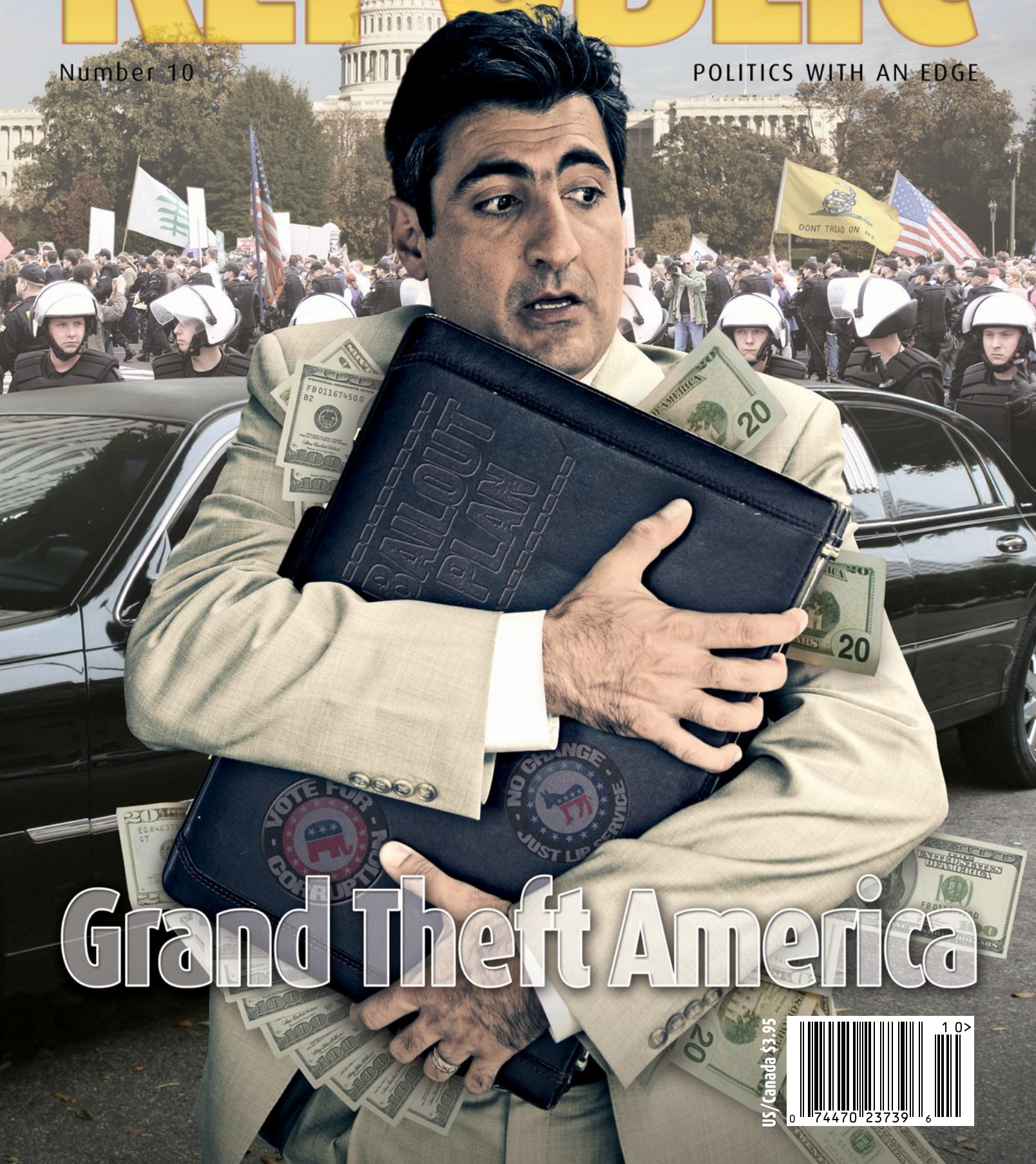


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# From the Editor

We have a new president who has promised change, but the only change we will see is the change that is continually stolen from the American people by legislative fiat. Uncontrolled spending is the direct result, not of politicians who fill their bills with pork, but by the enabling power of the source of money. We are the ones who will eventually pay for the programs produced by these bills we will pay at the pump, at the grocery store, and our utilities. The Federal Reserve and our legislators are recklessly destroying the dollar, by design, to usher in the global currencies of tomorrow. Their aim is to destroy the economic and physical sovereignty of the United States of America under the guise of propping up Wall Street, to prevent total financial collapse. In this issue, we explore the birth of the economic beast that feeds the system, the legislation that introduced trillions more dollars into our market and the eventual results of their decisions. The American people stood firm and told our representatives NO, but once the pet projects of the Senators and Congressmen were padded into the bill, the will of the people was ignored. The folly of Congress will be felt for years to come and now you will know how and why in this, our 10<sup>th</sup> issue of Republic Magazine.



# Revolution has already Begun!

*"God forbid we should ever be twenty years without such a rebellion. The people cannot be all, and always, well informed. The part which is wrong will be discontented, in proportion to the importance of the facts they misconceive. If they remain quiet under such misconceptions, it is lethargy, the forerunner of death to the public liberty. ... And what country can preserve its liberties, if its rulers are not warned from time to time, that this people preserve the spirit of resistance? Let them take arms. The remedy is to set them right as to the facts, pardon and pacify them. What signify a few lives lost in a century or two? The tree of liberty must be refreshed from time to time, with the blood of patriots and tyrants. It is its natural manure." - Thomas Jefferson*

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# Constitutional Discipline

Shortly after I began studying the Constitution over 25 years ago, I came to the stunning conclusion that MOST of what our government does is unconstitutional. Not surprisingly, I quickly began to doubt my research, convinced that – if it were true – someone much smarter than me would have already documented the fact and raised the alarm. I was certain that additional study would explain everything and quell my fears.

## It turns out that was wishful thinking.

Additional study has only made me more certain that our Constitution is being deliberately subverted. Perhaps, the recent and most egregious insult to the Constitution is the Senate's recent vote in favor of the 700 BILLION dollar bailout. Not only is the bailout itself an insult to anyone with a shred of intelligence, even the way they went about it suggests that rules are made to be broken.

Article I, Section 7, clause 1 states, "All Bills for raising Revenue shall originate in the House of Representatives; but the Senate may propose or concur with Amendments as on other Bills." This clause requires the House of Representatives (of the people) to initiate any bill that would raise our taxes. That makes sense. If they fail to represent us, we can always vote them out in two years.

What the Senate did in this case was to take an old House bill,

completely replace the text of the bill pretending that it was only amended, and then rush it through the Senate for an affirmative vote. The first page of the bill blatantly admits it is an "Amendment in the nature of a substitute". You don't have to be an expert on the Constitution to know that the Founding Fathers didn't intend that much latitude in Senate procedures.

As far as I'm concerned, this is enough of a "smoking gun" to indict everyone in the Senate, whether they voted for the bill or not. (For the record, seventy-four voted in favor, twenty-five voted against, with one abstaining.) Just one Senator with scruples could and should have blown the whistle on the other ninety-nine.

Unless I'm overlooking something, Secretary of the Treasury, Henry Paulson, will now be given 700 Billion dollars to spend without any oversight, and with full immunity from any future prosecution? Excuse me?! What – if anything – are the American people going to do about it? Where are the angry crowds filling the streets? Where are the demands for impeachment? What would Patrick Henry or Thomas Jefferson do? Sit idly by while nearly a Trillion of their hard-earned dollars are stolen in broad daylight? I hardly think so.

The Founding Fathers had a level of intelligence and courage of their convictions that most Americans won't even aspire to. I'm worried that, like the French Revolution, we know what we don't want, but have no clue what we do want. Perhaps it's time to dust off the Federalist Papers to learn what the Senate is supposed to be doing with their time.



# Grand Theft America

The Ron Paul movement that has swept the nation, has been encouraging. Hundreds of thousands of people have been awakened with his immense knowledge of politics and economics. He has quite possibly started the first movement in the planet's history to bring an end to central banking. People are waking up and it is beautiful and leaves me optimistic. Thank you, Ron Paul. But what has he really been saying? He talks about inflation and the printing of money, but how does that affect us? Does an increase in the money supply really make that big of a difference? Our Federal Reserve chairman – current or former – seems to have found a brilliant way to rob the public and make it look like it is all for our own good. Dr. Paul also talks about taxation. He has brought up, time and time again, that tax revenue not only pays for government 'services', it also pays for government spending, largely war spending and the propping up of a welfare state. Death and taxes is a definite economic serial killer.

## Direct Taxation With or Without Representation is Theft

We live in a country with a great constitution. It may not be perfect, yet it is the foremost document to a free society. Its intent was to preserve life, liberty, and property, as well as to constrain our federal government from an all out invasion of those aforementioned principles. Some of our founding fathers were pretty slick and knew exactly what a welfare nation looks like and were adamant not to let that occur here.

Taxes are visible. We can see how much the state is taking away from us on every paycheck stub. We do not always know where the money is going, yet we do know how much they are taking away in taxes. We also know that some of that money goes straight to welfare-warfare programs, and, in the case of welfare, is stealing from the rich and giving to the poor really a horrible thing?

The answer is, absolutely. While it is a violation of property rights, it also doesn't work out the way Robin Hood intended. It demoralizes a populace and leaves them addicted to a free and dismal ride.

When the government steals our money visibly in the form of taxation, they lower what the Austrian Economists call "real wages." The state takes a large percentage of your wage and leaves you with far less to spend on whatever you may need or desire. With this, they take your earnings and cut them by whatever percentage bracket you may fall in. This ends in a violent cycle.


The government can't keep their spending going on our income tax, or all other direct taxes for that matter, alone. They need to tax the businessman as well. While some corporations find it profitable to essentially bribe our elected officials to obtain tax breaks for themselves and their constituents, corporations and individually owned companies find the burden hefty to bear as well. What do they do in response? They are forced to raise prices. This is the first negative effect we see in government intrusion of the economy.

When the company is forced to raise prices, it affects the consumer. The consumer is then afforded the gift of bearing the burden. The only problem is that we are already bearing a burden of direct taxation. With our real wages already cut, we then have a lowered purchasing power due to an increase in prices. See the pattern? As the government spends more - and they always do - they are forced to tax us more. The system continues to spin more and more out of control and

our real wages and purchasing power declines ever more so.

This is the true problem with a welfare-warfare state from an economic standpoint. The poor just keep getting poorer and the middle class is following suit. The American tax system is simply not sustainable. For instance, the recent bank bailout bill will cost every American citizen approximately 2,333 dollars if they





only spend 700 billion once and the population of the country is 300 million. That is on top of the money the elite are already taxing away from us. This is just not possible. Our elected officials do indeed realize this fact. Therefore, they will rely on the Federal Reserve to do the dirty work: inflate the dollar.

## **Inflation: The Redistribution of America's Wealth**

Many honest citizens of this country do not understand how deadly inflation is. Many do understand that inflation is a result of the central bank printing money out of thin air, as well as fractional reserve banking. However, most do not realize how it is a re-distribution of wealth, and, to put it more plainly, a massive looting of the public.

For those that do not understand fractional reserve banking and its inflationary effect, let's take a short look into it.

