

# ***COMMON SENSE II***



***AMERICA BETRAYED***

On January 10, 1776 a pamphlet entitled “*Common Sense*” was anonymously published in Philadelphia. Written by Thomas Paine, *Common Sense* logically argued the reasons why the American colonists should govern themselves rather than be ruled by a monarch who sits some 3,000 miles and three months travel time away.

Paine’s little booklet sold 500,000 copies in the country when the population was 2,500,000, or one copy to every five persons.

Officers read *Common Sense* to their soldiers, teachers to their classes and parsons to their congregations. George Washington was endorsing its “sound doctrine and unanswerable reasoning.”

Thomas Paine contributed as much with his pen as Washington with his sword to the creation of this Republic. The reason his little book was so successful was because “it made sense,” appealing to the person on the street.

*Common Sense II*, inspired by Paine’s pamphlet, is intended to remind Americans of their rights and responsibilities as citizens in our Constitutional Republic.

One hundred copies of this booklet passed out can become 1,000. One thousand can become 10,000 and 10,000 can become 10,000,000. To duplicate the effect that Paine’s *Common Sense* had on the American people in 1776 would require the distribution of 56,000,000 copies of *Common Sense II*.

The American people are the foundation of our Republic. The strength of that foundation is determined by how stridently we defend our rights and our willingness to assume the responsibilities incumbent upon citizens of a Constitutional Republic.

## Cover

*The signal lantern of Paul Revere displayed in the steeple of the Old North Church, Boston, Massachusetts, warned the country of the march of the British troops to Lexington and Concord on April 19, 1775.*

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# Forward

What is *really* happening in America and the world today? Dedicated individuals have been asking many of the same questions and researching their answers. This booklet is a modest compilation of some of their work. It has been compiled specifically to address the most relevant and perplexing questions of our times.

Americans have grown up believing that they live in the best and freest nation in world history. However, closer inspection proves that the U.S. government has been secretly stealing freedom from the American people for decades. Challenging government usurpation of our inalienable rights in government courts reveals an entirely different authority than what we were taught to believe exists in America.

*Common Sense II* shows how our form of government was designed to function and how it functions today. It also describes how certain organizations and individuals have taken control of our constitutional republic. These individuals and organizations have managed to reverse the constitutionally-intended order of citizens as sovereigns and masters of government servants.

The analyses within this booklet are from the best available information to date. The issues addressed are stated in general terms so that the average American can clearly understand the planned usurpation of our Constitutional Republic. Our intention is to inspire the reader to become an active participant in reclaiming our Republic while doing further research.

Though the forces aligned against the common man may seem overwhelming, centuries of fraud and deceit through freedom-violating unconstitutional acts of Congress could be repealed with the simple stroke of a constitutional pen.

Please research for yourself anything in this booklet that you cannot accept or do not understand. Our only desire is to see the foundations of our country restored and secured to their proper standing; that the sovereign state citizens of our nation be reinstated as masters of government servants.

*Common Sense II* was edited to be a companion to the *Citizens Rule Book*. Inquire about quantity discounts.

# Chapter I

## The birth of a sovereign nation-state republic

*“The cause of America is, in great measure, the cause of all mankind.”* ~**Thomas Paine**

Throughout the early history of civilized mankind, the common man had been ruled primarily by king-monarch/feudal-slave forms of government.

Some historians have described the Renaissance of 15th century Europe as the period of transition from the Middle Ages into the modern era. During this period the feudal and religious elements of the medieval world were gradually but steadily transformed, first in Italy, then in the rest of Europe, by the development of capitalism and urban societies.

Knowledge that the Middle Ages was a period of achievement has increased in recent times. So has an awareness that the Renaissance did not emerge suddenly out of medieval darkness, but from the fruit of a long, complicated process involving the technical ingenuity and intellectual thought of several European peoples.

For example, the development of printing with movable metal type around mid-15th century Germany amounted to a communications revolution on the order of the invention of writing. However, these inventions were the result of work from the development of previous stages of inventions.

The Reformation of the 16th century had an enormous impact upon the quantity and quality of literary output. Without the printing press, it would have been impossible for the Reformation to have occurred.

As with printing, geographical discovery was also the fruit of a long, complicated process. Navigational instruments derived from the Arabs, astronomical tables and sea charts drawn up by Hispanic and North African Jews, square-rigged ships designed by Spaniards and sailed by Italian mariners, were critical to European conquest during the age of exploration.

The Renaissance of the 15th century provided the environment that led to an explosion in technological development. The arts and humanities, science and voyages of discovery during the Renaissance served as the bridge between the Dark Ages and the Industrial Revolution.

Under these conditions people in England and elsewhere founded colonies in North America. Once the colonies became established and self supporting, they united to free themselves from British tyranny.

After winning the Revolutionary War, our Founding Fathers put into writing a new concept of government. During its development they took into consideration the successes and failures of governments throughout history. In their wisdom they settled upon a Republic that identified the common man as the sovereign and government as the servant. The concept of people as masters of government is the basis of our unique and, at that time, unprecedented form of governance.

The key to this concept was the idea that man as an individual is a political and spiritual being; that it is his nature to participate in public life and to interact with one's fellowmen in making decisions; that individualism has profound implications for man's intellectual and social existence.

The best setting for this social order was the republican

form of government in which no one had a monopoly of power and citizens were devoted to the welfare of the community through their elected representatives.

Thus, for those Founding Fathers who were seeking true sovereignty and freedom for the common man, statecraft was a discipline based on protecting the rights of the individual. And from this came our Constitution for the United States of America—the instruction manual for the sovereign nation-state republic.

## **Republic v Democracy** **from former Rep. Ron Paul (R-Texas)**

Throughout the presidential election controversy of Bush/Gore in the year 2000, we were bombarded with politicians worried about the “will of the people” being thwarted by the courts. Solemn warnings were issued concerning the legitimacy of the presidency and the effects on our “democratic system” if the eventual winner did not receive the most popular votes. “I’m really in love with our democracy,” one presidential candidate gushed to a reporter.

Apparently, the United States at some point became a stealth democracy at the behest of news directors and politicians. The truth, of course, is that our country is not a democracy. Our nation was founded as a constitutionally limited republic, as any grammar school child knew just a few decades ago (remember the Pledge of Allegiance: “*and to the Republic for which it stands*”...?).

The Founding Fathers were concerned with liberty, not democracy. In fact, the word democracy does not appear in the Declaration of Independence or the Constitution. On the contrary, Article IV, section 4 of the Constitution is quite clear: “The United States shall guarantee to every state in this Union a **Republican** Form of Government” (emphasis added). The emphasis on democracy in our modern political discourse has no historical or constitutional basis.

In fact, the Constitution is replete with undemocratic mechanisms. The electoral college is an obvious example. Small states are represented in national elections with greater electoral power than their populations would warrant in a purely democratic system. Similarly, sparsely populated Wyoming has the same number of senators as heavily populated New York. The result is not democratic, but the Founders knew that smaller states had to be protected against overreaching federal power. The Bill of Rights provides individuals with similar protections against the majority. The First Amendment, for example, is utterly undemocratic. It was designed to protect unpopular speech against democratic fervor. Would the same politicians so enamored with democracy be willing to give up freedom of speech if the majority chose to do so?

Our Founders instituted a republican system to protect individual rights and property rights from tyranny, regardless of whether the tyrant was a king, a monarchy, a congress, or an unelected mob. They believed that a representative government, restrained by the Bill of Rights and divided into three power sharing branches, would balance the competing interests of the population. They also knew that unbridled democracy would lead to the same kind of tyranny suffered by the colonies under King George. In other words, the Founders had no illusions about democracy. Democracy represented unlimited rule by an omnipotent majority, while a constitutionally limited republic was seen as the best system to preserve liberty. Unalienable individual liberties enshrined in the Bill of Rights would be threatened by the “excesses of democracy.”

The American Republic, per its Constitution, required strict limitation of government power. Those powers permitted would be precisely defined and delegated by the people, with all public officials being bound by their oath of office



to uphold the Constitution.

Federalism, the binding together loosely of the several states, would serve to prevent the concentration of power in a central government and was a crucial element in the new Republic as laid out in the 10th Amendment to the Constitution. Prior to the adoption of the Constitution, each state was acting as a sovereign and independent (nation)-state. When the States agreed to ratification, they only did so because the 10th Amendment allowed them to preserve their sovereignty.

In 2000, Ron Paul introduced a resolution in Congress which reaffirmed our nation's republican form of government. H.CON Res 443 served as a response to calls for the abolition of the electoral college. Collectivists want popular national elections (rather than the electoral college system) because they know their constituencies are concentrated in certain heavily populated states. Their goal is to nullify the voting power of the smaller, more rural states.

## **Our right to be secure in our home is inherent, unalienable**

Most of us have heard of Samuel Adams from America's revolutionary era. He was a second cousin to President John Adams and the primary agitator that stirred people's minds and hearts from Boston to Williamsburg. Adams' agitations were directly responsible for the social conditions that allowed the Revolutionary War to be fought and won. British loyalists referred to Adams, John Hancock, Paul Revere and others as "radicals" because they were actively inciting the American colonists to rebel against the king.

Most people, however, have never heard of a man named James Otis though his "radical" views shaped those held by the more famous "radicals" we reverentially refer to as

our Founding Fathers.

Otis was one of Massachusetts' most brilliant lawyers in the 1760s. Otis brought about a profound change in Samuel Adams' philosophical views during a trial in February, 1761. In the name of 63 Boston businessmen, he challenged the authority of what were called "Writs of Assistance." Beginning in the 1660s these writs were used by British customs officials to catch smugglers and search for contraband. However, the writs had no expiration date and by the 1760s British agents enjoyed unbounded authority to go anywhere, search anything and break down any door. Otis observed that the writs were being executed with the help of Governor Sir Francis Bernard of Massachusetts who, by law, received a rake-off of one-third from each auction of impounded property, consequently fingering a fortune.

During the trial, Otis argued that not even Parliament could abrogate the rights of private property owners or the home of any Englishman, be he even the lowliest, most humble fisherman. What was at stake was the right of a man to his life, his liberty and his property. "This writ is against the fundamental principles of English law!" he asserted. "The lowliest man should be as safe in his home as a prince in his castle...safe from kings, safe from Parliament. The kind of power, the exercise of which, in former periods of English history cost one king of England his head and another his throne," Otis said, referring to Charles I and James II. In finishing, Otis emphasized the simple argument that was to haunt relations between England and the colonies for the next 15 years: "An act against the Constitution is void. An act against natural equity is void."

Otis spoke hypnotically without a break for more than four hours and lawyers present at the trial talked of that day for the rest of their lives. Samuel Adams could recite his words with great emotion. "A law contrary to the Constitution is void. Man's right to liberty and property is inherent,

inalienable. Man's right to freedom is higher than the state's right to collect revenue."

These were some of the true issues that led to the Revolution. Taxation without representation was an issue that followed later. A constitution for the States of America would not be ratified for another 26 years after James Otis made his presentation in 1761.

The present "war on drugs/terrorism" seems to resonate with these same issues described by Otis. These wars, which have never been declared by Congress per the Constitution, are being used to justify the expansion of search and seizure laws (Homeland Security/USA Patriot Act) that are functionally identical to Writs of Assistance that violate our 4th Amendment rights.

#### **The 4th Amendment states:**

*"The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no warrants shall issue but upon probable cause supported by oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized."*

#### **Laws contrary to the Constitution are void**

The general misconception is that a statute passed by legislators bearing the appearance of law constitutes the law of the land. The U.S. Constitution is the supreme law of the land and any statute, to be valid, must be in agreement.

