabolism. "We did it with a mouse; this was cosmic," Roth said. "We found a way to do this with a mammal. All you had to do was put it in room temperature and it was no worse for the wear." Roth's lab has completed early phase human trials but hasn't actually tried the process in a person. "We should know in a few years if it works or not," Roth said. "You want to plant a flag and people will come and then think about how to use it in other ways." ■■



Black Bear "Suspended Animation" Hibernating

Red Wine and Dark Chocolate - Cancer Killers?

LONG BEACH, California (AFP)—Cabernet and chocolate are potent medicine for killing cancer, according to research presented here Wednesday. Red grapes and dark chocolate join blueberries, garlic, soy, and teas as ingredients that starve cancer while feeding bodies, Angiogenesis Foundation head William Li said at a prestigious TED Conference. "We are rating foods based on their cancer-fighting qualities," Li said. "What we eat is really our chemotherapy three times a day." The Massachusetts-based foundation is identifying foods containing chemicals that evidently choke-off blood supplies to tumors, starving them to death. Li cited a Harvard Medical School study showing



that men who ate cooked tomatoes several times weekly were 30 to 50 percent less likely to have prostate cancer. "There is a medical revolution happening all around us," Li said. "If we're right, it could impact on consumer education, food service, public health, and even insurance agencies." About a dozen drugs are already in use to deprive tumors of blood supplies in a treatment tactic called "anti-angiogenesis." The foundation pitted some foods against approved drugs and found that soy, parsley, red grapes, berries and other comestibles were either as effective or more potent in battling cancer cells. Eaten together, the foods were even more effective in fighting cancer.

"We discovered that Mother Nature laced a large number of foods and herbs with anti-angiogenesis features," Li said. "For many people around the world, dietary cancer treatment may be the only solution because not everyone can afford cancer drugs." The foundation also discovered that anti-angiogenesis properties of foods melt away fat, which relies heavily on blood flow to sustain itself. Tests showed that mice genetically prone to be chubby could be trimmed to average mouse size using the approach. "It got weight down to a set point for normal mice," Li said. "In other words, we can't create supermodel mice." ■■



Health Care in Great Society - A Test Case (Commentary)

By Roderick Saxey, M.D. - Before the Great Society gave us Medicare and Medicaid, the poor (young or old) received care through a variety of free clinics, county hospitals, teaching institutions, and individual physicians. Surveys showed that 97% of physicians cared for some patients without charge or at reduced fees. It was honored expectation of the profession to work without pay in charity clinics. This customarily consisted of one-half a day per week, but many physicians did more and it was not rare for a doctor to spend half his time in volunteer settings. One of the objectives of federal medical insurance programs, used at the time to sell the Great Society, was to make "every patient a paying patient." Nevertheless, recent data demonstrates that 75-85% of physicians still provide free or reduced fee services. Beyond this, however, all who accept Medicare and Medicaid patients now see them at greatly reduced fees anyway, mandated by the government. Originally the government paid the full, customary fee. But over the years and through endlessly proliferating and changing rules, reimbursements have been reduced, frequently to 25-30 cents on the dollar. Health care providers are prohibited from billing even wealthy Medicare patients, for any difference between what the government pays and what the service normally costs. Reimbursements are so low and billing costs to deal with the bureaucracy so high, that some practices have given up entirely and no longer bill for federally insured patients. More important than huge cost of federally funded

medicine - and the poor payment for it from the provider' stand point - is it's spiritually destructive effect on the participants. Patients who received free care in the old charity settings were grateful. They expressed their gratitude as best they could, repaid their debts at least symbolically as circumstances permitted, (they really did pay with vegetables or eggs or whatever they had) and most importantly their hearts were filled with emotion at the generosity and kindness of their fellow man. They experienced love, and that love expanded their souls. But it is common knowledge among physicians and other health care workers today, that "welfare" cases tend to be the most demanding and least grateful of all: • the most likely to insist on emergency care for