100 percent reserve banking is when a bank is essentially just a warehouse for money. This would be the system to ensure that people's wealth is not stolen and abused by bankers and the elite. The bank would act as a storage facility like any other storage facility or warehouse. The bank would charge its clients a nominal fee for storage and ensure that your money is safe and sound. In a situation where you would go and draw money out of your account, the money would come directly from the reserves you have deposited with your banking institution. This is not the system that modern banking is based on. We are on a system of thievery.

The modern banking structure that is allowed by Congress, although unconstitutional, is fractional reserve banking. Fractional reserve banking is a system in which banks are only required to keep a fraction of their deposits on hand. The current requirement is ten percent reserves. So, for every 100 dollars you put in the bank, the institution only keeps 10 of those dollars in its vault. The other 90 dollars are used for lending and investments. Because the money you deposited is immediately available for you to withdraw, the bank is literally counting on its entire customer base to leave money in the bank.

How is this inflationary? The practice of fractional reserve banking increases the amount of money on the bank's balance sheets. When the bank lends 90 dollars of the 100 dollars that you deposited, the bank's balance sheet increases by 90 dollars even though more money was not created.

The scary part of fractional reserve banking is that big banks are not sticking to a 10 to 1 ratio of reserves anymore. That is why a bank run is dangerous to the banking system and can quickly force a bank to close its doors - provided the Federal Reserve doesn't step in to save the bankers' day.

The other side of inflation is the big culprit of our economic turmoil: the printing of fiat paper money out of thin air. This is the real redistribution of wealth that is plaguing our country and the world.

**By Michael Vonasten**

# Grand Theft America

When the Federal Reserve, or any central bank, prints more money, the inflationary effect is not felt immediately. Just printing money alone does not lower the unit of money's value. The money has to trickle down through the market for the monetary unit to feel it. Inflation does not affect the economy evenly.

It works like this: A contractor gets a government job on a no bid contract to perform X work. The job is extremely costly and will not be able to be paid for by the overtaxed population of the country. The central bank will have to print it or, like in today's technological state, type it into a computer. This contractor is able to spend the money obtained from the central bank before the market realizes that there is more money in circulation and prices begin to rise. The consumer is then paying higher prices for goods and services before they would be able to benefit from the newly circulated money. The people on top of the food chain get the benefit of profiting from the price hike while the consumer is at a loss because they did not receive an increase in income. This is how the poor get poorer and the rich get richer.

## Bailouts: More Looting

The recent bank bailout is robbery at its worst. While

it was labeled a taxpayer bailout, it is not. As we have already seen, it is not possible that Americans can afford to pay for this bill. The Fed will have to print the money.

The bailout is being implemented for only a few reasons; namely, to keep bankers and banking institutions wealthy and to keep prices high. The current bursting of the housing bubble has left the economy in a state of deflation. As people default on their mortgages, money vanishes into thin air and the banks lose money. The reason is simple: the banks gave loans for homes that were not worth what they were being sold for.

You have to take a look at a bank's balance sheet to see the deflationary effect of this. When the bank lends 400,000 dollars for a home that is only worth 200,000 dollars, the bank adds 400,000 dollars in assets to its balance sheet. When the loan defaults, the bank will turn and sell the house for whatever someone is willing to pay for it. If the institution only receives 200,000 dollars for the home, 200,000 dollars is lost into the abyss. The banks are losing money and the bailout is paying the banks back the difference. The result is an influx of money into the market. The result is inflation.

And mortgages aren't the only thing that the banks are being bailed out for.

## Your Personal Economics Education

Sound economic ideology is not difficult to understand. There is a plethora of information available so that the layman can become educated

on the subject of economics. However, you do have to be very careful on where you receive your education.

There is a wonderful institution that Dr. Ron Paul talks about a lot. It is known as the Ludwig von Mises Institute. It is dedicated to further educating economists in the methods of Austrian Economics as taught by Ludwig von Mises. While they offer seminars and programs to further your economic education, they have an excellent online bookstore. Needless to say, I have an account with them.

Here is a reading list for the layman to become educated in economics. I suggest reading these books in this order:

- "Revolution: A Manifesto" by Dr. Ron Paul
- "Economics in One Lesson" by Henry Hazlitt
- "What Has Government Done To Our Money?" by Murray Rothbard
- "The Case Against The Fed" by Murray Rothbard
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Although the books can be found at various locations online and at various bookstores, I suggest making the purchase at Mises.org from the Ludwig von Mises Institute to further their educational cause. You can also find enough material on their website for free to keep you entertained for a lifetime.

There are also three websites worth mentioning. I always start my day by visiting RestoreTheRepublic.com. I then move on over to the best read libertarian website in the world, LewRockwell.com, and end with, of course, RepublicMagazine.com.

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# BACK TO THE WEIMAR REPUBLIC

A wise man once said, "those who don't learn from history are doomed to repeat it". CNN's Glen Beck recently stated he received a call from a "highly placed" friend who said: "Everybody I know, Glenn, is reading a book about the Weimar Republic". Beck then posed the question, "Who is reading them all, and why now?"



A quick scan of German history reveals a tremendous amount of what happens when a nation injects liquidity into the market to cover bad loans or pay off institutions. Upon examining the Weimar Republic's playbook, frightening parallels begin to emerge between American economic solutions and 1920's Germany. It is encouraging to note that "highly placed" individuals are learning about the Weimar Republic, but are they learning to reroute us from the Weimar destiny or drive us into it?

Born out of World War I, the Weimar Republic, as it would come to be known, experienced rates of inflation resulting in loafs of bread purchased with buckets of money and cash burned to heat homes in place of firewood.

In 1923, the fledgling Republic defaulted on war reparations demanded by the Versailles treaty. Defaulting on the payments resulted in occupation by French and Belgium troops in the Ruhr region, the most productive industrial region of Germany at the time. The occupation led to general strikes lasting eight months. As a result of these strikes, no goods or services were produced causing lasting damage. The French, demanding payment for the reparations and receiving nothing because of the work stoppage, started a campaign to exile and murder workers participating in the strikes.

The German workers, who chose to strike, were financially supported by the state. In order to meet the demands to support the workers, the German Government printed money to cover their debt. Without goods and services to trade, hyperinflation resulted from the injection of cash into the economy. War loans and reparations were paid with devalued German Marks. Wealthy industrialists, benefiting from the increased supply of money in the market, were then able to pay back their loans. As more and more money was injected to cover loans, war debt, and striking workers, Germans awoke to find their fiat currency rendered worthless.

According to Wikipedia<sup>1</sup>, the open source collaborative encyclopedia, "The value of the Papiermark had declined from 4.2 per US dollar at the outbreak of World War I to 1 million per dollar by August 1923. On 15 November 1923, a new currency, the Rentenmark, was introduced at the rate of 1 trillion (1,000,000,000,000) Papiermark for 1 Rentenmark. At that time, 1 U.S. dollar was equal to 4.2 Rentenmark." [1]

By  
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Franchi

# BACK TO THE WEIMAR

After the rampant inflation, Germany's only solution to stabilize the currency was to introduce the Rentenmark.

Fast forward to present day. Let's examine what is taking place in our market. We may not have a threat of French and Belgium troops knocking at our door, but we do have media and government officials telling us there is a terrorist under every bed. Do we have the threat of work stoppages and general strikes? No, but we do have a very real situation regarding the production of goods. The adoption of NAFTA and "free trade" agreements drastically reduced domestic production of goods, creating a massive trade deficit. American workers, now jobless as a result, find themselves in the unemployment line waiting for their government check, just like the striking German workers supported with the inflated German Mark.

Defaulted loans from the sub-prime mortgage meltdown caused a chain reaction which shattered the foundations of some of the most respected insurance and banking institutions in the world. The mortgage meltdown is a direct result of 1) failed Federal Reserve policies, 2) corrupt lending practices, and 3) bundled loans sold to the now failed banks. As the banks crumble, they run to US Treasury Secretary and former Goldman Sachs Chairman and CEO Henry Paulson and Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke to beg for money to cover the failed loans. Without legislative oversight, the FED pumped

billions of dollars in cash into the market to increase liquidity and boost confidence. Within days after the cash injection, Wall Street requested, another round of billions of dollars with added sweeteners to protect the bankers and Paulson from liability. Seven hundred billion dollars was laid on the table of Congress for approval to bailout the bankers. Due to public outcry against the bill, the House defeated it, only to have it overturned by a second bill which was introduced to and passed by the Senate, then passed by the House, and signed into law.

Peter Schiff, respected author of "CrashProof" and president of the brokerage firm Euro Pacific Capital, reflected on the lead up to our current crisis during an October 13<sup>th</sup> exchange with Glen Beck [2], "credit comes from savings, and we blew through most of our savings when the dot-com bubble crashed, and then we started borrowing a lot of money from the rest of the world... We borrowed from China, Saudi Arabia, Russia and Japan, but now we can't pay the money back, and nobody wants to lend us anymore, so they're trying to recreate it with the printing press. That's exactly what happened in Weimar Republic Germany, and that's exactly what's happening in Zimbabwe right now."

This exchange between Schiff and Beck was a remarkable admission on a major media network about the similarities of the US and 20's Germany:

**Peter Schiff:** ...[R]emember the Weimar

Republic, they were in trouble because of the reparations from the Treaty of Versailles, so they had huge external liabilities."

**Glen Beck:** ...[T]hey [Germany] got into a war and decided they didn't want to finance it with taxes or finance it with bonds. They just decided to run a deficit. That was the first step.

**PS:** Right. That sounds very familiar, because that's what we're doing with Iraq. The thing is, we owe the world as much – if not more – than Germany owed, only we didn't [just] incur this debt fighting a war; we incurred it buying and remodeling our houses, and buying television sets and iPods and all these little gadgets we didn't really need. Now we owe the world trillions and we're reaching for the printing press to pay it back.

**GB:** And we're also reaching for a stimulus package which we have to go to the printing press to get back, too, and all these tax rebates and everything else.

**PS:** Of course all of it is coming from a printing press – there's no more money. We can't borrow it anymore from the rest of the world because we can't pay back the money we've already borrowed.

What was the German solution to the inflation that plagued them? Create a new currency, and one already has been quietly created for North America.

In 1999 the concept for a unified currency for Canada, Mexico, and the United States was presented by Canadian economist Herbert G. Grubel, in a book titled "The Case for the Amero". Shortly after, Dr. Robert A. Pastor, a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and co-chair of the 2005 CFR Independent Task Force on the Future of North

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America, introduced it as a monetary foundation for the three NAFTA countries.[3] The Fraser institute, publisher of "The Case for the Amero", speculates the Amero will be adopted on January 1, 2010.[4]

All that is needed to introduce the new currency is the total economic collapse we are witnessing right now.

Distilling the problem to its source, the policies of the Federal Reserve have resulted in economic collapse so our nation could be brought under the authority of a regional if not global currency. The end of the Federal Reserve System may very well be on the horizon giving way to the North American Central Bank, envisioned by the Fraser Institute and functioning much like the European Central Bank.

The Council on Foreign Relations published an article, by Benn Steil, in its May/June 2007 issue of "Foreign Affairs" titled, "The End of National Currency"[5], which encouraged a global currency in the wake of a collapsing dollar.

Whether or not the pages of the Weimar Republic playbook are being reviewed, it is clear that think tanks and groups such as the Council on Foreign Relations and the Fraser Institute, will inevitably reach the conclusion that the answer to the currency crisis is a unified regional or global currency.