#### **Under "Constitutional Law" in *16 American Jurisprudence 2d*, we find the rule governing the applicability of unconstitutional statutes:**

##### **"1. Total unconstitutionality**

*The general rule is that an unconstitutional statute, whether federal or state, though having the form and name of law,*

*is in reality no law, but is wholly void, and ineffective for any purpose, since unconstitutionality dates from the time of its enactment, and not merely from the date of the decision so branding it. An unconstitutional law, in legal contemplation, is as inoperative as if it had never been passed. Such a statute leaves the question that it purports to settle just as it would be had the statute not been enacted.*

*“No one is bound to obey an unconstitutional law and no courts are bound to enforce it.”* [emphasis added]

## **County government is the building block of the American political system**

The Constitution for the United States of America is a concept of government where the People are to be masters of government servants and is uniquely American. When the necessary number of the original 13 colonies ratified the United States Constitution, they established a government in which political power was decentralized. By constitutional contract they surrendered to the federal government only specified powers; powers not delegated to the federal government were reserved to the States and to the People respectively. To prevent such a simple plan from being misinterpreted, the 10th amendment so specified that intent. Under this concept of government, power is concentrated at the level closest to the People—where it is most responsive to the desires and needs of individuals.

County government is the building block that forms the basis for this concept of governance and the sheriff, county commissioner and county judge, elected by “the People,” are the local chieftains in the proper functioning of government.

Our locally-controlled and accountable county governments no longer function properly. This critical building

block of the American political system has crumbled under the weight of federal funding that binds our counties to federal mandates, reversing the intended order of our republican form of government. Federal involvement in county business is directly linked to the ever-increasing regulations that are destroying our livelihoods and way of life.

Public officials insist that we must have this federal funding for our roads and other infrastructure needs. *If this continues we will no longer have infrastructure needs as we will one day find ourselves regulated out of existence!*

If our counties were not bound to economically destructive regulations through acceptance of federal funding, economic opportunity would be greatly enhanced. There would be no need for federal funds. Free of unreasonable federal regulations, industry and jobs will be attracted to our counties and existing businesses would be able to thrive, just like they did before federal encroachment began undermining the autonomy of our counties.

## **When the federal government violates the constitution, what do you do about it?**

### **The 10th Amendment**

The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people.

Here's what James Madison had to say in The Federalist Papers #46. States can block federal encroachments: "Should an unreasonable measure of the federal government be unpopular in some States, which would usually be the case, or even if a reasonable measure is unpopular, which may sometimes happen, the means of opposition to it are powerful and at hand. The disquietude of the people, their repugnance and, perhaps, refusal to cooperate with officers

of the Union, the frowns of the executive magistracy of the State; and the embarrassments created by legislative devices that often would be added on such occasions, would pose very serious impediments. And where the sentiments of several adjoining States happened to be in unison, would present obstructions that the federal government would hardly be willing to encounter.”

Madison is saying that when the federal government passes an unconstitutional measure there are powerful methods to oppose it – amongst the people and in the states. He also points out that those methods are available even for reasonable or constitutional measures.

Madison told us of four things that should be done to resist federal powers, whether merely unpopular, or unconstitutional.

1. **Disquietude of the people.** Madison expected the people would throw a fit when the feds usurped power – even using the word “repugnance” to describe their displeasure.

2. **Refusal to co-operate with the officers of the Union – Noncompliance.** The feds rely on cooperation from state and local governments, as well as individuals. When enough people refuse to comply, they simply can’t enforce their so-called laws.

3. **The frowns of the executive magistracy of the State.** Madison envisioned governors formally protesting federal actions. This not only raises public awareness; executive leadership will also lead to the next step.

4. **Legislative devices,** which would often be added on such occasions. What’s important to note here are the powerful means that Madison told us would be used to oppose federal power successfully he did NOT include federal lawsuits in federal courts. He also did NOT include “voting the bums out” as a strategy, either.

## **Nullification**

Thomas Jefferson was well-known for advocating nullification which is the refusal of a U.S. State to recognize or enforce federal laws within its boundaries. He said, “Where powers are assumed which have not been delegated, a nullification of the act is the rightful remedy.”

In 1798, under the threat of war with France the Federalist-controlled Congress passed four Acts known collectively as the Alien and Sedition Acts. The Acts were an attempt to strengthen the power of the federal government but were clearly unconstitutional. Due to the Sedition Act, twenty-five men, most of them editors of Republican newspapers, were arrested and their newspapers forced to shut down. The Virginia and Kentucky Resolutions, secretly authored by Jefferson, legally nullified the enforcement of these Acts in their states. Public opposition was so great that it was a significant influence in the election of Thomas Jefferson, a Republican, to the Presidency in 1800.

In 1850, when the Fugitive Slave Act was signed into law, due process was under serious attack. Several northern states responded with “personal liberty laws” that made it a crime to enforce the Fugitive Slave Act within their borders. Just prior to the Civil War, South Carolina used the fact that thirteen states had enacted laws that rendered useless the Fugitive Slave Act as a reason to secede from the Union.

More recently, U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder admitted that even though they’ve tried harder than anyone in history, they’ve failed at stopping the states from nullifying federal marijuana laws. In 2013, Vermont’s Governor signed a bill nullifying the federal ban on hemp farming and production. This same year Kansas Governor Brownback signed the Second Amendment Protection Act that exempts all guns made in Kansas that have not left the state from federal gun control laws.

Recently, President Obama’s Affordable Care Act - nick-

named Obamacare - requires that every American citizen purchase healthcare insurance. The FedGov's alleged intention is to make sure the 30 million uninsured Americans are insured, primarily by expanding Medicaid and providing subsidies to help middle-income Americans buy private coverage. People across the nation have loudly voiced their displeasure with several states refusing participation and a growing number of Americans simply ignoring the new law. Former congressman and presidential candidate Ron Paul predicted that states will soon "ignore the feds" and nullify the Affordable Care Act.

**TenthAmendmentCenter.com** provides model legislation for nullifying Obamacare, violations of the 2nd Amendment, Indefinite Detention, the Federal Reserve, unconstitutional war powers, and NSA spying.

## **Do federal agents have arresting power without the county sheriff?**

It is only through the county sheriff that an outside agency is permitted to exercise its authority. The sheriff is the only "chief executive" in county government who has arresting power. Properly executed, the sheriff's authority can have an immediate effect on getting federal agencies and public officials to obey the law. The sheriff presents the greatest challenge to the misuse of authority by a central government. However, we have already seen how the use of federal funding obligates county governments to federal mandates. Those mandates are used to justify federal intrusion into the lives of county residents. It is apparent that the trend for the last several years has been in the direction of removing power from the hands of the People at the state and local level and concentrating more and more power over people into the hands of unelected bureaucrats at the federal level.

Currently we are seeing Congress and federal agencies



surrender unconstitutionally-usurped state powers to international bodies such as the United Nations and the World Trade Organization, circumventing the Constitution.

We the People are responsible for these officials. We must, therefore, demand that they be accountable and publicly state where their loyalties lie. “We” elected them to work for “Us,” and protect “Us” when federal agencies exceed their delegated authority. We did not elect them to conform to the edicts of federal or international bodies. We must exercise our rights and responsibilities as citizens to support and compel elected officials to do their jobs properly.

## **The power and purpose of our jury system**

Jury nullification of law was built into our form of government to make sure that laws are approved by the people of a community before being enforced on them. The Constitution provides five separate tribunals with veto power—the House of Representatives, the Senate, the executive agencies, the judiciary and the jury. Each enactment of law must pass muster in all five bodies before it gains authority to punish those who choose to violate it. Thomas Jefferson said, “I consider trial by jury as the only anchor yet imagined by man, by which a government can be held to the principles of its constitution.”

Before our jury system devolved to what we have today, juries had the right to judge both “the law itself” as well as the facts. Our country’s first Chief Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court, John Jay, is quoted saying exactly that in 1789. Also, U.S. Supreme Court Justice Samuel Chase, 1796, and Oliver Wendell Holmes, 1902, are quoted saying the same words. “The Jury has the power to judge both the law and the facts.” Harlan F. Stone, 12th U.S. Supreme Court Justice, 1941, said, “The law itself is on trial quite as much

as the cause which is to be decided.” In State of Georgia v Brailsford, et al, the finding was, “You have a right to take upon yourselves to judge of both, and to determine the law as well as the fact in controversy.”

Almost every jury in the country today is falsely instructed by judges when they are told they must accept the law as it is given to them by the court and that the jury can only decide upon the facts of the case. If people acting in the name of government are permitted by juries to dictate any law whatsoever and determine what evidence is admissible or inadmissible (which is generally conviction-oriented evidence), then the whole truth is prevented from being considered and the issue of fact becomes virtually irrelevant.

Part of the problem lies with the misconception that any statute passed by legislators, bearing the appearance of law, constitutes the law of the land. The U.S. Constitution is the supreme law of the land and any statute, to be valid, must be in harmony. It is impossible for a law in disharmony with the Constitution to be valid. Congress can legislate (make law); the president or some other bureaucrat can make an order or issue regulations and; judges may instruct or make a decision, but a juror cannot be punished for voting “Not Guilty.” Any juror can choose to disregard the instructions of any judge or attorney in rendering their vote. Thus, those acting in the name of government must come before the common man to get permission to enforce a law.

Common sense tells us that when government denies juries the power to decide what facts, law and evidence are applicable, juries cannot be a protection to the accused and true justice is denied, leaving us with trial by government and not trial by jury.

***Some say the Constitution is outdated. We ask, “What parts of the Constitution may that be?”***

*Is it the part protecting our right to freedom of speech,*

*freedom of religion and freedom of the press? Is it the 4th Amendment that allows us to be secure in our homes? Could the right to trial by juries of our peers be outdated? Perhaps its the 2nd Amendment, securing the People's right to keep and bear arms? Is it true that the right to keep and bear arms which, according to Thomas Jefferson, is the last defense against tyranny in government, is no longer necessary in modern America?*

## **Chapter II**

### **The destruction of our Constitutional Republic**

In Chapter One, the proper structure of constitutional government was explained with the county being identified as the building block of our constitutional republic. Within that context it was illustrated how outside influences have crept in to crumble that building block, reversing its intended order. In this chapter we will take a look at the philosophies of conquest and the methods being used to circumvent the Constitution and destroy our Republic.

### **Three types of conquest** **Pastor Sheldon Emry** **from "*Billions for the Bankers*** ***and Debts for the People***

History reveals nations can be conquered by the use of one or more of three methods.

The most common method is conquest by war. In time, though, this method usually fails, because the captives hate the captors and rise-up and drive them out if they can. Much

force is needed to maintain control, making it expensive for the conquering nation.

A second method is conquest by religion, where men are convinced they must give their captors part of their earnings as “obedience to God.” Such a captivity is vulnerable to philosophical exposure or to overthrow by armed force since religion, by its nature, lacks military force to regain control once its captives become disillusioned.

The third method can be called economic conquest. It takes place when nations are placed under “tribute” without the use of visible force or coercion, so that the victims do not realize they have been conquered. “Tribute” is collected from them in the form of “legal” debts and taxes, and they believe they are paying it for their own good, for the good of others, or to protect all from some enemy. Their captors become their “benefactors” and “protectors.”

Although this is the slowest to impose, it is often quite long-lasting, as the captives do not see any military force arrayed against them, their religion is left more or less intact, they have freedom to speak and to travel, and they participate in “elections” for their rulers. Without realizing it, they are conquered, and the instruments of their own society are used to transfer its wealth to the captors and make the conquest complete.

*What is accomplished in open warfare, destroying a nation’s manufacturing infrastructure, has been accomplished today in America—without firing a shot.*

## **Machiavellian politics**

**E.C. Knuth**

**from “*The Empire of The City*”**

Over 400 years ago, Florentine statesman Niccolò Machiavelli engaged in a profound study of methods used by vari-

ous rulers to attain power. He lived in an age when nations were small, in some cases only walled cities, when events were moving fast and when many men were struggling for power. Due to his own confidential government position, he was able to evaluate the methods of those who succeeded and to observe the mistakes of those who failed. In his book "*The Prince*" he reduces his conclusions to definite rules or doctrines. Machiavelli's conclusions, in general, appear to find support in Dante's "*De Monarchia*"—written two hundred years before *The Prince* was published.