routine problems; • the most likely to sue when their expectations are not met; • and the least likely to say "thank you." They have been taught that their care is a right, provided by a beneficent government and administered by generous public servants who will force greedy doctors and hospitals to treat them. Such attitudes contract the soul. A parallel phenomenon occurs among physicians themselves. When they give their service freely, they experience love and compassion...infinitely more satisfying and of greater value than any amount of monetary pay. Indeed, while our English word "charity" is usually used in the sense of donation, gift, or welfare, it is derived from the Latin "caritas", meaning brotherly love; the sense in which Paul uses it in his letter to the Corinthians. When the government began paying for charity cases...real charity began to be lost for physicians, lost first in the promise, then in the expectation that every patient is and hence should be a paying patient; lost finally in the resentment that arises when government promises are not kept. Medicare and Medicaid are fundamentally corrupting; destroying the soul-expanding emotions that are the crucial elements in, and the greatest benefits of, personal service. *Editors Note: The US~Observer thanks Betty Freauf for contacting us with her request that we re-publish this article that was originally published in a 1995 edition of the Observer. Betty fee;s that this is still relevant today. ■■*





Most Americans Think It's Others Who Are Unhealthy

By Peter West
HealthDay Reporter

(HealthDay News) -- Despite rising rates of obesity and diabetes, a new survey has found that a majority of Americans believe their health is just fine - it's everyone else who has the problem.

More than 50 percent of respondents said that other people's health "was going in the wrong direction." In contrast, only 17 percent said their own health was going in the wrong direction.

Commissioned by GE Healthcare, The Cleveland Clinic and Ochsner Health System, the survey looked at how Americans and their health-care professionals rate the country's health. The findings, which were released Tuesday, show a big disconnect between how Americans rate their own personal health and how they rate the health of their fellow Americans. Furthermore, Americans seem to think they are in much better shape than their doctors believe they are.

"Either people are denying reality about themselves or they don't have the correct knowledge and believe they are doing the right things," said study author Dr. Michael Roizen, chairman of The Cleveland Clinic's Wellness Institute. "Personally, I think there is a lot of misinformation [about healthy habits]."

On the other hand, Roizen added, many physicians may be overstating their concern about the health of the general population because they tend to see the

sickest.

According to the study, which surveyed more than 2,000 people across the United States late last year:

Nearly 30 percent of the respondents gave themselves an A for managing their personal health, while 92 percent of doctors gave them a C or lower.

Nearly a third of the study respondents gave themselves an A for eating healthy. Once again, 92 percent of doctors gave them a C or lower.

About a third gave themselves an A for getting regular exercise, while 91 percent of physicians gave them a C or lower.



One disconnect is that in a land where a majority of people are overweight or obese, people tend to compare themselves favorably with their more overweight neighbors, explained Eva To, a registered dietician in White Plains, N.Y.

"Everything is relative," she said. "In America, everything is big. But if you put them in an Asian country, they will compare themselves to someone else."

Another problem seems to be that many respondents didn't know their basic health numbers - blood pressure, cholesterol, glucose level and other measures. Just 24

percent knew their body-mass index; 29 percent knew their blood glucose level; 33 percent knew their daily caloric intake; and only 36 percent knew their current cholesterol levels.

And yet a majority reported that keeping those numbers in a good range was key to good health. Ninety-five percent agreed that regular checkups with their physicians were important, even though 70 percent said they had taken actions to avoid their doctors, such as hoping their health problems would go away on their own or asking a friend for medical advice instead.

"It is important that patients communicate with their personal physicians to help manage their own health," said Dr. Scott Hayworth, president and CEO of Mount Kisco Medical Group in New York. "With this comes an obligation to be aware of how well they are following guidelines for exercise, diet and weight management."

It's a task that may be easier said than done, according to Eva To.

"Americans are just not into prevention," she said. "If they are not sick, they think they are healthy. But most of the killers are silent diseases, such as diabetes, high blood pressure and hardening of the arteries. We don't feel it, but they are killers all the same."

People also tend to rationalize their bad behavior by believing that the good things they do cancel out the negative. An extra slice of pizza, for example, may be justified as OK after a workout.