Schiff commented, "What's going to happen, of course, is that when inflation starts running out of control and prices start going through the roof, the

Government is again going to focus on the symptoms and not the disease and introduce price controls on energy, on food, on a lot of things which are vital – which means shortages, which means long lines, black markets and civil unrest. All this stuff is coming, if we don't stop... ..And we're giving the Government so much power. We're giving up so many civil liberties – when you have Martial Law and you've got the military policing the streets, when you've got suspension of habeas corpus, when you've got curfews so you can't be out of your house after dark and they can just pick you up and put you in prison and just hold you there without charges and there's nothing you can do about it. I mean we're giving up one liberty after another: all to protect ourselves from this economic crisis, which needs to happen anyway..."

The Weimar Republic came to an end in 1933 with the rise of Adolf Hitler. After the Reichstag Fire, later discovered to be set by Hitler's men, Hitler invoked Article 48 and suspended key provisions of the Weimar Constitution that protected civil liberties.

Soon, dissenting voices were rounded up and transported to camps; millions died as a result. War soon returned to German soil.

It is a little late to be taking a history lesson from the Weimar playbook, unless you want to make sure you follow every play.

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It was November of 1910 when Senator Nelson Aldridge sent his private railroad car to the New Jersey railroad station where it was held in readiness, awaiting the arrival of himself and six other men who were told to come under conditions of secrecy. They were told not to be seen together as they went to the railroad station, not to dine together, not to tell anybody really except maybe the closest persons in their family where they were going, and certainly not even to tell them why they were going.

**By G. Edward Griffin**





One of the men carried a shotgun in a big black case for the purpose of if he had been stopped by a newspaper reporter and asked where he was going, he was prepared to say he was going on a duck hunting trip. And we find out later from the memoirs of one of his children that this man didn't even own that gun, he never fired a shotgun in his life, and it was a borrowed weapon simply for the purpose of deception.

After the men got on board this private railroad car -- now remember, a private railroad car in those days would be the equivalent of a private Boeing I suppose today -- probably more than a Lear Jet -- they were told that when they got on board, they were to continue the conditions of secrecy. They were instructed not to address each other by their last names. They were told to address each other by first names only, and in the case of two of these men, they dropped their first names completely and adopted code names. They spoke to each other in terms of code names, and I thought boy, that is really strange.

And then we find out from the writings of one of these men who wrote about it years later -- he said that the purpose of that was so that the servants on board the railroad car would not know the names of all of the participants. Obviously, they knew the name of Senator Nelson Aldridge. They were employed by him. And, they might have known the names of one or two of the others but not all, and it was the list of all of these names together -- these were very powerful and influential and well-known men. If that had been known and had been leaked by the servants, if they had just talked about it, it might have gone from one person to another person and the

first thing you know it would have been in the newspapers, and it could have completely defeated the purpose of this meeting.

Once on board the train, they traveled for two nights and a day. I'm sure they were discussing their ultimate plans all the way along, and when they awoke the next morning, they were at Brunswick, Georgia, at a sighting. They got off the train and were taken by ferry-boat across the inland straights to Jekyll Island. Jekyll Island in those days was owned by a very small group of billionaires from New York. It was a private island, it was a resort club, it was where the families of the very, very wealthy went to escape the cold winter months of New York. They had beautiful cottages, as they called them. You can visit Jekyll Island today and you can see that these so-called cottages were really mansions, and you can get an idea of the great architecture of that period, but the showcase of the whole island was the clubhouse, and it too is still standing. You can visit there today. You don't have to take a ferry-boat. They now have a bridge. You can drive across it. The clubhouse was a beautiful wooden structure. It's very well preserved today, and it was in that clubhouse that the men went and sat around a little table in one of the blue rooms and cranked out all the details of the Federal Reserve System. By the way, they also relieved all the servants at the clubhouse and had brought in a new crew, temporary employees to serve this group, again for the purpose of not being able to recognize and therefore talk about the attendees.

If you visit the island today, and I highly recommend it, don't miss the main attraction. On the main floor as you're going out what you would probably call the back door -- is a little

# The Creature from Jekyll Island

narrow hallway -- and just before you step outside, turn to your left and there is a door, and on the door there's a plaque, and it says "In this room in 1910 the Federal Reserve was created." And you go into the room and there's the table -- probably not the same table but one very much like it -- a bunch of chairs sitting around it and pictures of the men on the wall. What I am telling you is not secret, it's just not well known. I went to the research facilities of the island. They had a librarian there. She was a wonderful lady and she was more than happy to open up all of her filing cabinets and show me photographs and notes and records dating to that meeting and that period - very helpful. So this is not secret information. I'm not getting this from aliens or anything like that. It comes from the library. So they sat around that table for a week and then when they were done, they got back on the train, back in that private railroad car and I'm sure they were still discussing it on the way back, and then they disappeared into the environs of Wall Street and New York.

For many years after that, these men denied - vehemently denied -- that they attended such a meeting. Never happened, they said. Gradually, as the word got out and more people began to discuss it, they said, well, yes, we went, but we just went to play some poker and smoke some good cigars, a gentleman's meeting, you know, and do some duck hunting. Finally, after the Federal Reserve Act was passed into law three years later in 1913, and even after that, when the American people began to think of the Federal Reserve System as a cherished American tradition or institution, then and only then, did these men begin to talk openly about their role and what they did there, what they discussed, and what decisions they came to. And after awhile, it almost became humorous because it seemed toward the end of this period that they were competing with each other to convince the readers that they were the most important person at the meeting.

And so today, because of their memoirs and because of the biographies that have been written about them by very friendly biographers, I might add, and by the notes of their children and by interviews by newspaper reporters and that sort of thing, you can go to any well-stocked library today and read in minute detail exactly what was on the minds of these men and what decisions they made, what they discussed and why they came to those decisions.

Now, who were these men? The first one I've already mentioned. That was Senator Nelson Aldridge. He was the one who owned the railroad car. He was perhaps the most powerful politician in Washington at the time, second only to the President of the United States, which, at that time,

was Woodrow Wilson. Aldridge was Chairman of the National Monetary Commission. That was the special branch of Congress, which was given the job of coming up with proposed legislation that would be offered to Congress and to the American people as a solution to a big problem in banking. The problem was that Americans were deeply concerned at that time over the concentration of financial power into the hands of a few powerful brokerage firms and banking institutions, insurance companies, in Wall Street and in New York, and in those days they called that the money trust.

So Senator Aldridge was the chairman of that special committee that was to draft this legislation. Now, you need to know more about him. He was a very wealthy man, he was a business associate of JP Morgan, he was the father-in-law to John D. Rockefeller, Jr., okay, which of course made him the grandfather to our former Vice President of the United States, Nelson Rockefeller. You may remember Nelson Rockefeller's middle name was Aldridge; Nelson Aldridge Rockefeller, and so he was named after his very famous grandfather.

The second man on board this train was Abraham Piatt Andrew. He was Assistant Secretary of the Treasury. He was the only government official on board, and even that is not a correct explanation or description of him, because he was Assistant Secretary of the Treasury because he came from a banking family. He was primarily a banker before he went into Washington as Assistant Secretary of the Treasury. So, his heart and his loyalties were really with the banks -- an interesting person. I don't want to take too much time on these characters, but they're all rich with history. Andrew later became a Congressman, but more than that, he represented some of the largest Wall Street investment firms and he went to Moscow and -- this was during that period leading up to the Bolshevik Revolution, and he was instrumental in transmitting huge amounts of money from Wall Street into the coffers of the Bolsheviks. The plan as he and others explained it, was simply to buy influence among the Bolsheviks so that when they came to power, they could then close the deal and exploit Russia's natural resources and have some influence over the political Bolsheviks when they came to power. It's a little interesting sideline, but I want you to know that this man, Abraham Piatt Andrew, was not just Assistant Secretary of the Treasury -- a very important person.

The third person on board was Frank Vanderlip. He was the president of the National City Bank of New York, which was one of the big banks -- the biggest of all the banks at that time, representing the financial interests of William Rockefeller and Kuhn, Loeb & Co. Henry

Davidson was on board. He was a senior partner of the JP Morgan Company. Charles Norton was there. He was president of the First National Bank of New York, another one of the giants. Benjamin Strong was there. He was head of JP Morgan's Banker's Trust Company, and later he became the first actual head of the Federal Reserve System in 1913. And finally, Paul Warburg was there -- probably the most important person in terms of knowledge of banking. He was a naturalized American citizen. He was born in Germany. He was a full partner in Kuhn, Loeb & Co., and then he was a representative of the Rothschild's banking dynasty in England and France, and throughout all of his career in the United States, he maintained a very close business relationship with his brother, Max Warburg, who was head of the Warburg banking consortium in Germany and The Netherlands.

Those were the men who created the Federal Reserve System. By the way, about Warburg, if there are any little Orphan Annie fans here, you may remember the character Daddy Warbucks. If you had lived at that time, you would have known that Daddy Warbucks was really a characterization of Paul Warburg, even his appearance -- the bald-head and everything else. You don't look like Daddy Warbucks at all. So, there are a lot of interesting things when you get into these side stories. These men were well known at the time and they were the subject of cartoons and caricatures. If you remember the game Monopoly, the original art work in Monopoly -- a little fat banker with a cigar sitting on a bag of money. That's JP Morgan.

These are the men who went to Jekyll Island under conditions of great secrecy and created the Federal Reserve System. According to the estimates in the newspapers at the time, these men represented directly, through the wealth, which they personally controlled, or, indirectly, through the institutions which they directed -- the banking institutions around the world. They represented approximately one-fourth of the wealth of the entire world. Now, just think about that for a minute. Just the kind of people you would want to break the grip of the Money Trust.

Why did the banks and why did the government form this partnership? What's in it for them? When people go into a partnership, there's usually something of benefit to both partners or they wouldn't do it. So, let's take a look at that and, in order to answer that question, we have to examine how money is created in America and in most of the world today. I call this the Mandrake Mechanism, because it does enable the banks to create money out of nothing and to cause it to disappear back into nothing. Now, let's see how this process works.

Congress likes to spend money -- lots and lots of money, because that makes them popular, they get

elected by giving away benefits and doing all these wonderful things, so spending money is kind of an important thing for politicians, but raising taxes in order to pay for these benefits is not a popular thing, and so politicians always have this dilemma of how to spend more money without increasing taxes. If you're a politician, this is no problem whatsoever. You just borrow it like anybody else might borrow it. If you want to spend more than you take in, you borrow it, and then you can spend it for awhile, at least. At the private side of the equation, people like you and me, we can only do that up to a point and then we run out of credit and we lose our property. Politicians don't have that little problem because they can just keep creating it and creating it, increasing the national debt and so forth, and they never expect to pay it back. It never crosses their mind. They just know that in their dark little hearts, they're going to keep creating money, borrowing money, spending and spending, until the economy collapses, and then they'll say, "Golly, I wonder how that happened?" And then they'll start all over again and everybody will be bankrupt.

Now what? Here's where the Federal Reserve comes in. Let's just mentally imagine that the Secretary of the Treasury walks into the Federal Reserve building and the president of the Federal Reserve says, "Come in sir, we've been expecting you. We know you're here for a loan," because he goes there every day. The treasury official says, "Yes, I'm here for a loan." And the Federal Reserve officer says, "Well, how much would you like today?" And the treasury official says, "Oh, another billion would probably cover us until noon tomorrow." And he says, "No problem."