The findings of Machiavelli and other students of power decree that to obtain power it is essential to ignore the natural laws of man and of God; that promises must be made only with the intention to deceive and to mislead others to sacrifice their own interests; that the most brutal atrocity must be committed as a matter of mere convenience; that friends or allies must be betrayed, as a matter of course, as soon as they have served their purpose. But, it is also decreed that these atrocities must be kept hidden from the common people except only where they are of use to strike terror into the hearts of opponents; that there must be kept up a spurious aspect of benevolence and benefit for the greater number of the people, and even an aspect of humility to gain as much help as possible.

It is held that the vast majority of people are oblivious and gullible and, therefore, will believe a lie which is repeated again and again, regardless of how obvious may be the fundamental facts to the contrary. But, in Chapter VI of *The Prince* is decreed also: ". . . matters should be so ordered that when men no longer believe of their own accord, they may be compelled to believe by force."

It is obvious that in the early stages of the usurpation of power in any land of even partial democracy, opposition is certain to arise, and that an attempt to suppress this antagonism by arbitrary means would quickly inflame and

solidify the opponents into an overwhelming attack. Machiavelli considered this aspect and indicated the correct method to neutralize this danger in stating: “Many consider that a wise prince, when he has the opportunity, ought with craft to foster some animosity against himself, so that, having crushed it, his renown may rise higher.”

This indicates the technique of modern Machiavellians in having their own stalking horses grasp the leadership of their opponents, and then as their own veiled and hidden action is gradually unfolded, have their Pied Pipers oppose them on spurious and superficial reasons in such a way as to obscure and conceal as far as possible the real reasons and objectives; thereby confusing and confounding the real opponents and leading them into a swamp of futility.

War, according to Machiavelli, must be applied at almost regular intervals to maintain power. It is held that it is not a passing madness, but that it is a normal and indispensable tool of power. It must be applied promptly and ruthlessly to be effective in its function of maintaining and extending power. Machiavelli very urgently warned against any alliance with a more powerful friend. He observed that, in cases where such alliances were unavoidable, the stronger friend must be regarded as a certain potential enemy who must be undermined and destroyed as soon as circumstances permit with the aid of the common enemy and of weaker friends.

## **Walls in our minds**

**M.J. ‘Red’ Beckman**

**from “*Walls In Our Minds*”**

Mankind was created with a capacity to learn, think, reason and create. We are born with a brain which begins to accumulate information within a few weeks after birth. From age five, most children are exposed to a politician-controlled government school system that continues for 13 years. The

child's brain is a captive of mankind's worst enemy on planet earth. Governments have destroyed more property, confiscated more wealth and ordered the murder of more men, women and children than any other enemy. Government cannot be trusted with the minds of our children.

Considering how the mind of a five-year-old is so vulnerable to manipulation, it should cause parents and grandparents great concern. Some third world countries still hear the chant of the witch doctor as he manipulates the minds of his fellow tribesmen. We think we are too intelligent to be manipulated. Mind manipulation is alive and well in educated America. At no time in our government schools or government churches do we find lessons being taught on the difference between knowing and believing. Our teachers teach what they believed when they went to school.

If someone complains about how our government is conducting its business, most Americans will agree that something must be done. However, if you refuse to pay federal income tax, you will be accused of being unpatriotic. People will complain about government, but they don't want anyone to cut off government's income. The basic reason for this is mind control. Walls have been built in the minds of the American people that limit the ability to think and reason. The government schools do not teach that government is man's worst enemy—yet this is a fact that any free mind can comprehend.

During World War II, we were taught how our government was better than the German or Japanese governments. After the war, we were taught how our government was better than what the Russians had. The Russian government controls the schools in Russia. The teachers in Russian schools are teaching children that the Russian government is better than the United States government. It would appear that teachers in the USSR and teachers in the USA have a real problem. Somebody is teaching false information and that "some-

body” is the teachers on both sides. Government schools in the USSR and in the USA are both in error.

On election day we have been going to the polls and usually voted against someone, rather than for someone. We went away from the polls frustrated. The lesser of two evils may be elected, but the changes we would like to see are not going to happen. Every law that is created will be designed to give politicians and government more of our money, power, liberty and freedom.

**Note:** Most people find it very difficult to believe what is truly happening in America today. There are hundreds of books and videos available exposing the truth along with numerous radio talk shows, newspapers, magazines and websites. Yet, even with overwhelming evidence as to the manipulations of the proper functioning of our form of government, leading to its destruction, people continue to disbelieve. This is because the belief system built into our minds is so powerful that walls must be erected in our minds to protect that belief system.

These walls in our minds, this invisible force which we all possess, is the greatest weapon being used to destroy our constitutional republic. Until that obstacle is overcome, we cannot stop the slide into totalitarian rule. Hitler did not become a monster overnight after “suddenly” capturing the minds of an entire nation. It took time to install belief systems into his people and they, of psychological necessity, built walls in their own minds to justify and protect those beliefs. Propaganda can work no other way.

Because of this weapon, our own minds being used against us, the number of people necessary for change will not be achieved unless we collectively begin to open our minds, tear down the walls, search for and accept the truth.

*A lie and the liar are not  
dangerous until the lie is believed.*



## Newspaper control in America

The First Amendment of the Constitution states that, “Congress shall make no law...abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press...”

Throughout America’s history an independent and competitive press has been regarded as essential to preserving our republican form of government. It was the press’ responsibility to provide objective, unbiased reporting of news and information necessary for an informed and alert citizenry.

The technological overhaul the newspaper industry has undergone in the last century is profound. The size, material quality, and format of newspapers today, as well as their ability to blanket metropolitan areas containing thousands of readers with several editions each day, would certainly amaze the Founding Fathers. Yet, despite advances in newspaper technology, they would be shocked by the growing monopolistic centralization of American newspapers and disgusted by the kind of managed news currently being presented to the American people.

In our country’s early history an opposition newspaper was published weekly from 1790 until 1798. Benjamin Franklin Bache was the editor of *The Philadelphia Aurora*—presenting counterpoints to the pro-government-no-matter-what *Porcupine’s Gazette* and the *Gazette for the United States*.

By the time of the Civil War, big newspapers such as *The New York Times* were cooperative with the interests of government through their editorial policies. The prevalence of pro-government newspaper publishing by the 1880s was memorialized one night when preeminent New York journalist John Swinton was the guest of honor at a banquet given him by his peers. Swinton was managing editor of *The New York Times* during the Civil War and later became a crusading journalist in the movement for social and labor

reform.

A toast had been offered to the independent press earlier in the evening. Swinton later outraged his colleagues when he stated: *“There is no such thing, at this date of the world’s history, in America, as an independent press. You know it and I know it.*

*“There is not one of you who dares to write your honest opinions and, if you did, you know beforehand that it would never appear in print. I am paid weekly for keeping my honest opinion out of the paper I am connected with. Others of you are paid similar salaries for similar things, and any of you who would be so foolish as to write honest opinions would be out on the streets looking for another job. If I allowed my honest opinions to appear in one issue of my paper, before twenty-four hours my occupation would be gone.*

*“The business of the journalist is to destroy the truth, to lie outright, to pervert, to vilify, to fawn at the feet of mammon, and to sell his country and his race for his daily bread. You know it and I know it, and what folly is this toasting an independent press?”*

*“We are the tools and vassals of rich men behind the scenes. We are the jumping jacks; they pull the strings and we dance. Our talents, our possibilities and our lives are all the property of other men. We are intellectual prostitutes.”*

Today, influential minorities constituting two percent or less of the total U.S. population have effectively achieved dominion over America’s media, in both print and broadcast. The intense consolidation of newspapers into monopolies has resulted in the American public being exposed to what is largely biased and censored news.

February 9, 1917, was the day controlled media and big government were formally engaged to be married. The following statement was entered into the Congressional

Record of the Sixty-Fourth Congress by a member of the [defense appropriations] committee:

**Mr. Callaway:** *“Mr. Chairman, under unanimous consent, I insert into the Record at this point a statement showing the newspaper combination, which explains their activity in the war matter, just discussed by the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. Moore]:*

*“In March, 1915, the J.P. Morgan interests, the steel, ship building and powder interests and their subsidiary organizations, got together 12 men high up in the newspaper world and employed them to select the most influential newspapers in the United States and sufficient number of them to control generally the policy of the daily press in the United States.*

*“These 12 men worked the problems out by selecting 179 newspapers, and then began, by an elimination process, to retain only those necessary for the purpose of controlling the general policy of the daily press throughout the country. They found it was only necessary to purchase the control of 25 of the greatest papers. The 25 papers were agreed upon; emissaries were sent to purchase the policy, national and international, of these papers; an agreement was reached; the policy of the papers was bought, to be paid for by the month; an editor was furnished for each paper to properly supervise and edit information regarding the questions of preparedness, militarism, financial policies and other things of national and international nature considered vital to the interests of the purchasers.*

*“This contract is in existence at the present time, and it accounts for the news columns of the daily press of the country being filled with all sorts of preparedness arguments and misrepresentations as to the present condition of the United States Army and Navy, and the possibility of the United States being attacked by foreign foes.*

*“This policy also included the suppression of everything*

*in opposition to the wishes of the interests served. The effectiveness of this scheme has been conclusively demonstrated by the character of the stuff carried in the daily press throughout the country since March, 1915. They have resorted to anything necessary to commercialize public sentiment and sandbag the National Congress into making extravagant and wasteful appropriations for the Army and Navy under false pretense that it was necessary. Their stock argument is that it is 'patriotism.' They are playing on every prejudice and passion of the American people."*

The disproportionately powerful political and economic control of the news media has allowed it to choose presidential candidates, swing elections, control foreign and domestic policy, and determine generally what is to be acceptable in every aspect of American culture. This is accomplished by screening and selecting the items to be presented, by the way these items are presented, the emphasis and treatment accorded them, the headlines and pictures used, the typography and format employed in the writing and pictorial representations. News is played up and played down, dramatized, repeated, juxtaposed, spelled out, underscored—and even contains falsehoods—to enhance its influence in the desired directions.

A nation is only as strong as its institutions and, as an institution, journalism in America has ceased to serve the interests of the American People.

***The Hegelian Dialectic using 9/11/01 as an example:***

- 1. Create a problem/emergency  
(Arab "terrorist" attack)*
- 2. Create a reaction to the problem  
(rally public support for a "war on terror")*
- 3. Offer solutions to the problem  
(erect Dept. of Homeland Security; pass the Patriot Acts)*

# Money and Gold

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from "*The Unseen Hand*"

The Bible teaches that the love of money is the root of all evil. Money by itself is not the root. It is the love of money, defined as greed, that motivates certain members of society to acquire more money than they need.

It becomes important, then, for the members of the middle class, to understand what money is and how it works. Money is defined as: "Anything that people will accept in exchange for goods or services in a belief that they may, in turn, exchange it for other goods and services."

Money becomes a "capital good." It is used to acquire consumption goods (and other capital goods as well). Money also becomes a method of work avoidance. Money can work for its possessor: "When money is put to work, it works twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, three-hundred and sixty-five days a year, and stops for no holidays."

So the desire to acquire money to reduce a need to work becomes the motive of many individuals in the society.

The first man was self-sufficient. He produced what he wanted and stored what he needed for those times when he was unable to produce. He had no need for money until other humans appeared and joined him in the acquisition of consumption goods. As populations grew, specialization grew, and certain individuals produced capital goods instead of consumption goods. Man soon discovered that he needed something as a store of value to enable him to purchase capital goods when he was not producing consumption goods.

Durable commodities, those that didn't spoil with the passage of time, slowly became that store of value, and in time the most durable, a metal, became the money of society. The ultimate metal, gold, became the final store of value for a variety of reasons.

But as the producers of gold saw the need to set this money aside for future use, problems arose as to how and where it should be stored. Since gold had a high value in what it could purchase in both capital goods and consumption goods, it became a temptation to those who were willing to take it from the owner by force. This led the owner of gold to take means to safeguard his holdings. Certain individuals, already experienced in the storage of non-durable goods (wheat for instance), soon became the storage facility for gold as well.