"People may say they eat salad for lunch, but what about the salad dressing?" said To. "They look at one element and not look at the whole picture." ■■

U.S. Survey Shows:
Well-Being Highest
in Western Cities

(HealthDay) Seeking a happier, healthier life? Go west, according to a new survey of more than 350,000 Americans. It finds that Rocky Mountain cities such as Boulder, Colo., or California towns like Santa Rosa have the highest concentrations of generally happy residents, USA Today reported.

The Gallup-HealthWays Well-Being Index, conducted in 2009, asked respondents to assess their finances, physical health, mental outlook, jobs and communities.

"Most of our highest-scoring cities are found out West and most of our lowest-scoring cities are in the South," Gallup-HealthWays research director Dan Witters told USA Today.

According to a news release from the pollsters, the Top 5 cities in terms of well-being are Boulder, Colo.; Holland, Mich; Honolulu, Hawaii; Provo, Utah; and Santa Rosa, Calif. The

nation's capital, Washington, D.C., also made the Top 10, placing at number 8.

Most of the cities placing in the bottom 10 of the list of 162 medium- or large-sized cities were in regions facing tough economic conditions, such as the Alleghenies and the Rust Belt, USA Today said.

The survey found that people living in cities with over a million or more residents tended to report better well-being than those living in smaller centers, but residents of small cities (250,000 people or less) felt safer walking at night and were more likely to report having sufficient money for housing. Having a major university, large military base or a state Capitol also seemed to boost a city's well-being index, the pollsters said.

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The Oath of Office



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When a person seeks and wins elective office, they take an Oath of Office as their first official action. That Oath of Office includes a pledge to preserve, protect and defend the United States Constitution, against all enemies, foreign and domestic. Their State Constitution and respective local charters are also covered by that Oath of Office.

The Oath of Office is the basis of their claim to hold legitimate authority to take actions and make decisions in the name of We the People. They are bound by that Oath to the highest level of bondage on their honor that we can impose as an organized and civil society. That Oath of Office also forms the base of our social compact as a People, to live and be bound by a set of minimal common laws for the express benefit of all of allowing us to live as free people.

Compromise that Oath of Office and you put everything at risk. Everything.

Today, after more than 200 years of freedom, we have changed as a nation. That change, in and of itself, is natural. It is part of life, so long as the basic social compact is preserved. But change can be subtle. Gradually, the very government of the nation, the "Federal Government" became something our Founders never intended for it to become. In fact, all of them worried about it and warned against it.

The general government of the Republic of the United States (small "u" intentional) became, over time, the Federal Corporate Government, a distinct, separate corporate entity from the general government. Since the end of the Civil War, most State, Commonwealth, county and city governments too have developed separate corporate governing entities, all of which create and serve their own incumbent bureaucracies.

Just like any other corporate body, government corporations have their own interests, because they are legal "persons" under the law. These corporate interests are rarely the same as the interests of We the People.

It happened so slowly and without fanfare that even as it was happening, We the People did not see it happening. Since it was a completed process before the turn of the Twentieth Century (1900), no one today ever thinks about this vital aspect of cause and effect regarding how we got to where we are today as a nation.

Yet the elected leaders of the government also serve as the de facto Board of Directors of the Governmental Corporation. That in-turn raises a very serious question regarding their fiduciary responsibilities. Whom do

they serve? What is their true fiduciary responsibility?

Thankfully that answer is quite clear. They are the elected representatives of We the People first and foremost. Their primary fiduciary responsibility is to the People they serve. They serve as the Governmental Corporation Board of Directors only in the shadow of their primary obligation. They can do no harm to We the People in favor of the Governmental Corporation's bureaucracy without violating their Oath of Office.

Unfortunately most newly elected officials have absolutely no concept of their true roles and responsibilities. Instead, they look to the bureaucracy for guidance. And the bureaucracy makes sure they are well represented, "helping" the newly elected official to "understand" that the bureaucracy is the government, not the elected official. In short, they are lied to by the self-serving bureaucrats they trusted for help.