The treasury official says, thank you very much. On his way out, he deposits it into the account of the federal government, and now the federal government has another billion dollars, just like that. Everybody's happy. The question, though, is where did those billions of dollars come from? Who put it into the account? Who invested it in there? What account? As a matter of fact, it turns out there's no account. There's no money in there. It's just created. It's just a bad check is all it is, but nobody's allowed to call it a bad check because it's legalized by the Federal Reserve Act. If you and I were to do it, we would go to jail, but the Federal Reserve can do it because Congress wants them to do it.

You see, this is a beautiful source of any amount of money on a heartbeat. Any time they really need money, in spite of all of this talk about, oh, we're running out of money, when it comes push to shove, like bailing out the banks that you've been reading about last week, where do you think that money comes from -- thin air. The Federal Reserve System creates it out of thin air any time the government needs it and then

gives it to the government, supposedly as a loan. But they're not loaning anything. They just created it. It's an act of creation, not an act of loaning. So that's why the politicians are in the partnership because it's a very convenient and reassuring way to know that they can get any amount of money at an instant notice, any time they need it.

Why are the banks in it? The Federal Reserve says that the banks have to keep 10% of all their loans in reserve. So, all of their loans that are out there have to be backed by 10% in reserve, so I as a smart banker, I get a piece of paper out there and I write across the top of the ledger "reserve." I enter \$1,000. Okay, \$1,000 is 10% of what? Oh, \$10,000. So, that means I can loan \$9,000 and still have 10% reserves, can't I, because I put the reserve in first. So now, I can create the money out of thin air and loan it to you, and I've complied with my requirement through the Federal Reserve because I have 10% in reserve. By the time they add in the interest they're making on nothing, now the interest figure goes up by at least a factor of nine -- at least that, and in some cases even more because they have ways of rotating this in and out and working on the float.

Let's see how it affects you. When this money is created out of nothing, the money supply expands. It expands at a rate greater than the expansion of goods and services. The discrepancy between the money supply and the value that's underneath it is what we call inflation. Prices appear to be going up. Especially now, you might have noticed. I say appear to be going up because they're not really. Prices are not going up. What's happening is that the value of the dollar is going down. That's the real equation.

Had we lived in ancient Rome and we had a one ounce gold coin, we would have been able to buy with it a nice toga, a hand crafted belt, and a pair of sandals -- that's about the price. Today, we've got a one ounce gold coin, a Krugerrand or something with no particular numismatic value, just one ounce of gold, and you take it to a bank and cash it in or take it to a coin store and cash it in real fast, and then run down to the store before it loses value, with what you get for that coin, you can buy a nice suit, a hand-crafted belt, and a pair of shoes. The price of these things hasn't changed in thousands of years when based upon something of tangible value.

Let's take a look at how well the Federal Reserve

has done in its mission. Let's give it a report card. If that's its mission, let's see how well it's done.

Since 1913, when it was enacted into law, the Federal Reserve has presided over the crashes of 1921 and 1929, The Great Depression of 1929-39, recessions in the years 1953, 1957, 1969, 1975 and 1981, a stock market Black Monday in 1987, Mr. Toad's Wild Ride in the stock market since the fall of 1998, a complete meltdown of the dollar happening right now in 2008, corporate debt is soaring, personal debt is greater than ever, both businesses and personal bankruptcies are at an all time high, banks and savings and loans have failed in larger numbers than ever before, interest on the national debt is consuming half of our tax dollars, interest on consumer debt has driven the average personal savings rate into a negative range, and although income has risen each year in terms of dollars, real purchase power for the middle class has been dropping steadily for over 35 years. The national debt is about 7 trillion dollars and in a vertical climb. Inflation since 1913 has been well over 1,000 percent and it has taken more than 90 percent of the purchasing power of the American people in that time.

Alright, how do we slay the creature and his siblings? The simplistic answer is it has to be done in Congress, right? The realistic answer is we have to replace that whole crew in Washington, and nothing short of this is going to solve this problem.

We've lost our freedom because we've lost control of the organizations that represent us. We've never had the thought that we ourselves should reach for power. We're always on the outside of the halls of power, banging on the glass.

We have to do in a similar way, what they did, not using the ethics they did, but using high ethics. We ourselves have to get up off of our couches and out into the public where the people are, and to the organizations where they already are, and become influential and active in them and gradually become leaders of society in that fashion. One percent or less of the population can lead the whole nation in that kind of a structure. How do I know? Because our enemies have done it. That's what they do.

Our enemies have been working on this for 100 years. This whole plan was started at the turn of the century and they have the long view of history, and unless we too have the long view of history, we're never going to turn it around.

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# Hard Drives and Lost Lives:

# White and Blue

Of the boundless information available about the statistics of white collar crime, as it is colloquially defined in contrast with blue collar crime, it is time to help clarify their meanings in global interpretation. Time after time, we are reminded there are stupid laws, disproportionate sentences and politicians, officials and law enforcement agencies so mired in corruption, and all willing to risk it all under oath than be tough on the real issue of the ever evolving face of crime. Rather than get bogged down in all the crime statistics available on numerous other state and local reports and the Department of Justice and just sticking with the basics of common sense analysis, it is easy to see lurking right before us the U.S. is a virtual penile colony rife with injustice, misnomer and confusion. It is easy to point out the DOJ is filled with inadequately qualified personnel to bring most of the high-end white collar criminals to justice. Meanwhile, it is the common citizen living under the fear of media and street policing bringing this national crime awareness to unparalleled injustice.

## An Epidemic of "Isolated Incidents"

There exists a contrast in the method of how a raid is conducted in white collar versus blue collar crime pointing out scary differences in how each crime is investigated. When the Chesapeake, Virginia home of 28-year-old Ryan Frederick was raided at 8:30 p.m. on January 24 on a tip there were drugs being distributed at the location, an officer (Det. Jarrod Shivers) was fatally shot by the accused. As reported by Radley Balko in September, the story behind the violent, forced entry has many absurdities that go beyond the fact that Frederick had no prior criminal record. The informant, who had been dating the sister of Frederick's fiancé had been busted for credit card theft 9 days prior to the raid and had been at Frederick's home 3 days prior to the raid, raising many red flags after Frederick's reports of having his home broken into, only days prior to the raid.

"If the police were sending informants to break into private residences to collect probable cause for drug warrants, it would be the same as if the police were breaking in themselves," Virginia criminal defense attorney John Zwerling says. "The police would be participating in crimes, and the warrants would be invalid."

Besides being highly illegal and unconstitutional - as in each of the cases of Kathryn Johnston, Cheryl Lynn Noel, Sal Culosi, Lynette Gayle Jackson and, of course, Berwyn Heights Mayor Cheye Calvo (who's two black Labradors were fatally shot in 2008) - failed raids many times end in people (or animals) getting killed. The ACLU has documented endless stories similar to Frederick's "drug"

case (the FBI recently released statistics that note nearly 900,000 marijuana users were arrested in 2007), illegal immigration raids and the effects the unconstitutional FISA bill has on a system that gives virtual wrist slaps to high level white collar criminals by, in comparison, using soft and often times ineffective approaches to justice. The CATO Institute lists 333 botched raids since 1985 that have resulted in death or reported excessive violence or unnecessary intervention.

Technologically advanced white collar criminals cost Americans the most money and overall social destruction that our legal system is least qualified and equipped to protect against. Instead, this unbalanced justice system settles for keeping millions of drug related criminals, 75% of which, in nation-wide DOJ statistics, are committed by criminals with no prior violent crime records.

For all of the crimes our current political regime has besieged upon the American citizens, take your pick on whether manipulation of intelligence, acts of aggressive war against countries, spying on citizens, extraordinary renditions, unlawful arrest, indefinite confinement and torture are of utmost concern, yet nobody seems to be held accountable. These are the highest crimes, and those at the top are walking away with their nice new coats, their new cars and trips to the Bahamas while millions of people have sunk in the giant wake of corruption.

To gain perspective, the kind that makes unsung heroes frustrated about a government and a country that allows the major minority of society to get muffled and entangled in its attack on the poverty stricken, drug abusing, petty theft criminals of the streets, white and blue collar crime has changed with the scenery over time. From the filth that was the Hell's Angels in the 60's, that terrorized the California coast, to the gangster youth of the 80's in South Central Los Angeles, there is an overwhelming feeling of disrupted justice in that these are criminals always thought not smart enough to fight the law and win. And as the crackdowns occurred, and as crack hit the streets harder in America's toughest cities, what occurred has become more statistical enlightenment. Throw in wireless internet access and the problem becomes that much more complex.

The signature statement at the scene of a white collar crime is "no arrests were made". Rather than being hunted down like wild animals, often-





times, witnesses statements will note a business owner had investigators coming and going from the targeted establishment. Rather than smashed down doors, gunshots and shackled derelicts in tow, these authorities will have armfuls of paperwork, boxes or computers they are technologically unable to even remove a hard drive from. From the spankings the Keating Five gang received by the ethics committee in the late 80s (remember that, Mr. McCain?), to Jack Abramoff's accountant, Julie Doolittle's softball seizures of her archaic bookkeeping records last year, it wouldn't surprise the most jaded to see street gangs recruiting computer geeks to help infiltrate rival gangs and tagging targets. While there have been many high-profile white collar criminals sent off to prison, such as Kenneth Lay and Jeff Skilling (Enron) and Dennis Koslowski (Tyco), efforts to convict any white collar criminals of wrongdoings post 9/11 has dropped according to such sources as The Christian Science Monitor and The New York Post. In any event, these crimes are shrouded with lawyers and properly apportioned subpoenas that a five year old on trial for burglary will never obtain.

It gets left out of a lot of these discussions about crime – as juvenile detention centers overcrowd with impoverished youth and state prisons become overrun with drug offenders – but the fact is that not only are the blue collar criminals the prey of law enforcement because they are too clueless to know their rights, they don't even know the three golden rules when they find themselves face to face to with police: if the cops can't see you, they cant arrest you, keep the dope at home and give your basic information and shut the hell up. This demographic is the bread and butter of state law enforcement.

So is nibbling off the corporate spending account, using a laptop and hacked code, really being armed? Damn right it is, but the DOJ knows quite well it is under-trained, under-educated, under-funded and non-communicative in the areas of your typically defined white collar criminal. To make matters worse, the government does not keep precise statistics on many white collar crimes due to a lack of a clear definition of what constitutes such acts. White collar crime is traditionally loosely translated as: credit card fraud, insurance fraud, identity theft, Ponzi schemes, intellectual property crime, investment fraud, money laundering, immigration fraud, computer crimes to go along with tax evasion - in other words, crimes that require some level of intelligence and committed for profit rather than brute force and petty crime. Without specialized knowledge and significant dedication of time, these are the kinds of crimes that today are the real force against our country that can't be practically defended against. The war on drugs died on the stage in the 80s, a long-fought losing battle we as Americans are all too familiar with, yet still there is no official war on white collar crime as the war against street crime rages on.

Criminal defendants have almost two dozen separate constitutional rights - 15 of them provided by amendments to the U.S. Constitution, yet in most cases it is only the white collar criminal who could implement these to their defense, further creating the divide that makes up statistical differences in our legal system between white and blue collar criminals. As the American economy hits the trough of the boom-bust economic cycle, it would seem to rather focus on maintaining it's 3<sup>rd</sup> world policies intended to strengthen the welfare state by building up the infrastructures of the inner cities with just enough effort to maintain their status as modern day concentration camps, where the inhabitants fight amongst each other, and thus keeping the jail system thriving.