These warehouses would take the gold and issue the gold owner a warehouse receipt, certifying that the owner had a given quantity of gold in storage at the warehouse. These gold receipts could be transferred from one person to another, usually by writing on the back of the receipt that the owner was transferring his claim on the gold in the warehouse to another person. These receipts soon became money themselves as men accepted the receipts rather than the gold they represented.

Since gold is scarce and the quantity is limited, it was impossible to make counterfeit money. It was only when the warehouseman realized that he could issue more gold receipts than there was gold in the warehouse that he could become a counterfeiter. He had the ability to inflate the money supply, which the warehouseman frequently did. But this activity was not sustainable because, as the quantity of gold receipts in circulation increased, the prices attached to goods and services would also increase (this is known as “inflation”). The receipt holders would naturally lose confidence in the value of their receipts and return them to the warehouseman to redeem their gold. When more receipt holders showed up than there was gold in the warehouse, it was called a “run” because the people lost faith in their paper money. The people would then demand that the society return to the gold standard where gold itself serves as

the acceptable medium of exchange.

The people's check on the warehouseman, i.e. their ability to keep the warehouseman honest by constantly being able to redeem their gold receipts, acted as a restraint to the inflation of the gold supply. This limited the greed of the counterfeiters and forced them to look for alternative methods of increasing their wealth. The next step was for the counterfeiter to ask the government to make the gold receipts "Legal Tender" and also prohibit the receipt holder from redeeming the amount of gold indicated on his receipt. This made the paper receipt the only money able to be circulated since gold could no longer be used as money.

But this posed an additional problem for the counterfeiter. He now had to include the government in his scheme to increase his personal wealth. The greedy leader of the government, when approached by the counterfeiter with this scheme, often decided to eliminate the warehouseman altogether and operate the scheme himself. This was the final problem for the counterfeiter. He had to replace the leader with someone he felt he could trust and who would not use government to remove the counterfeiter from the plot. This process was costly and extremely risky, but the enormity of the long-term wealth that could be accumulated by this method was worth the potential hazards.

In time, the counterfeiters, who became the international bankers of today, developed a strategy by which they could make certain that the government they loaned money to did not repudiate the loans through a plan called "Balance of Power Politics." This meant that the bankers loaned to two governments at the same time, affording them the opportunity to play one against the other as a means of forcing one to pay his debts to the banker. The most successful tool of insuring compliance with terms of payment was the threat of war. The banker could always threaten the defaulting government with a war as a means of forcing it to make

their payments. This act of repossessing the nation would almost always work as the head of government, anxious to keep his seat of power, would agree to the terms of the original loan, and continue his payments.

The key to using this tool, however, was making certain that both kingdoms were nearly the same size, so that one nation would not become so powerful that the threat of a war with a weaker neighboring nation would not be sufficient to force it into making its payments.

Coin clipping is another method for increasing the wealth, and control of money by the bankers, in cahoots with government. This is done by calling in all the gold or silver coins and replacing them with coins made of a more plentiful metal, such as copper or aluminum. A recent example of this activity, called “coin substitution,” occurred during the Johnson administration when the government replaced silver coins with coins of various metals.

**Note:** With a basic understanding of how international bankers operate, it is possible to understand how they gained control of the money.

Today this has become a very refined art with the warehouseman, the “bankers,” in cahoots with government. The privately owned Federal Reserve System is the warehouse for America, operating on an entirely counterfeit system which is supported only by our blind faith in their “fiat money”—(paper money of government issue which is legal tender by decree and does not represent, nor is it based upon, gold and contains no promise of redemption).

On a global scale, the international bankers, along with the IMF and World Bank, are loaning their fiat money (computer entries) to countries such as Brazil or Argentina, and various African nations, in exchange for their natural resources as collateral. The bankers then manipulate entire world markets through inflation or deflation, allowing them



to loot the resources of these countries as the loans come into default—all for nothing more than computer entries. The same game has already been played on the American People in a variety of ways. Farmers in particular have taken loans for farming equipment, with their land as collateral, only to see the manipulated marketplace force them into default and subsequent farm forfeiture.

*“All the perplexities, confusion and distress in America arise not from defects in our constitution, not from want of honor or virtue, so much as from downright ignorance of the nature of coin credit and circulation.”*

**~John Adams**

*“Whoever controls the volume of money in any country is absolute master of all industry and commerce.”*

**~James Garfield**

*“History records that the money-changers have used every form of abuse, intrigue, deceit and violent means possible to maintain their control over governments by controlling the money and its issuance.”*

**~James Madison**

*“I believe that banking institutions are more dangerous than standing armies and that the issuing power of money should be taken from the banks and restored to governments to whom it properly belongs.”*

**~Thomas Jefferson**

*“Man can live and satisfy his wants only by ceaseless labor; by the ceaseless application of his faculties to natural resources. This process is the origin of property.*

*“But it is also true that a man may live and satisfy his*

wants by seizing and consuming the products of the labor of others. This process is the origin of plunder.

*“Since man is naturally inclined to avoid pain...and since labor is pain in itself...it follows that men will resort to plunder whenever plunder is easier than work. History shows this quite clearly. And under these conditions, neither religion nor morality can stop it.”*

~**Frederick Bastiat**, *“The Law,”* 1848

## Interest / Usury

According to *Webster’s Dictionary*, usury is, “The act of lending money with an interest charge for its use or at a rate of interest which is excessive or unlawfully high.”

Throughout history there appears to have been unanimity among philosophers (and later among theologians) as to the moral implications regarding the taking of interest.

Evidence suggests that as early as 1600 BC a general amnesty, including debt cancellation and a return of forfeited homesteads, was normally proclaimed by new rulers on the first day of the new year following their accession. The social structures of those times were tied directly to the seasons. Ancient civilizations were forced to be in balance and harmony with the rhythms of the natural world or perish. Then as now, debt disturbed the harmony, breaking down economic balance and the self-sufficiency of family enterprises.

The act of usury has been denounced since ancient Greek and Roman times. Christian, Hindu, Buddhist and Islamic doctrine have all forbade usury, which was simply defined as lending money for profit.

The basic premise upon which usury has been vilified throughout history is that capital should not generate profit unless human effort or risk is involved.

Though the Catholic church and civil legislators prohibited usury for centuries, loopholes in usury laws allowed

them to be circumvented by the 1500s due to increases in demand for credit that came with the explosion of international trade. The influence of the Protestant church and its pro-capitalism position is also associated with the change in attitude toward usurers and usury. By the 1600s usury had evolved from being a sin in the eyes of God to being a matter of private conscience. A new generation of Christian moralists redefined usury as the charging of excessive interest.

Though historically despised, usury has always been tolerated as a necessary evil.

Our economic system of capitalism is based on what is called “free enterprise.” Free enterprise provides for the accumulation of private property. It has rewards for economic risk and performance as well as individual responsibility for losses and damages. These fundamental principles provided incentive for the common man to take risks and to be productive. Free enterprise and the accumulation of private property are, therefore, the foundations upon which Western industrial economies became prosperous.

Yet capitalism also allows for the generation of income that does not come from risk or productivity but from simple, passive ownership of capital alone.

We have been conditioned to believe that returns on interest-bearing investments are legitimate rewards for past work. Though we no longer question the historic implications of interest income from such modern instruments as stocks, bonds, mutual funds and retirement plans, they are all forms of usury which effectively create imbalance in an economy and devalue its currency.

Mathematics used to compound interest insures that interest income grows much faster than income earned from production. The best way to appreciate the importance of this concept is to think of the “Rule of 72.” This is a mathematical way of explaining how interest grows

exponentially (2,4,8,16,32,64). Let's say you pay or receive 9% on a loan. Divide that into 72. Since it goes 8 times, the money doubles in 8 years; 12% in 6 years; 3% in 24 years. This artful process gave the practice of usury the nine lives it has had from the beginning of economic time. One must merely look at his mortgage payment history to understand how interest affects the loan-plus-interest price he pays for his property compared to its market value.

To the casual observer, the burden of interest is invisible because it is frequently buried in the price of the items we purchase. In this manner, the interest is paid unknowingly by everyone who participates in the economy. Despite the fact that some people have been able to "retire comfortably," enjoying the benefits of interest-generated income, the economy as a whole suffers because interest increases the costs of production.

Once usury becomes accepted in a society, a vicious cycle reveals itself. Interest payments cause inflation (a devaluation of the currency) because the cost of usury is passed onto the consumer in the form of higher prices for goods and services. Higher prices increase the cost of living and reduce the amount of production-generated capital available. Demand for loans at interest increase under these conditions—which causes further devaluation of the currency, deepening the vicious cycle as increasing amounts of money must be put into circulation by government.

No labor is required to make profit from interest and people naturally prefer to generate profit without laboring. Making money by loaning money instead of making money by applying oneself to resources becomes an attractive way to achieve economic success in a society that permits it. The system must eventually breakdown as profits generated through production are transferred to non-producers. This increases the demand for credit, thereby allowing usurious activities to continue undermining the value of the currency.

The government continues to issue more and more money into circulation until it is no longer a viable medium for the exchange of goods and services.

This is the primary reason why the privately owned Federal Reserve System should be abolished and “interest free,” constitutional money (silver certificates, U.S. notes, gold & silver coins) be issued in place of Federal Reserve Notes as a national currency. (Private lenders, however, should be allowed to negotiate the payment of interest on loans with borrowers.)

Usurers at the Federal Reserve charge interest upon the issuance of paper money. Federal Reserve Notes are literally “borrowed” into circulation. The interest attached to Federal Reserve Notes is the root cause of inflation. Inflation, therefore, is the cost of usury. As a nation, we have justified this form of plunder legally, politically, morally, philosophically and economically even though it has been destroying our way of life. We must educate ourselves and understand the historical implications of usury, recognize its destructive modern incarnations and determine whether or not the federal government has the authority to allow private bankers to charge interest on the paper money issued as our national medium of exchange.

*The burden of interest is a hidden defect in the capitalistic system.*

## **Chapter III**

### **The IRS and the Federal Reserve System**

On February 25, 1913, the 16th Amendment to the Constitution was signed into law. It states that Congress shall

have power to lay and collect taxes on income. However, there is irrefutable evidence that the amendment was not properly ratified. Thirty-six states must support an amendment before it can be signed into law and in 1913, only the “appearance” was given to Congress that this had occurred. It has been proven that no more than four states properly ratified the amendment and the remainder of the states presented fraudulent documents to Congress. Fraud is defined as being a deception deliberately practiced in order to secure unfair or unlawful gain.

Most people believe there is a law that states we must file and pay income tax on our wages and salaries. This is not true. Neither the IRS nor the Department of Justice have been able to produce a law that compels wage earners to pay the income tax. This is because the law does not exist. Americans need to pay income tax only if they choose to volunteer their payment, and the IRS itself states that the tax is voluntary. However, if an IRS form 1040 is signed because we have been intimidated to believe we must do so, then we have signed a contract stating that we volunteer to pay the IRS a said sum, waiving our 5th Amendment right to not testify against ourselves.

The Internal Revenue Service routinely ignores substantive and procedural due process rights secured by the Constitution and laws of the United States. IRS personnel encumber property with mere “Notices of Lien,” which, in many cases, have been fraudulently transferred by the county recorders into the lien indexes of their counties. They then seize everything up to and including wages, bank accounts, automobiles and homes without court orders authorizing encumbrance and seizure.

Politicians and other public officials who live off money confiscated from working people will argue that government cannot survive without the individual income tax.

This nation grew and prospered for over 130 years without

an individual income tax. Since the income tax, our government has prospered and our nation and its people have been robbed. The current government is inefficient, wasteful and corrupt—bankrupting the American people.

**On December 23, 1913**, Congress passed the Federal Reserve Act which illegally transferred Congress' power to coin money and regulate the value thereof, to a consortium of private bankers. This was an unconstitutional act in violation of Article I, Section 8, paragraph 5, of the Constitution for the United States. Nowhere does the Constitution authorize Congress to delegate such power to a private enterprise.