The truth is just the opposite. The elected officials are the government. The bureaucracy is just the hired help.

The result is the upside-down government we know all too well these days.

The same principle logic applies to incorporated religious organizations. Our Founders were deeply committed to their faith in God and expected the leaders of their churches to serve as the primary watchmen of the Republic, serving as the moral guardians who would warn their parishioners (We the People) of



tax system, most modern churches were forced to become non-profit corporations, which created a new "person", the corporate church. It owes allegiance for its very existence to the Federal Corporate Government that gave it life. If the Board of Directors of the non-profit church corporation wish to continue to receive the tax benefits granted to them in exchange for their loyalty to the Federal Corporate



Government, the Board of Directors of the non-profit church corporation must do what they are told to do, and not to do. Their primary restriction? No discussion of politics.

This has severed the ties between We the People and our church leadership as envisioned by our Founders.

Ministers, pastors, priests, rabbis, and other church leaders must decide who they actually serve. No one can serve two masters. Not in church, nor in government.

Once We the People understand what has happened, it will be very easy to see clearly what is actually going on, why things never change for the better and why government today is completely out-of-touch with the People, whose interests they have a legal and moral obligation to serve.

As a word of caution, the existence of private corporations, in and of themselves, is not a major cause of the political problems we all face today.

In fact, the idea of private corporations is vital to the security of the private enterprise, free-market system, which in-turn is vital to maintaining our Liberty. Private corporations should not be feared or blindly vilified as evil. Nor should religious or government corporations be followed blindly or attacked without cause.

All should be judged by their actions.

If you don't like what a private corporation does, don't patronize their place of business or use their products.

If you see hypocrisy in your church or its leadership, challenge that behavior. If it won't change and you cannot compromise your principles, change your place of worship.

If your elected leadership serves the bureaucracy instead of honoring their Oath of Office to serve We the People first, then remove them from office, through elections or by recall. Either of these would be warranted, based upon any elected leader violating their Oath of Office by favoring the government bureaucracies interests over the interests of We the People.

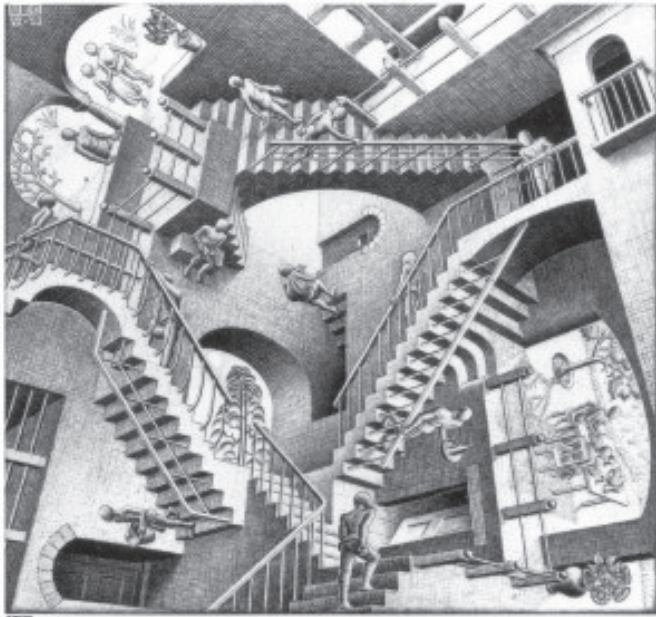
If your elected leadership takes any action to thwart your lawful authority to act Constitutionally, they move from a simple violation of their Oath of Office to open rebellion against the very documents they swore an

Oath to preserve and protect.

At that point, they become the very domestic enemies their sworn Oath of Office obligates them to fight against. As a result, they no longer have any legitimate right to exercise lawful authority.

See them for what they are. Then ask yourself what our Founders would have done.

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any moral or ethical failures by their elected leaders that put Liberty at risk.

Church leaders today face the same fiduciary responsibility problem faced by our elected leaders. With the advent of the Federal Corporate Government