A current example of how new crime meets old crime, David Kernell is the 20 year old college student who by hacking into Sarah Palins' Yahoo email account has committed a more prosecutable law than even Palins' public official indiscretions revealed in his findings. He was indicted on charges for illegally accessing Palin's account and could get up to five years in prison, though it is leaves a question - isn't the larger crime a public official using private

email accounts to systematically violate the Open Records Act? Palin will most likely never face the consequences for her wrongdoings as the clarity of what defines a white and blue collar criminal crumbles further. It is also further evidence the education level of society has positively increased over the past 20 years.

In a time where America has seen a drastic flattening of violent crimes, the resultant flip-side is a drastic upward spiral of white collar crimes much like what Kernell most certainly will be prosecuted against to the fullest extent of the law. His evidence against the Alaska governor was not properly obtained, information that would incriminate Sarah and her husband will be ignored, and Kernell will have his food chewed for him.

Looking further at the economic woes we currently face, the housing market collapse, the corporate crime of Wall Street, it seems unfair – more than ever – that getting away with murder has a whole new meaning. The boiling point in the Wall Street meltdown has just reached the tip of the iceberg as armies of attorneys prepare for the worst – trees of legal documentation will be processed - as prosecutors ratcheting for properly orchestrated hearings begin. People are angry, and after all, a \$700 billion bailout doesn't come free.

BY JOSEPH MAEL

*“There is no hunting like the hunting of man and those who have hunted armed men long enough and liked it, never really care for anything else.” – Ernest Hemmingway*

# Collar Crime Raids

## RADICALLY Different

# Interview with a Bankster

## A Conversation with the Federal Reserve

In May, I took the opportunity to attend the 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on Bank Structure hosted by the Chicago Federal Reserve. Ben Bernanke spoke about the economic turmoil and bankers from all over the world were in attendance.

On day one, I shared lunch with Central Bankers from Malaysia, Lithuania and Japan and bankers from Freddie Mac. Over crusted white fish and spinach salad, I was asked why Republic Magazine had any interest in attending. As the raspberry glazed sponge cake joined the table, I enlightened them about the plans for a consolidated currency called the Amero and my quest to discover if any mention would be made of it as a solution to the economic crisis. Needless to say, they were unaware of such a plan, were quite interested in the idea and likely performed Google searches upon returning to their suites. The Arkansas University Professor, sitting with us received a copy of Republic #4

with the Amero article to aide in digestion.

On day two, I bumped shoulders with Fed Chairman Bernanke and asked him about the Amero. Receiving hardly an interpretable answer to my inquiry, I chose to not leave without my questions answered by a knowledgeable and qualified spokesman.

While investigating a large bag of shredded Federal Reserve Notes, at the conference information table, I met Jerry Nelson, Public Relations – Chicago Federal Reserve. I asked Jerry what the shredded notes were for. His shocking response prompted me to ask him to go on the record. What follows is the transcript of that conversation that trails deep down the rabbit hole.

**Gary:** Why does the Federal Reserve shred money?

**Jerry Nelson:** We shred anything that doesn't score a 13 on a scale of 16 because otherwise it would plug up all

By Gary Franchi



of the automated mechanisms that handle our currency. 2 percent of commerce in this country is in cash and yet it's all automated. So between the transit authorities, tollway authorities, vending machine companies, ATMs, and the like, we shred about 23 and a half million dollars a day in the Chicago fed. And we're one of 33 places doing it—12 reserve banks, 21 operational branches—so 95 percent of the 696 million dollars a day that the treasury prints is to replace the stuff that we must destroy to keep from literally gumming up the works. Well up until 1981 we burned the shreds. When you shred the stuff it expands its volume by a 22 factor. We shred enough of this everyday in one vault in the Chicago fed to fill the college basketball court to both sidelines, both endlines, to the height of the rim. The whole court to the height of the basket. So, the EPA caught us burning it in '81 and they threw a hissy fit like you wouldn't believe. It's the ink, it wears like metal because it is. Unfortunately it's toxic consumer-unfriendly heavy metal. They had kind of a good point. The only change we've made in the ink composition since 1861-- we literally got the lead out in 1969. Mercury, arsenic, cyanide, titanium dioxide, formaldehyde, lithium, valium, zinc—still in there. So this is kind of nasty stuff. So, since it's toxic and there's no viable use for it, we package it up as souvenirs and hoist it off on visitors, make it go away. The rest of it we compact into bricks, we

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every week with briquettes. And the briquettes are about 25,000 pounds per square foot of compaction so 200 bills to a linear inch of one of those cylindrical briquettes was \$2158 and we fill 2 dumpsters every week. And that goes into EPA-approved toxic landfill sites—hardpan, bedrock—so it doesn't leech into the aquifer and contaminate the groundwater. It does biodegrade—half-life is about 14 years.

**Gary:** What is your role with the Federal Reserve?

**Jerry:** I'm in PR. We host visiting delegations, we get bankers from all over the world. Lately, the last couple of years, we've been taking elementary school children and this financial literacy push, money smart week, all of that. We're trying to get them younger to keep them from maxing out credit cards in their freshmen year of college. We get visiting central bankers. I've hosted the Saudi central bankers, we get a lot of Chinese government ministers, mayors from all over China. We get guests from all over the world. A lot of graduate students, undergrads, high schools... this year we'll have probably 35,000 people come through the Chicago Fed.

**Gary:** What is the purpose of the Chicago Fed in the whole reserve system?

**Jerry:** Well, 2 things. One, we're the bank for the federal government, and we're also the wholesale bank, or central bank, for all of the depository institutions. This is where they get their coins, currency, and we process about half of the paper checks being processed which happily are diminishing rapidly. We're down in the last 5 years by half of the paper check volume. The Federal Reserve system last year cleared \$11.6 billion paper checks, \$12.4 trillion dollars. That's \$1,071 a check. That's not John Q. Public, it's commerce and industry. If we can get business on the electronic bandwagon, we'll be very happy. But any rate, our 3 main functions is financial support services for these depository institutions, supervision and regulation, and lastly, monetary policy to establish some continuous, sustainable economic growth and of course, minimize unemployment.

**Gary:** People have often questioned about the Federal Reserve being a private bank or a private corporation. Is that in fact true?

**Jerry:** That it is. It's a separation of public and private which seems to work relatively well. The board of

governors is government. Each one of the 12 banks is a separate closely-held private corporation. We're literally owned by the banks in our district. Our other clientele and depositories, credit unions, saving and loans, can't be stakeholders, just banks. If you're a nationally chartered bank, and with all of the merging and acquisition we're down to 1700 of them left in the nation, this is an integral component part of your charter—no democracy about it. You must give us 3% of your capital and surplus, for our shares and we pay them a 6% annual return. So our annual capitalization rate is carved in stone—6%. Since we are private corporations, we pay property tax and everything else. We are also a not-for-profit. So all the revenue we realize over our expenses is remitted weekly to the general revenue fund of treasury so Congress can spend it in all directions.

**Gary:** There's also a debate going on about a new currency possibly coming on the horizon, called the Amero. Have you heard of this?

**Jerry:** I have indeed. I think that's another urban legend. You have 27 members of the European Union and only 13 of them are using the Euro. I really can't see, all of the, for example, the UK is not about to give up the pound. We have a lot of pride in our cultural traditions, historical traditions, and I don't think you are ever going to see, and you can't really speak in absolutes, but I don't see you ever actually consolidating currency. In fact, we'll see how well this Euro goes. That's not necessarily a guarantee. We'll see... we'll see.

**Gary:** I recently spoke with Tom Ridge, the former Homeland Security Director. I posed the same question to him and I asked him about this supposed Amero and he seemed to think that a central bank for all 3 countries would be needed. And I don't think the Federal Reserve is ready to just hand over their authority to another central bank. What do you think?

**Jerry:** Well that's up to Congress. We are the 3<sup>rd</sup> central bank in our country's history. This one has worked out much better than the first 2, each of which only lasted 20 years. We've been here since 1913. But again you have such cultural and economic disparities between the 3 nations in North America, it's very difficult for me to imagine them ever unifying and agreeing to a single currency for the continent.

**Gary:** Well there is talk about it-- Steve Previs from Jeffries International mentioned it on CNBC and Vincente Fox spoke about it on Larry King Live, so there is a debate going on, at least a discussion with Security Prosperity Partnership and NAFTA about growing the economic region. So I do find, that, it is out there.

**Jerry:** Well ours and the Canadian dollar are virtually at parity as we speak. But the Mexican peso--enormous demographical, economic differences, political differences... and the like. I just can't see that coming together into one single common denominator.

**Gary:** How much money does the Federal Reserve print every day? Is the money just created out of a stroke of a pen?

**Jerry:** Two different things of course—we can create money by fiat, our checkbook doesn't have a ledger. So you write out the check and it's just transmogrified right out of thin air which is a nice checkbook to have.

**Gary:** I want one, where can I get one?

**Jerry:** But as far as currency, M2, our money supply is \$7,699,200,000,000 and only 11.5% of that is cash but we have more cash in circulation than we've ever had in history because of the proliferation of ATMs and the insatiable foreign demand for \$100 bills. They don't use them as a medium of exchange overseas, they're using them to store a value. Second to the U.S. is Russia, who has more of our currency than any other nation. Then it's Argentina, then it's Korea, then it's Turkey... a lot of this is I suspect tax evasion. But, at any rate, as long as they want it, they can have all they want. They cost us, the cost of production over at treasury, a \$100 bill costs 7 cents. The new color version will come out in September, that will be more like 9 cents. But in the interim, America commerce and industry doesn't give them away, we're getting a \$100 worth of something—Belgian chocolates, French wine... something, for something that costs us cents. It's not a bad markup, we call it seniorage. They can have all they want, almost none of it ever comes back. It's virtually an interest-free source of revenue for Uncle Sam.

**Gary:** In 1933 the United States officially went off the gold standard. How do you think that has afforded the American people, going from a commodity-based currency to a fiat based currency?

**Jerry:** Well, there's 2 reasons we had to abandon collateralizing our currency with gold in '33. One, we would never become a \$15 trillion economy, we would've never met the potential growth of American

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commerce and industry if we were still locked into the availability of gold reserves. The South Africans, Australians, Canadians, Alaskans, Nevadans, the Californians couldn't find it fast enough. But, '33 as you know is the depths of the Great Depression. In October of '33 we lost 600 banks. What we became and saw went out of business. In the course of calendar '33, we lost 40% of the banks in the nation. At any rate, we couldn't do anything about it because we were locked into gold so that you could not inject capital equity into the banking system.

**Gary:** Unless they just suddenly found a supply of gold somewhere?

**Jerry:** Yeah, like a 3 mile wide meteorite striking the earth that was solid gold. Other than that, it just wasn't viable. So, without being locked into the gold standard, obviously things have changed entirely. We've learned a lot from the Great Depression, and as you know, we've been injecting equity into capital markets in large amounts. This wasn't possible in the gold standard.

**Gary:** How will the American people fare over time as the Federal Reserve continues to print more money? How do we balance the inflation rate with the cost of living?