There is nothing federal about the Federal Reserve System and there is irrefutable evidence that it is a privately-owned corporation whose class A stockholders are various international bankers—of which less than half are citizens of the United States. In place of real, lawful money (gold and silver coin) as legal tender, the Federal Reserve issues private commercial paper for only the cost of the paper and ink, then exchanges it for interest bearing United States Bonds to be repaid in the labor and substance of the American People.

The reason why Congress must control the issuance of our currency is because Congress “cannot” charge interest for the use of what should be our money. The bankers, however, “can” charge interest for the use of their unconstitutional paper (fiat) money. Americans should not pay for the use of “their” money. If the Federal Reserve System were abolished, its collection agency, the Internal Revenue Service, could likewise be abolished. The Constitution allows the operation of government to be financed from duties, imposts and excises—an amount that would sufficiently support the functioning of the United States government if it were not funding an ever-increasing bureaucracy.

The Federal Reserve Act surrendered a power so great

that the owners of the Federal Reserve Bank were capable of creating the depression of the 1930s by withdrawing \$80 billion from circulation, bankrupting the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA on June 5, 1933, effectively placing the international bankers in the position of trustee/creditor of our national assets.

**William Jennings Bryan**, democratic presidential candidate, 1896, 1900 and 1908, is quoted as saying, *“The Federal Reserve Bank, which should have been the farmer’s greatest protection, has become his greatest foe. The deflation of the farmer was a crime deliberately committed.”*

**Congressman Charles A. Lindbergh, Sr.**, said, *“The Federal Reserve Act establishes the most gigantic trust on earth. When the president signs the bill, the invisible government by the monetary power will be legalized. The worst legislative crime of the ages is perpetrated by this bill.”*

**Rep. Louis T. McFadden** stated, *“We have in this country one of the most corrupt institutions the world has ever known. I refer to the Federal Reserve Board and the Federal Reserve Banks. The Federal Reserve Board has cheated the government of the United States out of enough money to pay the national debt.”*

## **NAFTA / GATT / WTO**

There is nothing free or fair about the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), or the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT), administered by the World Trade Organization (WTO). Our national sovereignty is severely effected by these agreements.

The Constitution allows for the operation of government from duties, imposts and excises. NAFTA/GATT eliminated revenues formerly gained from tariffs and duties charged to



companies importing goods and shifted the responsibility of financing the operations of government directly onto the backs of American taxpayers.

NAFTA and GATT opened the door for American manufacturing to transfer production to foreign countries with pools of cheap labor, lax environmental laws and more liberal safety regulations.

Factories in America have been shut down and dismantled. Production has moved offshore. There is no gain to the world in destroying an already efficiently operating factory and rebuilding an identical one elsewhere. In the long term, if that perfectly good factory continued producing instead of shutting down, the productive capacity of those manufacturers would be double through payment of adequate wages so labor could have buying power and then, with the circulation of money in the local economy, more buying power would be produced.

That international trade agreements supersede government authority is evidenced in the dispute resolution process. If a company complains that its legitimate business expectations are being marginalized by the actions of a government, the dispute is brought before a panel created by the trade agreement. Parties to the agreement are obligated to accept the findings of the panel or be in default of the agreement. Governments can be ordered by the dispute resolution panel to pay fines and damages to foreign companies operating in host countries. The taxpayers financing the payment of these fines and damages have no say in how their money is being spent. Further, the will of the people to regulate foreign corporations (for environmental or other reasons) operating under international trade agreements is ignored.

Free trade agreements circumvent the laws of our nation, the will of our people and essentially violate the principles of free enterprise that form the foundation of our Constitutional Republic.

*Globalization in the form of “free trade” is really about agreements among the elite to exploit the resources and cheap labor of the world with the corporate bottom line being the ruthless accumulation of wealth.*

## **Comprehensive annual financial reports from Walter Burien**

Federal law requires that city, county, state and federal governments produce an annual accounting document called the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). The CAFR proves governments within the U.S. keep two sets of books. One set, the “budget,” is commonly available and tracks each government entity’s costs and tax revenue. The second set of books, the CAFR, contains the full accounting of total government “income.” The budget is the financial record that’s seen by the public and used by politicians to justify new government services and higher taxes; the CAFR is the financial record that is rarely seen by the public and is used by politicians and their accountants to track investments and retirement accounts accruing on public money.

Where budgets show that taxes must continue to increase to pay for increases in the cost of government, CAFRs show that governments have millions, even billions of dollars in assets.

How it works is like this: Anything that is a cost or expense for public services (the traditional side of the Annual Service Budget, such as the Department of Transportation, Health and Welfare, etc.) is reported on the budget where public taxes primarily pay 100% of the bill for those services. However, any government agency that is a “profit

center” (Port Authority, investment accounts, etc.) that generated no tax revenue, is “restricted by statute” from being reported in, and benefiting the Annual Budget. This is because state legislatures have passed laws to prevent reporting the income from investment or venture profit centers on the budget. Instead, income from these profit centers is disclosed only in the CAFR or other financial reports in the notes of the CAFR.

When breaking down the actual revenue income, the most important revelation is that only one-third of the states’ income comes from taxes, fines and fees. Two thirds of state governments’ income is derived from “Other Sources” with no direct tie to the publicly-known budget. When looking at the openly disclosed “budget,” which each year continues to grow at a runaway pace, taxation primarily covers the expenses.

This dual system of books is common among the over 54,000 local government corporate entities operating within all 50 states and was created in 1946 through an organization named the “Government Financial Officers Association (GFOA).” GFOA policy dictates the primary local government accounting structure in use today.

Governments use bond surety escrow accounts to evade the rule that government should not operate at a “profit.” That is, government should not impose more taxes than it actually uses to run the government. By designating tax revenue that exceeds operating costs as “bond surety escrow” for future liability, government avoids calling excess revenue “profit.”

Essentially, government entities, including all cities, counties, states and federal, are collecting hundreds of billions of virtually unreported dollars from decades of investment wealth, listed as “Other” operations. What this implies is that our government is collecting several times as much tax revenue as it spends on public services and using the

majority of those revenues to enrich, empower and enlarge government at public expense.

Although the public is generally ignorant concerning CAFR, the primary cause for that ignorance is not the politicians but the mainstream media. Any reporter or media outlet that touches the issue would be silenced or driven from journalism. As a result, there's been a total mainstream media blackout on disclosing CAFR reports. For over 25 years the directors and CEOs of the primary syndicated media organizations, both print and broadcast, have been sent state CAFR reports annually and they have maintained a complete blackout towards even the simple mentioning of the report.

## Chapter IV

### **Wars do not just “happen”**

Most wars throughout history have been fought to facilitate the political and economic intentions of the ruling and corporate elite. The *Federalist Papers*, the document that most comprehensively explains the logic behind the Constitution, discussed in great detail the true nature of war and why certain checks and balances were put in place to prevent the American people from being involved in wars that do not directly threaten their shores. The only constitutionally legitimate purpose of war is to defend our homeland against foreign aggression.

Setting the stage for illegitimate wars requires a period of advance propaganda and other types of “war drum” beating to generate public support. At this time both sides begin calling each other names, demonizing the leaders and the peoples of the opposing nations so that each population can justify hating one another to the point they are convinced

killing each other is in the interest of national security. As the rhetoric increases in intensity, a nation and its leaders are accused of committing crimes against humanity or are accused of intending to commit such crimes and, therefore, must be stopped at all cost.

In World War II there were many German soldiers who were decent, good people, but they had to be brainwashed to hate the Americans, the British and the Russians. Our soldiers were decent, good people, but they had to be brainwashed to hate the Germans and the Japanese and vice versa. History has proven that the German, British, American, Russian and Japanese soldiers who fought and died in WWII were not informed of the real reasons behind the conflict. Had they known that they were fighting and dying to further the political and economic dreams of international bankers, industrialists and politicians, and not in direct defense of their homelands, they would not have been so willing to give their lives.

Who provides the funds for the ships, the aircraft, the bombs and the manpower needed to fight wars? The international banking community has financed both sides of wars for the last several hundred years. Leaders of nations leverage the assets of their people at interest to accept credit which is then used to purchase the weapons of war from weapons producers. These weapons producers happily supply their wares to both sides of wars. The end result is that the bankers make immense profits from the interest off loan payments or by seizing control of assets used as collateral upon default of loans. Weapons producers make \$billions from the sale of their products which both sides use to destroy each other's infrastructure. The common man is killed/injured and his property destroyed or taken away to pay the debts to the bankers who financed the entire atrocity under the pretense that war was in the interest of national security. More money is then loaned to the countries so

that construction contractors may begin rebuilding war-torn infrastructures after hostilities cease.

War is the number one growth industry of our post-WWII era and war profiteers appear to be in charge of international diplomacy. A variety of political and economic factors are reaching critical mass (again) as our world appears to be heading toward yet another world war.

## **Are we in a police state?**

A hundred years ago the federal government was responsible for enforcing very few laws. This has dramatically changed. There are now millions of laws, rules and regulations being enforced by tens of thousands of state and federal bureaucrats—increasing numbers of which are performing their duties while carrying firearms. We now have an armed national police state, just as Jefferson complained of King George in the Declaration of Independence: “He has sent hither swarms of officers to harass our people and eat out their substance.”

A lot of political power has shifted from the state and local communities to the federal government over the past hundred years. The national police-state mentality has essentially taken over crime investigation throughout the country. Our local sheriffs are intimidated and frequently overruled by the national police. Anything worse than issuance of traffic tickets prompts swarms of agents to the scene. We frequently see the FBI, DEA, CIA, BATF, Fish and Wildlife, IRS, federal marshals, and even the Army involved in local law enforcement. They don't come to assist, but to take over. The two most notorious examples of federal abuse of police powers were seen at Ruby Ridge, Idaho (1992) and Waco, Texas (1993) where non-aggressive citizens were needlessly provoked and murdered by federal agents.

**The USA Patriot Act:** Since 19 boxcutter-wielding terrorists allegedly perpetrated the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, the federal government has increased its authority to arrest

and detain those it suspects may somehow be linked to “terrorism” by passage of the “Patriot Act.”

Under provisions in the Patriot Act, city, county, state and federal police are authorized to commit the following actions:

1. Access personal records of suspected individuals without a court order and without their knowledge or consent.

2. Monitor phone conversations, electronic communications and movements of suspects without court order.

3. Conduct searches and seizures without court order.

4. Arrest, detain (indefinitely) and question suspects without an attorney present.

5. Deny suspects’ access to independent council; suspend suspects’ right to privileged attorney/client communications.

6. Expand the definition of “terrorist” to include words and actions formerly recognized as protected free speech.

7. Order invasive (even experimental) medical procedures; arrest and detain those who resist.

Prior to passage of the Patriot Act, police were obligated to exercise their authority within the framework of the Constitution which protected the rights of individuals to be secure in their persons, papers and effects. Since the passage of the Patriot Act, there is virtually no restraint on police authority.

The invasive provisions of the Patriot Act have prompted eight states and over 400 city and county governments to pass resolutions in order to prevent police from using provisions of the Patriot Act in violation of constitutionally-protected rights to privacy and due process of law.

At the present time, the U.S. imprisons more of its own people *per capita* than any country in world history. We have five percent of the global population and 24 percent

of the world's prisoners. In 2012, the U.S. Bureau of Justice Statistics reported that one in 200 Americans is serving a sentence in a federal or state prison. The U.S. sentences us as harshly for drug use as for bad checks and armed robbery. 1.8 million drug law offenders are in the criminal justice system - 320,000 in federal/state prisons and 1.5 million on probation/parole - costing \$12 billion annually. *A police state is incompatible with liberty. If a constitutional republic is desired and individual liberty is cherished, this concentration of power cannot be tolerated.*

~Rep. Ron Paul

## **Illegal immigration**

Most would agree that illegal immigration is a problem today. Not everyone would agree, however, that illegal immigration is part of the “conspiracy” to divide our nation and decrease its ability to resist being conquered and occupied by a world government.