**Jerry:** Well once again, it's based on productivity. Up until the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of last year, we were cruising along at about 2.2 to 2.8% quarterly in gains and GDP. If you have 2% gains in GDP, you can increase your money supply by 2% without degrading its value by inflation. Now of course, the last 2 quarters it's been an underwhelming 6/10<sup>th</sup> of one percent, but we expect a recurrence of more robust GDP in the second half. But nonetheless, only 1/9<sup>th</sup> of our money supply is cash. And the public determines how much cash is printed. You pull it out of the ATMs, your bank withdraws it from us, we annualize it, adjust it seasonally, cyclically, holidays, vacations, we order it from the treasury, they print it, charge us the cost of production and ship it to us. So, it's all demand-driven from the bottom up. But, if we assume and resume 2% increases in GDP and only 1/9<sup>th</sup> of our money supply is cash, you could, in effect, increase the cash by 18% without degrading its value. I don't see the demand ever approaching something like 18% per annum, we have about \$1,033,000,000,000 worth of cash out there. 18% of that in one year? I don't think that's very remotely possible.

**Gary:** In the 1920's Germans were buying loaves of bread with baskets of money. Is that ever going to be something we should worry about here in this nation with the fiat based currency?

**Jerry:** I don't think so, but we'll all find out together.

**Gary:** What's the largest denomination bill that's ever been printed in the United States?

**Jerry:** \$100,000.

**Gary:** Who was on that?

**Jerry:** Woodrow Wilson, the gentleman who signed the act to create a Federal Reserve 2 days before Christmas Eve in 1913. At any rate, those came into existence because of 1933's abandonment of the gold standard. You had to sell bullion coins to Uncle Sam in 1933 for \$20.67 a Troy ounce or you were looking at a prison sentence and a hefty fine. Now people could keep religious artifacts, personal jewelry, historical collectibles, antiques and fillings, but coins, bars you had to sell for \$20.67 a Troy ounce which was not a good deal because for the previous 130 years the price of gold had been lodged almost steadily at \$21. Anyway, in '33, our treasury had 20,000 metric tons of gold. And then one year later, in a misguided attempt, in my opinion, to subsidize agriculture, a lesson we still haven't learned today, they arbitrarily raised the official price to \$35 a Troy ounce and annoyed everybody in the nation that got \$20.67. Well, when the feds sold our gold reserves to the treasury, they paid us with 30,000 \$100,000 bills. We never released them for general circulation, we used them to transfer capital between the 12 Federal Reserve banks-- anyway, in '34, someone looked at one of them and said wait a minute, this is a gold certificate. Didn't we just get off the gold standard, wasn't that the whole idea? Treasury said good point—they informed us we should destroy them all and they'd replace them with conventional denominations. As far as I can tell, only the Richmond and Atlanta Feds between them saved 12—so we shredded 29,988 of them. So, those 12 are on display—some of them—one of them in the Richmond lobby, one of them in the Atlanta lobby, the Jacksonville branch of Atlanta has 2 of them, the Miami branch has 1, between the 2 they loaned 1 to the board of governors in Washington that's on display there, they loaned one to the Museum of American

History in the Smithsonian where it's on display, they gave one to the San Francisco Fed, they loaned one to the New York Fed, that leaves 3 more, and they won't give us one. So we're a little annoyed with both of them.

**Gary:** U.S. code Title 12 Section 411 says that Federal Reserve notes can be exchanged for legal tender, or lawful money?

**Jerry:** Yes, well they were redeemed, well gold certificates could be redeemed in gold until '33. We printed silver certificates, virtually all of them singles, right up until 1957. And up until August of '68, you could bring a silver certificate into the Fed and we'd redeem it for 1 Troy ounce of silver, which in August of '68 was worth \$1.80. We didn't see a lot of future in this redemption so we stopped doing it. So, the only way now you can redeem gold or silver certificates for the underlying precious metal is time travel.

**Gary:** In 1963, John Kennedy issued Executive Order #11110, which created U.S. Notes, supposedly they competed with Federal Reserve notes. Can you expound on that?

**Jerry:** Well U.S. notes of course, were backed by Congress. So Congress had to approach appropriate funding to collateralize U.S. notes. That's somewhat of an anachronistic law that required that 2 to 3% of our currency in circulation be U.S. notes. That's since been repealed. So now, as those wore out, unless some zealot collected them somewhere for some reason, we are almost exclusively federal notes today.

**Gary:** So that would have created a competing currency or no?

**Jerry:** No, it supplemented the Federal Reserve notes. And I'm unclear as to what the political motivation was for such a distinction in the first place but it became immaterial and they repealed it and those things are history.

**Gary:** Any last words for the public?

**Jerry:** I've probably said too many already.

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# CONSEQUENCES OF GREED AND UNCONTROLLED POWER

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We have been told that the reason we are in this financial meltdown is because of the greed of Wall Street and big business and none would argue, they certainly have had a hand in our current state of affairs. Their impact is only secondary to those that have controlled and manipulated them, and us, for their own financial and political gains.

So, who are the villains behind what is now known as the largest economic debacle in the history of mankind? Further, this is not the end, but only the end of the beginning of a tumultuous ride in which the American Taxpayers are being taken. The ramifications of what we are seeing and experiencing now are only a prelude to what is coming.

As with any crime, putting together the myriad of pieces and analyzing each part with how it fits with the others to complete the full story, is a painstaking ordeal and beyond the scope of this article. However, we will look at a few of the players, events, and beneficiaries to help fill in some of the gaps.

So before we get into the specific instances, let's take a look at what has led up to our current predicament.

- 1913 – The Unconstitutional Federal Reserve Bank is created by Congress, which transfers the monetary power of Congress to private bankers.
- 1916 – Government Sponsored Enterprises are created to facilitate easier credit to stimulate certain sectors of the economy, such as agriculture, homes, etc. This action, too, is beyond the enumerated powers of the Constitution.
- 1934 – The FDIC is created to insure deposits in banks, which would be used to build confidence in depression era banks.
- 1938 – Fannie Mae was a government created organization designed to build liquidity into the depression era housing market by FDR's socialistic "New Deal" policy. It was later converted to a privately held corporation under government regulation.
- 1970 – Freddie Mac was created as a government sponsored enterprise of the US government to compete with Fannie Mae.
- 1977 – Community Reinvestment Act was created to encourage commercial banks to make mortgage loans to low and moderate income neighborhoods. The Act Mandated that any bank receiving



FDIC insurance was to be evaluated to determine compliance and a rating was applied to that institution accordingly.

- 1983-1988 Savings & Loan Crisis; failures of hundreds of FSLIC insured institutions. Resulted in the dissolution of Federal Savings Loan Insurance Corporation and numerous state bailouts including Ohio and Maryland; total chaos in Financial Institutions market nationwide.
- 1986 – Tax Reform Act of 1986 eliminates many real-estate tax shelters.
- 1987 - Collateralized debt obligations (CDO) were created which bundled asset-backed security and structured credit products. These products may contain various levels of risk products and some analysts attribute this investment vehicle as a contributor to the credit crisis due to hiding bad debt among the products.
- 1989 – Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery and Enforcement Act, a bailout in the wake of the savings and loan crisis of the 1980s and transferred thrift regulation to the Department of the Treasury.
- 1989 – Creation of the US Government-owned Resolution Trust Corporation which liquidated (primarily) real-estate assets and mortgage loans caught up in the Savings and Loan Crises of the 80's.
- 1992 – Creation of the US Government Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight charged with ensuring the capital adequacy and financial safety and soundness of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac.
- 2001 – S&P starts faking ratings on mortgage bundles for cash.
- 2001 – AIG admits to incorrectly valuing some of its swaps to the tune of over 3.6 Billion dollars.
- 2002 – US Government under President Bush urges relaxation of credit standards with a goal of issuing home mortgages to over 5.5 million new minority home owners promising low interest rates and government involvement to do away with down payments.
- 2005 – US Housing bubble tops out
- 2006 – Subprime mortgage crisis begins due to falling house prices, ARM rates becoming due and inability of low income owners to meet the new mortgage payment.
- 2008 – Failure of AIG and the public awareness of the financial crisis.
- Present – Many failures of financial institutions, multiple bailouts of large financial corporations and the passing of the 700 Billion dollar bailout bill. Plus over \$100 Billion in pork added on by ruthless legislators.

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Financial institutions were buying up trillions of dollars worth of Collateralized Debt Obligations (CDO's) that were rated as AAA, the highest rating, with or without the knowledge that bundled within the package were loans to homebuyers with bad credit and undocumented incomes, which amounted to over 3.2 trillion dollars. Had this fact been revealed, the CDO's would have had a much lower rating and would, in most cases, not have been purchased.

One significant piece of information has quietly been shuffled into this stacked deck against the Taxpayers. It seems that not one media network; outlet or press will address the FACT that Goldman Sachs and Morgan Stanley were, until this crisis, Private Investment Firms who lived and died by their investment advice and earnings or losses. Goldman Sachs was founded in 1869 and Morgan Stanley in 1935, with a combined poorly advised portfolio, aged 212 years, the two behemoths very slyly switched status from Private Investment Firms to Commercial Bank Holding Companies. In what is unquestionably the largest post-Depression Era financial hedge; these two companies jumped at the hysteria fueled Paulson announcements as their cover to shore up government backing.

When Sec. Paulson stepped forward with his "Chicken Little" cry of falling skies if the US Government did not act post haste to inject capitol into flailing credit institutions; GS and MS held out their collective beggar's cup!

Per the Goldman Sachs 2007 Annual Report, currently available online; the company has \$868 billion in total assets under management. Furthermore, per the current Morgan Stanley corporate profile information available at their website, this company has \$736 Billion in Assets under management.

Combined Assets of both companies is over \$1.6 TRILLION dollars. After the two stepped from behind the curtain as commercially new-Federally insured institutions—POOF—they are now magically backed by the full faith and credit of the United States; more appropriately, by you and I; the American Taxpayer! This all occurred within hours of the "Paulson Falling Sky," yet, GS/MS were not through with their money grab—NO SIR! Fueling Congressional mayhem with piles of campaign cash—over \$60 million in a month (GS and commercial banks included); the two

Banks goaded their legislative puppets into raising the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation depositor protection program by ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY PERCENT!

As Taxpayer's, we should all be in a collective rush to impede, impugn and impale any further actions of any of this Congress; Executive or Cabinet; especially Treasury! There is a ceremonial allusion to the People and the resound of "Let them eat cake" shrieks in our ears!

Against the wishes of most American's, the Senate, followed by the House, approved the \$700 Billion bailout package, attached, oddly enough, to HR 1424, the "Paul Wellstone Mental Health and Addiction Equity Act of 2008." The association with the "Mental Health" Bill seems rather fitting, even though the bailout package has nothing whatever to do with mental health—unless it is the lack thereof in Congress. Even more peculiar is the added bonus of energy legislation to the afore-mentioned bill.

What, under the sun, is going on in D.C.??? Well, it appears our government is moving in a peculiar direction...away from the Constitutional Republic under which we were founded and into the Constitutional Democracy we have become to some xenomorphic adaptation of a communist-fascist state by "investing" and buying into the Mortgage, Insurance and Banking industries.

The Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008, as it has been dubbed, is the direct work of President George Bush and Secretary of the Treasury Henry Paulson. The past several weeks have seen our government not only bail out these industries, but the Feds are also taking ownership interests in the institutions, all at taxpayer's expense. Now, our government "owns" some of the largest industries in our country. Does anyone else find that utterly disturbing? They ARE trying to make it clear that the taxpayers will not be responsible for this bailout. Really??? And where, pray-tell, does our government get the money to operate??? Taxes!!! In my humble opinion, they have already spent far too much time and resources in all this nasty bailout!

Wall Street, as anyone who was around for the end of the 1980's knows, is a gamble. But wait! Could a stock market crash affect people we "know?" OHHHH! There might be a problem! Secretary of the

Treasury Henry Paulson was the CEO of Goldman Sachs, from 1999, when the company went public, until 2006. He must have a retirement portfolio, and I am willing to wager that part of his retirement package contains a good amount of Goldman Sachs stocks. Why in 2005, alone, his compensation package was \$37 million! Not too bad for an English Major with an MBA! And...That's just the tip of the iceberg.

Neel Kashkari, tapped to handle the government's jump into the financial world, is also a former Goldman Sachs Vice President. At barely 35 years of age and holding an Engineering Degree and an MBA, Mr. Kashkari is now handling \$700 Billion dollars of taxpayer-funded insanity.

Let us move into some specific areas of contribution and see what we find. According to the latest information from Open Secrets, which is The Center for Responsive Politics, under the Commercial Banking industry figures, we can find that this industry contributed \$2,366,119 to Obama and \$2,091,291 to McCain. This is a whopping \$4,457,410 from just bankers and their employees! Obama's contributions from employees of Goldman Sachs and Morgan Stanley alone are \$1,080,901. McCain's figures aren't quite as bad at \$469,422, but still we see how voting against this egregious legislation might put both candidates at odds with the industries of their contributors.

If that isn't enough, according to Representative Brad Sherman, there were private conversations in the House designed basically to scare legislators into voting for the bailout. He stated that if the Bailout wasn't passed on the first vote, the market would see between a 2,000 to 3,000 point drop on the very first day, and would continue dropping by thousands after that. He also stated that some members were told there would be "Martial Law in America" if the bailout didn't pass. The facts are that the Dow Jones did drop, but by 778 points, not the fabled 2-to-3,000 point drop. According to a CNN article, that drop does not even make it in the top 10 percent of market declines. So, I must ask, where did the fear mongers get their figures??? Do they KNOW something we don't know...Are they hiding something or creating something??? Now, several weeks after the bailout legislation passed, we have realized a near 3,000 point drop. This was only supposed to happen if the legislation didn't pass. What, may we ask, happened?

Since We-the-People have been stabbed in the back by our treasonous representatives, let's compare the vote for the original House bill, HR 3997 Defenders of Freedom Tax Relief Act of 2007, to the newly passed HR 1424. For HR 3997, the Ayes were 205 and the Nays were 228. For HR 1424, the Ayes were 263

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and the Nays were 171. So, who jumped ship? Who bowed under the pressure of Paulson/Bush/Pelosi? For starters, it appears that four Reps from Arizona, Shadegg, Pastor, Mitchell, and Giffords, along with four Reps from Illinois, Rush, Jackson, Weller, and Biggert switched. Next, California gave us seven more jumpers and Texas had five. All in all, twenty-six states saw at least one of their Representatives misrepresent their constituent's best interest and vote for the disastrous legislation.

Even in the midst of it, we know there were Reps who new better, but in the end were coerced into treachery. However, there were a few we could count on. Representatives Defazio and Tiaht knew better and voted no, but Rep. Rangel, and Rep Campbell, both complained about it, yet both voted yes, twice. Rep Shelia Jackson Lee knew it was less than perfect, but she changed her vote from No to Yes, going against her better judgment, as did at least 55 other Representatives.

According to a poll conducted by CNN, 45% of people poled opposed the bailout, with 16% undecided. Only 38% of US Citizens were in favor of this disastrous piece of legislation, yet Congress passed it without regard to its constituency, apparently more concerned with business. Well...Congress was not put in place to protect the bad judgment of business; it was put in place to represent the people of our fine nation. In that, Congress has failed, and this is far from the first time.

Another interesting piece of the puzzle reported on Mother Jones blog from information compiled by Maplight.org, shows that House members who voted for the bailout received 54 percent more money from banks and securities firms than members who voted against it as shown in the following table:

All House Members	Avrge. Amt. Received
Voting Yes	\$231,877
Voting No	\$150,982
<b>Democrats</b>	
Voting Yes	\$212,700
Voting No	\$107,993
<b>Republicans</b>	
Voting Yes	\$273,181
Voting No	\$181,688

This may not be absolute or conclusive evidence, however, it does weigh heavy towards motivation for a yes vote. And, is it any wonder that both Obama and McCain supported the bailout when Obama received contributions totaling more than 2 million dollars and McCain around 1.5 million; quid-pro-quo comes to mind.

Could our current financial crisis have been prevented? Three years ago, a bill entitled the "Federal Housing Enterprise Regulatory Reform Act of 2005" was presented that directly engaged many of the failings we currently see in the financial sector today. During the debate of this bill the biggest detractors were Barney Frank, Chuck Schumer, Maxine Waters, and Chris Dodd. The very same legislators pushing the hardest for the bailout have all taken money from these financial organizations.

Had the legislature passed the reform bill of 2005, much of the crisis CAUSED by Freddie and Fannie may have been avoided.

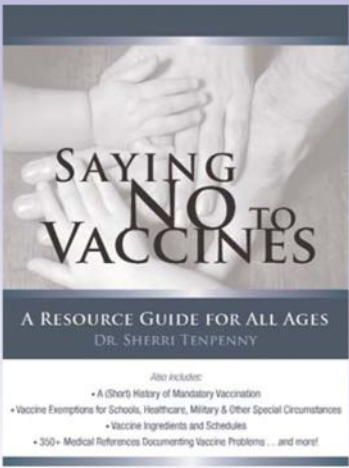
In another piece of the bailout puzzle, we will factor in an organization that has not been talked about much in the main stream media, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. According to an American Association for Justice (AAJ) report entitled "Behind

the Bailout: How U.S. Chamber Created the 2008 Financial Crisis," it is reported that AIG was charged over \$20 million by U.S. Chamber to fight for deregulation, allowing AIG to "more freely move in the markets." All this was going on at the same time that AIG was being investigated for fraud charges by numerous agencies.

The report goes on to elaborate how U.S. Chamber's aggressive lobbying to eliminate accountability and oversight contributed to the financial crisis by leading the fight to eliminate corporate accountability. The AAJ report goes on to state: "The U.S. Chamber has been paid millions by large corporations to limit the rights of shareholders, roll back Sarbanes-Oxley reforms, prevent disclosures to investors, and protect boardrooms while preventing consumers from holding them accountable." AAJ is the largest trial bar association and can be found at [www.justice.org](http://www.justice.org), to read a copy of the above mentioned report enter bailout in the search box.

The scope of the financial crisis does not stop at our borders, nor does the desire to take advantage of the situation by those around the globe. The weekend after the bailout was signed, we saw meetings by the Group of Seven (G7) who issued a joint statement

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following its meeting which included the following:

"The G-7 agrees today that the current situation calls for urgent and exceptional action. We commit to continue working together to stabilize financial markets and restore the flow of credit, to support global economic growth. We agree to:

1. Take decisive action and use all available tools to support systemically important financial institutions and prevent their failure.
2. Take all necessary steps to unfreeze credit and money markets and ensure that banks and other financial institutions have broad access to liquidity and funding.
3. Ensure that our banks and other major financial intermediaries, as needed, can raise capital from public as well as private sources, in sufficient amounts to re-establish confidence and permit them to continue lending to households and businesses.
4. Ensure that our respective national deposit insurance and guarantee programs are robust and consistent so that our retail depositors will continue to have confidence in the safety of their deposits.
5. Take action, where appropriate, to restart the secondary markets for mortgages and other securitized assets. Accurate valuation and transparent disclosure of assets and consistent implementation of high quality accounting standards are necessary.

The actions should be taken in ways that protect taxpayers and avoid potentially

damaging effects on other countries. We will use macroeconomic policy tools as necessary and appropriate. We strongly support the IMF's critical role in assisting countries affected by this turmoil. We will accelerate full implementation of the Financial Stability Forum recommendations and we are committed to the pressing need for reform of the financial system. We will strengthen further our cooperation and work with others to accomplish this plan."

In other words, the global political system will tap into the assets of the global economy by either printing more Fiat currency (which adds to the problem) or tax the people more to pay for it, which also adds to the problem. Their position is that the current financial crisis is to the point that the market cannot correct the situation and therefore the governments must step in by nationalizing portions of the global financial system in order to prevent certain disaster.

There has also been speculation toward creating a global central bank to oversee and provide stability on a global scale, a kind of super bank. Entrenched in these discussions were talks of moving toward a single global currency to mitigate the fluctuations and allow for a broader base upon which the current fiat currency resides. All speculative at this point, yet just the thought that it is even being considered is enough to be concerned about.

Congressman Louis McFadden, former Chairman of the House Banking and Currency Committee, and one of the strongest critics of the Federal Reserve had this to say, "The Federal Reserve Banks are one of the most corrupt institutions the world has ever seen. There is not a man within the sound of my voice who does not know that this Nation is run by the International Bankers . . . They have cheated the government of the United States and the people out of enough money to pay the national debt. This evil institution has impoverished and ruined the people of the United States and has practically bankrupted our government . . . The depression was not an accident; it was a carefully contrived occurrence. The International Bankers sought to bring about a condition of despair here so that they might emerge as ruler of us all . . . every effort has been made by the Fed to conceal its power but the truth is - - the Fed has usurped the government. It controls everything in Congress and it controls all foreign relations. It makes and breaks governments at will . . . The Federal Reserve has never been independently audited and has resisted all attempts to be audited."

It is time to remove the puppets in DC. If you have been paying attention, you should be absolutely outraged. In November, ALL of the House of Representatives and 1/3 of the Senate is up for re-election. It is time for Congress to know we mean business. When you go into the voting booth send a clear signal, do not vote for any incumbent; tell Washington, you're fired! Let us "Take Back Washington" . . .before it is too late!

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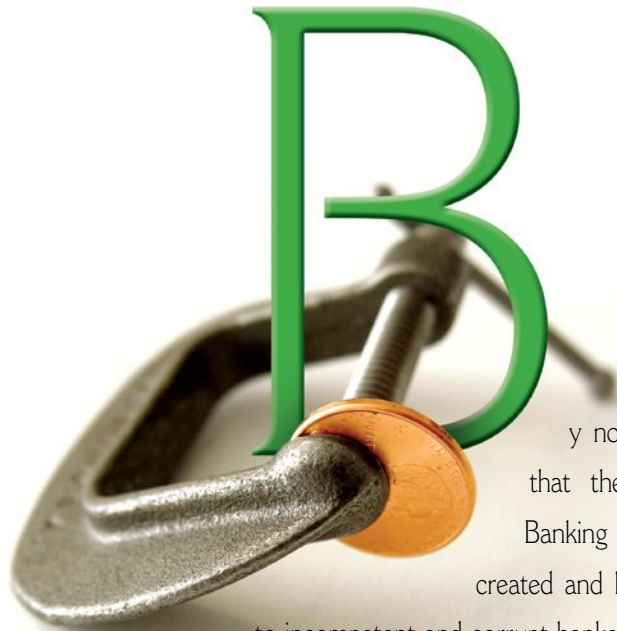
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y now you have heard that the Federal Reserve Banking Cartel (FED) has created and lent over \$1 Trillion to incompetent and corrupt banks in America so that they have money to lend to the rest of us. In addition, \$700 Billion is slated to be used by the US Government (Fed. Gov.) to be packaged bank loans that are not worth 50 cents for every Dollar that they are supposedly due, to help the banks have more money available to lend out to the rest of us.