Illegal immigrants overburden government agencies that must administrate entitlement programs for which these non-taxpayers qualify at taxpayer expense. In the workforce, illegal immigrants saturate the job markets, driving wages down while impoverishing the “legal” American working class. Over time, illegal immigration has reduced the percentage of real Americans, diluting the power of their vote during elections.

Illegal immigration is straining America's social, political and economic integrity. Whether by accident or by design, illegal immigration is furthering the divide-and-conquer agenda—increasing America's vulnerability to an overthrow of our constitutional republic.

If amnesty is granted to illegal Mexican aliens, the escalation of this problem will be tremendous. An estimated 20 million to 40 million undocumented illegal immigrants,



mostly from Mexico, Central America and South America, are currently residing in the U.S. This is an obvious breach of national security.

***“This country has lost control of its borders.  
No country can do that and survive.”***

**~President Ronald Reagan**

## **Secret experiments**

There is no question that the American people have been used as human guinea pigs for medical experimentation without their knowledge or consent for decades. There has been full public disclosure that black American males were unwittingly exposed to syphilis in the 1940s and covertly studied for years until they died.

**Radiation experiments:** The Clinton administration commissioned the release of the “Final Report” of the “Advisory Committee on Human Radiation Experiments” in 1995. The 925-page report details how thousands of Americans were subjected to thousands of radiation experiments from the 1940s to the mid 1990s. The report also reveals how babies, retarded children, healthy adults and sick and elderly human subjects were exposed to radiation in a variety of ways without their knowledge or consent, scientifically documenting what happened to them.

**Mind control research:** Declassified documents show how the CIA, through the mind control research project “MK-Ultra,” supplied Vietnam-era America with LSD and other drugs, then monitored the impact that widespread use of such drugs had on society.

**Title 50, Chapter 32, Section 1520:** The use of human subjects in medical, chemical or biological weapons experiments is even defined in federal law. Up until 1997, when public outrage forced Congress to amend the law’s language, Title 50, Chapter 32, Section 1520 of U.S. Code allowed the Department of Defense and its contractors to use “human subjects

for testing of chemical and biological agents” provided they notify an unspecified local authority 30 days in advance of such experiments and annually report the results to Congress.

Since 1997 federal law states that human subjects may not be used for chemical and biological weapons testing—unless such testing is determined to be in the interest of national security.

**Vaccines:** There are no independent studies proving any of the vaccines currently in use are effective in preventing the spread of diseases. There are, however, both government and independent studies proving that mass vaccination actually causes epidemics of diseases rather than preventing them. Vaccines contain bacteria and viruses cultured in human and animal tissue, mercury, formaldehyde, aluminum, phenol and other known toxins. There is a growing body of evidence linking the toxic cocktails called vaccines to epidemic learning and behavioral disorders, the proliferation of exotic cancers and a full spectrum of chronic ailments—yet government mandates force people to accept vaccination as sound public health policy.

Under the widely-held belief that vaccines eradicated polio and smallpox from the world, the number of recommended vaccines has jumped from eight in the late 1960s to 36 injections (137 vaccines/antigens) by 2012 per CDC recommendations for children entering kindergarten. Curiously, science and field data prove that neither polio nor smallpox were eradicated with vaccines; vaccine proponents simply changed the name of the disease based on vaccine status to justify the continuation of mass vaccination programs.

In the absence of independent studies proving long-term safety and efficacy of vaccines, one must infer that use of these products is experimental in nature and that forcing people to be vaccinated is a form of medical experimentation. To be allowable under federal law, the injection

of ever-increasing amounts of harmful substances without peoples' knowledge or consent must be in the interest of national security.

**Contrails/chemtrails:** Prior to 1998 airplane exhaust streams were commonly referred to as “contrails” because they were comprised primarily of condensed water vapor that dissipated quickly. Since 1998, the term “chemtrail” has been attached to chemical-laden airplane exhaust streams containing chemicals that do not dissipate normally but rather spread out until an otherwise cloudless sky appears overcast. Researchers have taken samples of rainwater after a “chemtrail” event and have found them to contain toxic levels of aluminum, barium, cadmium, cobalt and even blood-borne viral elements.

Further research indicates that using aircraft to seed the atmosphere with these various substances is being accomplished to facilitate technological advances in communications, virtual imaging, population control and immunosuppression. It is easy to see how experiments conducted to advance technologies with military applications could be construed as being in the interest of national security.

## Chapter V

### **Sovereignty and jurisdiction of our individual rights**

The first governments in America were formed by the settlers at Jamestown in 1607 and the Pilgrims at Plymouth Rock in 1620. Based upon the English common law and Biblical precepts, a unique system of law and government had begun in America. This system of law and government, adopted by all the colonies, evolved into our Constitution. The first 10 amendments to the Constitution are called the

“Bill of Rights” because they prohibit government from alienating the common man’s God-given rights—which are protected under common law jurisdiction.

At the same time, Roman civil law was well-entrenched in the colonies because it was the basis of the admiralty-maritime laws that governed commerce upon the seas—internationally as well as in ports of call.

However, something occurred after the Constitution was ratified. That “something” opened the door for the destruction of our individual rights under the Constitution.

Many researchers claim the 14th Amendment of 1868, following the Civil War, transferred jurisdiction of our rights into the “admiralty-maritime” jurisdiction of Roman civil law. Proponents of this argument state that the amendment was instrumental in altering the average American’s citizenship status from the state within which he resides to that of a U.S. citizen. In 1993, 10th Circuit Judge Marian Opala rendered an opinion which stated that the Constitution does not apply to “14th Amendment” citizens.

**14th Amendment, Section I:** *“All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the State wherein they reside. No State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws.”*

The 14th Amendment is unconstitutional, being repugnant to the original fundamental law which recognized the sovereignty of the several states. The 14th Amendment placed the federal government above the States as interpreter and

enforcer of the laws. Researchers have discovered that the amendment was improperly ratified due to numerous unlawful procedural acts committed during the adoption process.

Compelling arguments indicate that the United States is a corporation that has 14th Amendment citizens. States are also corporations and have state citizens. Are you a citizen of one, the other or both? Are we then the “assets” of a “joint venture?” Are we “residents” or “inhabitants?” Are we then “persons” by association with either corporation? Are we the “person” defined in 26 U.S.C. (IRS Code) 7701 (a) (1)—as “...an individual, trust, estate, partnership, association, company or corporation?” If so, then under this statute a “U.S. citizen” is a citizen of the incorporated UNITED STATES and that is why 26 U.S.C. 7701 (a) 39 states that, “If any citizen or resident of the United States does not reside in (and is not found in) any United States judicial district, such citizen or resident shall be treated as residing in the District of Columbia for purposes of any provision of this title relating to (A) jurisdiction of courts or (B) enforcement of summons.”

The primary purpose of the Founders was to create a system of government that protected the People’s natural, inalienable right to own property and be secure within that property, as an independent inhabitant on the land.

But, by inventing a new, unconstitutional type of citizenship, the People’s right to own property (and therefore freely exercise their sovereign independence) has been compromised through unwitting acceptance of contractual obligations thrust upon us through a complex web of official deceit.

Under the definition of “joint venture principle,” all people who are “citizens of the State” are United States citizens and are in contract with the State in its corporate capacity. When we buy property we are only holding the

property of the State in a fiduciary capacity paying rent in the form of *ad valorem* taxes. Therefore, the U.S. can tax fiduciaries holding State property because they are citizens, or joint-venturers with the State in its corporate capacity. This is because the states have become nothing more than “districts” of the United States. This allows the U.S. to seek out and create mechanisms (welfare, Social Security) to justify taxing its subjects. People may claim “citizenship” of their state, but they are also U.S. citizens by Congress’ definition of the term “individual,” and are, therefore, “subject to the jurisdiction thereof.”

The first governor of the newly formed union, Governor Richard Caswell of North Carolina, laid a property tax on the people’s land, and every state in the union has since followed suit. If Americans were truly sovereign and free, there would be no way to enforce property taxes because the property could not be seized for non-payment of the tax on the property. This, in itself, should be clear evidence that no one actually owns their property as a sovereign inhabitant, but is essentially paying rent. If one chooses to not pay the tax, they soon discover who does own the property—the taxing authority.

So, was the 14th Amendment possibly just the nail that sealed the sovereignty coffin built from previous acts? Was the United States incorporated from the beginning or did that occur in 1871 with the “Act to Provide a Government for the District of Columbia?”

While we may debate the mechanism and the process that diminished our sovereignty, the fact is we are no longer sovereign inhabitants upon the land and our common law rights are not protected in the admiralty/maritime or commercial jurisdiction courts that adjudicate our contemporary criminal and civil disputes.

**Note:** Individuals across the country have argued consti-

tutional issues countless times in court only to have them dismissed as being frivolous and of no consequence. Judges have been heard to comment that they will not hear the Constitution in their courts.

As you can see, the concept of citizenship is extremely complex. Certain types of citizenship mean different things. Since the courts refuse to address the citizenship issue, all we can do is research the available material and attempt to understand our own rights and responsibilities as citizens. One thing is for certain: "U.S." citizens are denied access to common law courts that protect constitutional rights but have ready access to courts that enforce laws that violate constitutional rights as a matter of due course.

## **Life terms of Supreme Court justices**

Another consideration in the attempt to understand the avenues that led to the corruption of our Constitution was alluded to by Thomas Jefferson when he wrote on December 25, 1820: *"The judiciary of the United States is the subtle corps of sappers and miners constantly working underground to undermine the foundations of our confederated fabric. They are construing our Constitution from a coordination of a general and special government to a general and supreme one alone...Having found from experience that impeachment is an impracticable thing, a mere scare-crow, they consider themselves secure for life; they skulk from responsibility to public opinion, the only remaining hold on them, under a practice first introduced into England by Lord Mansfield. An opinion is huddled up in conclave, perhaps by a majority of one, delivered as if unanimous, and with the silent acquiescence of lazy or timid associates, by a crafty judge who sophisticates the law to his mind by the turn of his own reasoning."*

On September 2, 1821, he wrote: *"To consider the judges*

*as the ultimate arbiters of all constitutional questions is very dangerous doctrine indeed and one which would place us under the despotism of an oligarchy. Our judges are as honest as other men, and not more so. They have, with others, the same passions for party, for power, and the privilege of their corps. Their maxim is ‘boni est amplificare jurisdictionem,’ and their power the more dangerous, as they are in office for life and not responsible as the other functionaries are to the elective control. The Constitution has erected no such single tribunal, knowing that to whatever hands confided, with the corruptions of time and party, its members would become despots.”*

From 1807 to 1809 unsuccessful attempts were made in each branch of Congress to amend the Constitution so that all judges should hold office for a limited term of years and be removable by the president upon two-thirds majority vote from both Houses. This proposition was supported by the legislatures of Pennsylvania and Vermont, as well as by the actions of the House of Delegates in Virginia and one branch of the Tennessee legislature.

The Supreme Court of the judicial branch of government, as provided by the Constitution, is in a position to make constitutional interpretations and decisions. Yet, with all the shortcomings of humans (being corruptible just one of them), lifetime appointments to the supreme bench are arguably a flaw built into our constitution which ensures its eventual destruction. It is illogical to argue that lifetime appointments provide the “checks and balances” necessary to insure Supreme Court justices’ constitutional accountability.

*“It is impossible to introduce into society a greater change and a greater evil than this: The conversion of the law into an instrument of plunder. What are the consequences of such a perversion? It would take volumes to describe them all. Thus we must content ourselves with pointing out the*



*most striking. In the first place, it erases from everyone's conscience the distinction between justice and injustice.*

*"Another effect of this tragic perversion of the law is that it gives an exaggerated importance to political passions and conflicts and to politics in general."*

**~Frederick Bastiat, 1848**

## **The missing 13th Amendment**

**from David Dodge**

In 1789, the House of Representatives compiled a list of possible Constitutional Amendments, some of which would ultimately become our Bill of Rights. The House proposed 17; the Senate reduced the list to 12. During this process Senator Tristrain Dalton (Mass.) proposed an amendment seeking to prohibit and provide a penalty for any American accepting a "title of nobility" (RG 46 Records of the U.S. Senate). Although it wasn't passed, this was the first time a "title of nobility" amendment was proposed.

In colonial America, attorneys trained attorneys but most held no "title of nobility" or "honor." There was no requirement that one be a lawyer to hold the position of district attorney, attorney general, or judge; a citizen's "counsel of choice" was not restricted to a lawyer; there were no state or national bar associations. The only organization that certified attorneys was the International Bar Association (IBA), chartered by the King of England, headquartered in London, and closely associated with the international banking system. Lawyers admitted to the IBA received the rank "esquire" . . . a "title of nobility."

"Esquire" was the principle title of nobility which the 13th Amendment sought to prohibit in the United States. Why? Because the loyalty of "esquire" lawyers was suspect. Bankers and lawyers with an "esquire" behind their names were agents of the monarchy, members of an organization

whose principle purposes were political, not economic, and regarded with the same wariness that some people today reserve for members of the KGB or CIA.

Article 1, Sect. 9 of the Constitution sought to prohibit the IBA (or any other agency that granted titles of nobility) from operating in America. But the Constitution neglected to specify a penalty, so the prohibition was ignored and agents of the monarchy continued to infiltrate and influence the government. Therefore, a “title of nobility” amendment that specified a penalty (loss of citizenship) was proposed in 1789, and again in 1810 to prohibit bankers and lawyers from perverting government. This amendment, ratified by 1819, was ignored and covered up by Lincoln’s 13th Amendment.

Copies of the Constitution with the missing 13th Amendment, printed in at least 18 separate publications by 10 different states and territories over four decades, from 1822 to 1860, read as follows:

*“If any citizen of the United States shall accept, claim, receive, or retain any title of nobility or honor; or shall without the consent of Congress, accept and retain any present, pension, office, or emolument of any kind whatever, from any emperor, king, prince, or foreign power, such person shall cease to be a citizen of the United States, and shall be incapable of holding any office of trust or profit under them, or either of them.”*

**Note:** The relevance here is that for any lawyer to practice law they must be a member of the American BAR Association (Does “BAR” stand for British Accredited Registry?). Who controls the American Bar Association? Can it be trusted? The language of the missing 13th Amendment indicates that it cannot. Doesn’t the current state of the American legal system legitimize our distrust?

# The rule of law today

## from *Media ByPass*

An ancient practice of a doctrine called *stare decisis* must also be considered in the endeavor to understand our legal status today.

It means the decision has been made already; to look to past decisions and apply them today, with the most recent decision having the force of law. This legal doctrine was in common use in courtrooms before the U.S. Constitution was written. The practice of citing earlier court decisions as “precedence” began in the 1400s as Great Britain was transitioning from a verbal to a written culture.

Past decisions, thus, are sometimes more pertinent as law than the written laws themselves, so today the Constitution is sometimes barred from court because lawyers believe it is better to discuss court cases where constitutional issues were discussed earlier. That way, they believe they are applying the law with consistency and with fewer contradictions.

What this means is that when we deal with government agents, especially those who are lawyers, we must speak about court decisions, viewing written law as inferior, setting aside codes, forgetting the significance of statutes and turning our back upon the words of the state and federal constitutions. Unless we speak the convoluted language of, “the winner versus the loser,” we will not speak the language spoken by lawyers. We will instead be looked upon with disdain for our naivete.

All jurisprudence since before the founding of our nation has rested upon this principle of *stare decisis*. The U.S. Constitution itself was born into this doctrine and is subject to it. Nothing in the U.S. Constitution negates or modifies the practice. So, if a president violates the Constitution and gets away with it, if he does something contrary to law and he is unchallenged, what he did stands in jurisprudence

with more power than law itself. That presidential practice in violation of the Constitution means that he who rules under our Constitution has the right to rule in violation of the Constitution. Why? Because his behavior was unchallenged, therefore “it has been decided.”

The federal government had its authority challenged in the mid 1800s. Eleven southern states wanted out of the union they helped create. The so-called “Civil War” set down some important precedents: It severed the relationship between the southern states and the District of Columbia; it cut the relationships between southern congressional representatives and the House and Senate. The too often ignored relationship that was severed by the war, however, was the relationship of the U.S. constitutional authority over the federal government. The relationship between the Constitution and the presidency was severed. Lincoln started the war with no declaration of war, as demanded by the Constitution, and prevented Congress from convening for three months. Lincoln viewed his breach of the Constitution as a violation of the “relation between the People and the Constitution.”

Lincoln rightly understood that when a president violates the Constitution he cuts off the People from their sovereign control of government, as structured by the U.S. Constitution. He violated the provisions of the Constitution in his [alleged] effort to preserve and defend it. He knew what he was doing and he knew that after the war he would have to make things right again, stating that he would “restore the relationship between the Constitution and the People” when the war was over. We must assume his heart was in the right place, however, his assassination prevented him from accomplishing this.

When Lincoln was killed, Congress would not allow President Andrew Johnson to carry out Lincoln’s good intentions. That congressional act of negligence stands under

the *stare decisis* rule as the pivotal constitutional precedent in U.S. history.

During Reconstruction, duress and the rule of force took the place of the concepts expressed in the Constitution. Yet, duress and the rule of force have legitimacy today because the Constitution is subject to *stare decisis*. So, it became constitutional for government to violate the U.S. Constitution. That's how the 14th and 15th Amendments were "ratified" as northern soldiers forced the "correct" vote in southern legislatures.

Congress did the act and Congress was not challenged. Therefore, coercion became a legal, constitutional method for establishing contracts involving government agencies. Force, rather than common sense, became acceptable and appropriate legal behavior whenever one of us faced a government agency in court. Are you threatened by the power of the IRS? Beware. Their power is real and it has the force of law because of this convolution of history. Congress used "Reconstruction" under the power of the rifle to send northern troops into southern legislatures to force passage of laws required by the northern conquerors. Then, ironically, southern state legislators at the same time were forced to behave as though they had all the powers of statehood; the union demanded their votes under duress to pass such post-Civil War acts as the 14th Amendment.

Because nothing has been done, no action taken to restore the relationship between the People and the U.S. Constitution and no peace treaty ever struck to end the Civil War, we as citizens of the several states and as a nation, continue to live under military rule—not under the concepts expressed in the U.S. Constitution, but under the Constitution as degraded by *stare decisis*.

**Note:** Where would we be today if the rule of precedent had controlled our forefathers? Is the Constitution to be

enslaved by any such technical doctrine as *stare decisis*, and thus manacled with parchment chains? When Benjamin Franklin stood at the bar of the English Commons should he have abandoned the claims of the colonists because precedent upon precedent fully sustained the right and the power of King George to tax the colonists without representation?

*The people created the states; the states created the federal government. Since people are responsible for the creation of government and creators have more authority than the created, it is logical to say that governments have no more right to enforce laws that damage citizens than do the citizens themselves.*

The term “U.S. citizen” is used on many forms and in federal law. We automatically check the “U.S. citizen” box on forms. What does the term U.S. citizen mean? Does it mean that we are citizens of the states within which we reside as united under the Constitution, or does it mean we are assets of the U.S. corporation?

## **Chapter VI**

### **DECLARATION**

#### **of violations to the Constitution for the United States of America**

This appeal is directed to our Mothers, our Fathers, our Brothers, our Sisters, our Neighbors, our Friends: Research the following and consider the very fact that America today is a conquered nation, without knowing she has been conquered.

The Constitution for the United States of America is a

document that has provided for and protected individual freedoms greater than what has ever been observed from recorded history. It evolved from the wisdom and inspiration of former ages with a collection of usages more perfect than any human wisdom could at once have framed. It had arisen out of social wants and adapted to the necessities of actual practice, being a reflection of knowledge from the time of the Ancient Greeks to the era of the *Magna Carta* in 1215. Many people gave their lives for its creation.

On July 4, 1776, Congress signed the unanimous Declaration of the 13 united States of America. They declared that whenever any form of government becomes destructive of the People's inalienable rights to Life, Liberty and Property, that it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it...But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government. The first paragraph of the Declaration of Independence states, *"When in the course of human events it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which connected them with another...a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation."*

This appeal, with respect to the opinions of mankind, compels us to declare the causes of our grievances, demanding that our constitutional republic, the United States of America, a sovereign nation-state, be restored to its proper, organic form.

Our history since King George III is of secret powers and institutions that have seized control of the Republic of the United States of America: It is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having the specific purpose of establishing an absolute Tyranny, a New World Order, over these States. We are no longer a government of the People,

by the People, for the People, but are today a government of the elite corporation, by the elite corporation, for the elite corporation.

These secret powers and institutions influence Congress and legislation for their own benefit and to establish world government. These entities are comprised of the owners of the Federal Reserve System, the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund (IMF), the Bank of International Settlements (BIS), the United Nations, the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR), the Trilateral Commission, the Royal Institute for International Affairs (RIIA), the Club of Rome, various other secret societies and the international banking community.

***To prove this, let facts be submitted to a candid world.***

On July 28, 1868, Congress fraudulently ratified the 14th Amendment, closed the southern plantation to free the Negro slaves and opened the federal plantation to make everyone slaves, thus altering our citizenship status by replacing our Bill of Rights with a due-process clause open to their administrative interpretation.

On February 25, 1913, the 16th Amendment to the Constitution (income tax) was, through their influence, fraudulently signed into law. The income tax is an unconstitutional direct tax on peoples' labors, thereby stealing the energy of the American People for the benefit of the government and International Bankers.

On December 23, 1913, Congress' delegated authority to be responsible for the nation's currency was, through their influence, illicitly, unconstitutionally and treasonably surrendered to the private Federal Reserve Corporation, whose class A stockholders are various international bankers. Nowhere does the Constitution allow for a private institution to issue our currency and charge interest for its use.

They intentionally shorted the money supply in the na-



tional money markets in 1929, which forced the United States of America into the Great Depression of the 1930s and subsequent bankruptcy in 1933, placing foreign entities as creditor/trustee.

They influenced the People, and Congress, to adopt the charter of the United Nations, a world governing body, without constitutional authority.

They influenced the passage of NAFTA, GATT and the WTO, allowing unfair trade practices that benefit large corporations, encouraging American industrial flight to foreign countries with cheap labor.

They have influenced the imposition of federal mandates on every local and state entity in the nation through binding federal funding, nullifying the protection of the 10th Amendment and States' rights, reversing the intended order of our Republic where the People were to be masters of government servants.

They have influenced the creation of a two-tier accounting structure of all local, state and federal agencies that deliberately conceals from the People excessive amounts of investment funds not shown in annual budget statements, but are hidden in the Comprehensive Annual Financial Reports (CAFR).

They have, through their influence and under the pretense of emergencies which they themselves have created, erected a multitude of new agencies to harass the People, and eat out their substance, along with expanded search and seizure laws, further eroding our constitutional rights.

They have made judges dependent on their will alone, for the tenure of their offices, and the amount and payment of their salaries.

They have subjected the People, through their influence, to a jurisdiction foreign to our Constitution (admiralty rather than common law), taking away our charters, abolishing our most valuable laws and fundamentally altering the

form of our government, forcing our assent to their acts of pretended legislation.

They have deprived us, in many cases, of the benefits of trial by jury, dictating what laws must be considered in trial, or through intimidation and threats of extreme sentences.

They have protected their own from punishment by holding mock trials for wrongs which they commit daily on the Inhabitants of these States.

They have established control of every significant news source in America, depriving the People of unbiased and truthful reporting.

They have manipulated the American People to favor the candidate of their choosing through control of the syndicated media and criminal manipulation of election results.

They have manipulated world markets, allowing themselves unfair advantage over their competitors while enhancing avenues to plunder and/or extort a nation's natural resources.

They have forced the American People, through their influence, to underwrite the financial blunders of politicians and elite corporate interests.

They have influenced the introduction of environmental laws that overregulate small business enterprise, rendering them incapable of competing with large corporations.

They have influenced lax enforcement of immigration laws, allowing illegal immigration to overburden government agencies while inundating labor markets, driving wages down, and reducing the voting power of Americans.

They have pretended to wage "war" on the illegal drug trade, while using its profits to purchase military hardware (as proved during Iran/Contra), apparently content that the widespread use of these addictive substances has destroyed the moral fabric of American society.

They have influenced and allowed secret research experiments, affecting the physical and mental health of the

People across the nation.

They masterminded the False Flag attacks on the ocean liner Lusitania, Pearl Harbor, the Oklahoma City Federal Building and the World Trade Center (twice) for the purpose of fomenting war.

They have involved America in foreign wars, without a declaration of war, for the protection of their corporate interests and profits.

They have financed both sides of every significant war in recent history, advancing the design for world government.

**Summary:** Through the knowing or unknowing complicity of their Agents (local, state and federal officials), they have completely debauched the monetary system, destroyed the lives and livelihoods of millions of people, aided and abetted the enemies of America and human dignity in general, declared war on the American People and their posterity, incited rebellion and anarchy within the *de jure* society, taken false oaths, entered into seditious foreign agreements, pacts, confederations, treaties and alliances. And, under a pretense of “emergency,” formed and established a multitude of offices of alien allegiance to perpetuate their plunder, conquest and subjugation of what was once considered “the last great hope of human freedom”— all to ultimately establish a system of global governance, commonly referred to as the New World Order.

By continuing to administer this perfidy, acting for a foreign power, treason is being committed against not only the Constitution, but against truth, justice and the real Sovereigns of the nation, the People themselves.

### **The First Amendment to the Constitution**

*“Congress shall make no law respecting the establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or*

*abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or of the right of the people to peaceably assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.” [emphasis added]*

**Redress of grievances:** The right to redress of grievances is the cornerstone of a relationship between the People and their government based upon mutual trust and respect. When the People no longer have that right, or their grievances are ignored, then the government no longer trusts or respects them.

Growing numbers of extremely dedicated and knowledgeable Americans have been incessantly petitioning their government for a redress of grievances for decades with artful, eloquent and impassioned appeals, filed with the proper authorities and specific to every front upon which the vision of the Founding Fathers has been under assault. At the policy-making levels in the legislatures, the judiciaries and the executives of city, county, state and federal governments throughout the several States, government officials have been fully apprised of the usurpations through thousands of petitions for redress of thousands of grievances.

### ***Yet the usurpations continue unabated!***

**To the People:** There are millions of dedicated, honest, hard working individuals employed within government agencies throughout the country. This booklet is not intended to minimize that honor. However, encroachment on the freedoms of the American People has reached an unbearable level.

The time has come where public officials must ask themselves if they will continue to “just do their job,” even though they may be violating our individual rights—and our national sovereignty.

The best path to follow is through education and treating people in government positions as you would like to be treated yourself. We must support and compel them to do

their job in accordance with the supreme law of the land.

Similarly, government employees must respect the citizens which they have been commissioned to serve.

## **Dear county commissioners and/or sheriffs:**

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

The Amendment defines the total scope of federal power as being that specifically granted by the United States Constitution and no more, and that the federal government was created by the states specifically to be an agent of the states. However, today the states are treated as agents of the federal government through federal funding that binds them to federal mandates, some being in violation of the 10th Amendment to the Constitution for the United States.

Because of acceptance of federal funding, you have bound our counties to federal mandates which have “stolen” from us the most fundamental principle of our Republic, reversing the intended order where the People are to be masters of government servants. We consider this to be in violation of your oaths of office and, as our duly elected agents of the counties, you must stop accepting federal funding that binds our counties to federal mandates that are beyond the scope of constitutionally-delegated powers.

The offices you hold at the county level present the greatest challenge to the misuse of authority by a central government. The county commission, along with the arresting power of the county sheriff, has the power to stop state, federal and international agencies from entering the county when they intend to violate our rights. The sheriff

is the only chief executive in county government with the arresting power through which outside agencies may exercise their authority.

Further, in every county sheriff's department throughout the country, a well-hidden fraud has been perpetrated on the American People, and the County Sheriff(s), by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

In all states where this has been researched, the county recorder is instructed by the IRS to record a "NOTICE OF TAX LIEN" in an alphabetical "tax lien index." The IRS then informs the sheriff of the alleged lien and requests that he seize the property. This does "not" transform a Notice of Lien into a legal lien. This becomes an illegal conversion where the County Sheriff is "tricked" into taking an active role in a criminal act by administrating the seizure of an individual's property.

The federal income tax system constitutes an attack on the rule of law, stripping the American People of due process protections secured by the Bill of Rights and otherwise accommodates government encroachment beyond constitutionally-enumerated powers.

**Please understand:** You County Officials were elected to protect "Us," keeping your actions within the framework of the covenant between you as elected officials and We the People, that covenant being the original organic Constitution of 1787 and our State Constitutions. We did not elect you to conform to the edicts of federal or international (UN) bodies.

*The Constitution is a document with the specific intention of placing a straightjacket on government. Securing the People's inalienable rights to life, liberty and property is the fundamental purpose of that straightjacket.*

The definition of a “Republican” is, “one who favors a *republic*.” The definition of a “Democrat” is, “one who favors a *democracy*.” Article IV, Section 4 of the U.S. Constitution clearly guarantees a republican form of government. By definition, we should all be “republicans.” However, Americans are divided along political party lines—neither of which promote the republican form of government prescribed by the Constitution.

### **Paraphrasing George Washington:**

*Government is like fire. We bring it into our homes to keep us warm, but we build a chimney to keep the fire from consuming us. The Constitution is the chimney that keeps government from consuming us.*

### **Has the chimney collapsed, and is our constitutional house on fire?**

*“...tell me when did liberty ever exist when the sword and the purse were given up from the people? Unless a miracle shall interpose, no nation ever did, nor ever can retain its liberty after the loss of the sword and the purse. Guard with jealous attention the public liberty. Suspect everyone who approaches that jewel. Unfortunately, nothing will preserve it but downright force and whenever you give up that force, you are inevitably ruined.”*

**~Patrick Henry**

*“Still, if you will not fight for the right when you can easily win without bloodshed, if you will not fight when your victory will be sure and not so costly, you may come to the moment when you will have to fight with all the odds against you and only a precarious chance for survival. There may be a worse case. You may have to fight when there is no chance of victory, because it is better to perish than to live as slaves.”* **~Winston Churchill**

*“If ye love wealth better than liberty, the tranquility of servitude better than the animating contest of freedom, go home from us in peace. We ask not your counsels or arms. Crouch down and lick the hands which feed you. May your chains set lightly upon you, and may posterity forget that ye were our countryman.” ~Samuel Adams*

*“If we run into such debts that we must be taxed in our meat and in our drink, in our necessaries and our comforts, in our labors and our amusements, as the people of England are, our people, like them, must come to labor sixteen hours of the twenty-four, and give the earnings of fifteen of these to the government for its debts and daily expenses;*

*“And the sixteenth being insufficient to afford us bread, we must live, as they now do, on oatmeal and potatoes, have no time to think, no means of calling the mismanagers to account; but be glad to obtain subsistence by hiring ourselves to rivet their chains on the necks of our fellow sufferers;*

*“And this is the tendency of all human governments. A departure from principle in one instance becomes the precedent for a second, that second for a third and so on ‘til the bulk of the society is reduced to be mere automatons of misery, to have no sensibilities left but for sinning and suffering...*

*“And the forehorse of this frightful team is public debt. Taxation follows that and in its train wretchedness and oppression.”*

**~Thomas Jefferson, 1803**



# Closing

The information provided in this booklet shows that the American people were to be masters of government servants and that county government, organized by the people to best serve their needs, is the basic building block of our political system.

It has been shown that federal funding, financed with a fiat money system, has reversed the intended order of our Constitutional Republic, binding our counties and towns to federal mandates, some in violation of the 10th Amendment and states rights.

NAFTA and GATT have opened the door for our manufacturing infrastructure to move to countries with cheap labor, taking our jobs with them. Corporate chains such as *Wal-Mart* are destroying our free enterprise system, driving more and more small businesses out of existence while concentrating excessive wealth into fewer hands with profits that are not returned to the local economy.

We can only take our country back one town at a time, one county at a time and one purchase at a time. Encourage and educate our elected officials to stop accepting the federal funding/grant programs. Individually, we can stop shopping at the corporate chain outlets, unless necessary, and support our local merchants and producers, especially our local farmers' markets.

The unconstitutional acts that have been imposed on the American people can be removed with the stroke of a pen. However, that pen will not move without the knowledge and power of the people behind it.

*Knowledge is our greatest weapon—Use it!*

*“Power concedes nothing without a demand. It never did and never will. Find out just what people will submit to, and you have found out the exact amount of injustice and wrong which will be imposed upon them, and these will continue till they have resisted with either words or blows, or with both. The limits of tyrants are prescribed by the endurance of those whom they suppress.”*

*~Frederick Douglas*

## Samuel Adams

*“The liberties of our Country, the freedom of our civil constitution are worth defending at all hazards: And it is our duty to defend them against all attacks. We have receiv’d them as a fair Inheritance from our worthy Ancestors: They purchas’d them for us with toil and danger and expense of treasure and blood; and transmitted them to us with care and diligence. It will bring an everlasting mark of infamy on the present generation, enlightened as it is, if we should suffer them to be wrested from us by violence without a struggle; or be cheated out of them by the artifices of false and designing men. Of the latter we are in most danger at present: Let us therefore be aware of it. Let us contemplate our forefathers and posterity; and resolve to maintain the rights bequeath’d to us from the former, for the sake of the latter . . . Instead of sitting down satisfied with the efforts we have already made, which is the wish of our enemies, the necessity of the times, more than ever, calls for our utmost circumspection, deliberation, fortitude and perseverance. Let us remember, that, if we suffer tamely a lawless attack upon our liberty, we encourage it, and involve others in our doom. It is a very serious consideration, which should deeply impress our minds that millions yet unborn may be the miserable sharers in the event.”*

## **Suggested Reading:**

### ***The Law***

by Frederick Bastiat

### ***The Constitution of No Authority***

by Lysander Spoon

### ***Constitution: Fact or Fiction***

by Dr. Eugene Shroeder

### ***They Own It All (Including You!) By Means of Toxic Currency***

by Ronald McDonald and Robert Rowen, MD

### ***The Creature From Jekyll Island***

by G. Edward Griffin

### ***The Unseen Hand***

by A. Ralph Epperson

### ***The Red Amendment***

by LB Bork

### ***A Century of War and***

### ***Seeds of Destruction***

by F. William Engdahl

### ***Fight for Your Health***

by Byron J. Richards

### ***Weather Warfare***

by Jerry E. Smith

### ***AIDS, Opium, Diamonds & Empire***

by Nancy Banks

### ***The Federalist Papers in Modern Language***

edited by Mary E. Webster

### ***UCADIA (one-heaven.org)***

by Frank O'Collins

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*“A nation can survive its fools and even the ambitious. But it cannot survive treason from within. An enemy at the gate is less formidable, for he is known and carries his banners openly against the city. But the traitor moves among those within the gates freely, his sly whispers rustling through all the alleys, heard in the very halls of government itself. For the traitor appears not a traitor; he speaks in the accents familiar to his victims, and he wears their face and their garments, and he appeals to the baseness that lies deep in the hearts of all men. He rots the soul of a nation; he works secretly and unknown in the night to undermine the pillars of a city; he infects the body politic so that it can no longer resist. A murderer is less to be feared.”*

*~Cicero, 45 BC*

*“If everyone enjoyed the unrestricted use of his faculties and the free disposition of the fruits of his labor, social progress would be ceaseless, uninterrupted and unfailing. But there is another tendency that is common among people. When they can, they wish to live and prosper at the expense of others. The annals of history bear witness to the truth of it: The incessant wars, mass migrations, religious persecutions, universal slavery, dishonesty in commerce, and monopolies. This fatal desire has its origin in the very nature of man...in that primitive, universal and insuppressible instinct that impels him to satisfy his desires with the least possible pain.”*

*~Frederick Bastiat, 1848*