By now I am sure that you wish you were a banker. Banks are still not lending money to anyone, including other banks. In addition, the stock market had the biggest one week drop in its history in early October of 2008.

Of course, nowhere in the U.S. Constitution does it allow the U.S. Congress to delegate its power to “coin money and regulate its value thereof” to the privately owned FED. Similarly, nowhere in the U.S. Constitution is the FED or US Congress authorized to bail out Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, AIG Insurance or other Banks as the US Congress and the FED have been doing. However, no Government biased, paid judge or group of judges will enforce the Constitution against such powerful economic and political giants.

So, where is the bailout program for the average ordinary American? I am afraid that the only one that you can always count on to bail you out is yourself. Here is what is facing you and what you can do about it.

What the US and European Governments and Privately owned Central banks have done is basically create more “legal counterfeit money” (money created out of thin air.) The result is easy to predict. The Average American has a net savings rate of zero and is already being crushed under the weight of heavy mortgage and consumer debts. Most Americans cannot and will not

borrow more money, even if they were to qualify for such loans.

U.S. companies, like the auto industry, have been reeling for over 30 years from the effect of outsourcing of highly paid manufacturing to Asian countries. This trend has accelerated in the last 10 years with the emergence of China as the cheap labor manufacturing giant of the world that shelves Wal-Mart and other retailers and is increasingly producing industrial supplies and machinery as well.

Even the computer industry is hurt due to the fact that, through the Internet, many computer software jobs are outsourced to India and other Third World countries that can get the job done for a fraction of what an American computer programmer will work for.

The marginal additional money creation lending that will take place will create more Dollars and Euros to flood the World with. In short, this Great Depression that has begun will become milder, but will take longer to resolve itself. In addition, we will have much more inflation.

The Asian countries that produce the world's consumer products and the Middle East countries that produce our oil will have too many Dollars and Euros in their hands and will eventually start accepting less Dollars and Euros

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at the same time that their currencies will rise against the Dollar and Euro.

As a result, even Wal-Mart's cheap imports will not be so cheap anymore. Oil and food will cost a lot more too, while American's wages will not go up much since there are too many unemployed Americans out there who would be willing to take your job if you complain too much.

The above scenario is a gloomy outlook, but keeping our heads in the sand and pretending that everything will work itself out painlessly, as President Bush is suggesting, will simply end up hurting you and family even more. What you need to do, is to take stock of your current business, occupational and financial position and make some tough decisions, that, just a few years ago, you were unwilling to make. Here are some suggestions. Study them carefully and see which ones you can implement in your life and then do it.

1) **CUT BACK ON SPENDING:** Pay off your credit cards as soon as possible. Typical 20% interest rate that they charge you is legalized rape. Stop it ASAP. Stop or reduce your vacations, out of town trips, luxury purchases (like that new Big Screen TV) and eating out in restaurants.

Instead, cook more at home, eat more produce. Junk food and fast food may cost less in the short run yet will cost you more in the long term with what you have to pay to fix the sickness that bad diet has brought you.

If you need a new car, fix your used car or buy another used car instead of buying another new car. Buy cash, not on credit. By buying a used car with cash you save on the comprehensive and collision insurance that the insurance company forces you to buy to protect the lender from accidents caused by you. In addition, you save thousands on interest payments over several years.

2) **EXERCISE:** Weight training, aerobics, swimming and yoga will not only help you be more physically healthy (and save you on doctor bills), but due to the chemical changes that exercise brings to your body and brain, will make you feel more energetic, productive, confident and happy. If your boss were to fire 2 people from your group of 10 people, he will be likely to first let go of the out of shape, overweight, unhappy, unproductive employees.

Same goes for your customers who, due to their tight budgets, will pay more attention to what they are getting for the money they are paying you. In addition, a happy, positive outlook will allow you to see business and career opportunities that otherwise would have gone unnoticed.

If you are unemployed, you have no reason not to get into the best shape of your life and be the one that gets the next job opening that comes your way.

3) **MOVE OUT:** If you are in an industry that is particularly hard hit in the current Depression, (such as, mortgage loan and real estate agents) move to a different part of the USA which is doing relatively well. Since inflation will continue, commodity prices will continually rise. Oil, agriculture and mining states (primarily in the midwest and northern states) will prosper. In some places, like Wyoming, there is actually a labor shortage. If you are a mortgage loan lender in California or Florida, pack and leave to an oil town (like Odessa, Texas), which has a very oil dependent economy.

4) **CHANGE YOUR OCCUPATION:** Some occupations like those in the field of drilling for oil, mines and gold dealers will do well. If you are selling cars or mortgages, take those skills and sell gold and commodities instead.

If you are a software programmer, switch to network engineering that cannot be outsourced to a third world country.

If you were considering starting a new business, this might be the best time to do it. Multi-level sales companies will do well as unemployed, underemployed and nervously employed Americans will seek alternatives. Go and recruit a ton of these people as your associates.

5) **LOOK AT TAX SOLUTIONS:** 12 states have no state income tax. Moving to those states can save you a significant amount of hassle and dollars. Ask your Congressmen and Senators to show you the law that requires you to file and pay the Federal Income Tax. If they show you the law, then pay it.

If they do not, join the ranks of the growing number of patriotic Americans who have earnestly asked their representatives in the FedGov who must answer to their constituents, to show them the law that requires them to file and pay income tax and after no showing of the law by either of their representatives, have stopped filing and paying the Federal Income Tax.

After all, if there is no law that requires hard working average Americans like you to file and pay Federal income Tax to bail out rich, fat cat Wall Street banks and insurance companies, why should you do it?

This form of unconstitutional "cradle to grave" taking care of banks at the expense of ordinary Americans will only stop if average Americans are willing to confront their representatives in Government who apparently serve the interests of the Big Banks instead of the working American citizens. Check out [www.300000incometaxreward.com](http://www.300000incometaxreward.com) on this issue.

6) **GET A HOUSEMATE:** By getting a housemate, you can save anywhere from \$400 to \$1,000 per month (or more), depending on where you live. Until I married my wife April, 7 years ago at the age of 39, I ALWAYS had a roommate.

The reduced housing expenses allowed me to work less, study the Constitution, the Income Tax, the law, our rights and start Freedom Law School. Similarly, you can save for your retirement, you or your child's college education and financial investments by saving \$5,000 to \$12,000 per year, which adds up to \$50,000 to \$120,000 in 10 years. Nice nest egg, if you are willing to make a little sacrifice.

7) **BUY GOLD:** Dollar-based investments will lose money because they are denominated in Dollars and the U.S. Dollar will continue to lose value. The easiest way for the average person to protect their savings from this devaluation of their savings is to sell off all of your remaining U.S. based stocks, bonds, money market accounts, bank accounts and mutual funds and get physical possession of gold coin and other commonly held metal coins like US minted Liberty or Buffalo gold coins. To see various gold price charts go to <http://www.kitco.com/charts/livegoldnewyork.html>

However, you will likely not be able to take up this suggestion of mine unless you implement some of my previous suggestions. Above all, be truthful, responsible and be willing to pay a price for success.

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# Surviving Martial

**By Harold Williams**

Most of the things I'm going to discuss here you will immediately recognize as the pure truth. You've heard enough about it to know it's real. Things are happening all around us, yet generally we've been too busy or tired, or we've been too preoccupied with sports, shopping, houses, money or other plans, to think for ourselves anymore. I'll show you some of what's going on in the real world - not the watered down or blacked-out so-called "news" you get from the major media.

# Law

Some people advocate armed resistance to the coming restrictions on our liberty. This is AN ENTIRELY SEPARATE SITUATION from what I'm talking about here and is your own business. This information is for regular people who have no military ambitions or skills yet want to know how to continue living during the early part of the coming mess to see what shakes out later. If you have no stored supplies, you'll be useless for anything anyway, no matter what it may be.

CNN just said "We are now in the worst economic crisis since the Great Depression". America is collapsing under the planned and executed destruction of our system and can soon expect to see the complete implosion of the dollar. With the resulting food riots and breakdown of our society, masses will be struggling for foods that won't be available. Per 'Directive 51' and others, we will go under "Martial Law". Services will likely be compromised, so we are very concerned about the heating ability in northern states this winter to follow the example of Russian Dictators, who allowed millions to freeze. It is urgent that people prepare for that real potential.

America is my country, and I am deeply concerned about what is happening. I've spent years in combat and Martial Law zones, often as a combatant. As a result, I have learned quite a lot about how these things are played out. It's hard to believe that we are only a heartbeat away from Martial Law - the very serious kind - so get your mind clear and learn some behavioral things and what you'll need to have to stay alive. Since you'll be exposed to controlling troops, please NEVER LOOK INTO THEIR EYES!!! When a regular Joe Blow is given life or death power, an aggressive and deadly mind-set is developed, and killing becomes easy... especially after the first kill.

The American election scam has taken over the minds of even those who were once more clear in their perspective, and this disgusts me. It's our nature as people to hope for a man or group to come rescue us, yet that dream is fostered by the severe absence of the teaching or concern about HISTORY, since that clearly shows the patterns of the spiral down of our country. Just a few weeks ago, a "Coup" occurred in America and few even saw it. The ripple effect went around the WORLD! Economies hold nations and the world together, and as they quiver on collapse, it overwhelms most people and they narrow their focus to minimize their fears... the head-in-the-sand thing, which makes controlling us easier.

Those of you that need proof must open your eyes. Don't blind yourself by what the media tells you by accepting it as fact, because it is completely manufactured. So-called reporters don't or can't actually research their stories', they read what is

produced for them. They are simply puppets and what they do is called propaganda - not news! We have been manipulated by everything around us to think, feel, and do what our government wants us to do. The media is part of the lie. Don't believe them - do the research yourself and look at absolutely everything with a critical eye. Unless you are brain dead and in total denial, you will begin to see the truth.

We are facing an immediate and horrible economic collapse which will trigger bank closures, loss of social income programs for many millions, savings and retirements vanishing, credit suspended and serious civil unrest, which will cause a panic run on essentials. As in several Martial Law situations that I have been in, I've seen people who are willing to sacrifice liberty for security and incorrectly believe their government will save them. There are many people who write social commentary and have adequately explained what is coming here on American soil. Martial Law is not just a potential, it clearly will be implemented as a result of civil unrest and riots resulting from our dollar collapsing and all the resulting ramifications.

We live in a country where going to the grocery to feed our families has been easy and plentiful. A major weapon for control by totalitarian/dictatorial governments has and will be the FOOD supply. Imagine if you can, that suddenly the food stores are stripped of everything and you have maybe three day's supply in your home. What will you do? Many millions in closing societies have faced that very thing. America is about to experience things previously thought to happen only in

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distant third world countries, yet be assured, FOOD IS THE CURRENCY OF THE OPPRESSED and our controllers know this and FOOD will be the carrot hung out to lead us. Since you'll need food and water to survive, I say concentrate largely on that and learning secrecy relating to it.

There will be a quite a few months or longer of transition where FOOD will be nearly impossible to get. In my experience, starvation was greater than government killings in most Martial Law states. Look today at what's happened worldwide to the main food stores like wheat, corn, barley, rice and many other commodities. There is a serious famine coming in winter 2008/2009. The USA used to have a 7 year supply of basic food surplus, yet it's now less than 10 weeks!!! What I am advising, since electric and gas will likely be unavailable at times, is to buy as many hundreds of dollars of canned or dry foods and other sealed things as possible from the items listed below. Buy all you can - scrape up the money, cash out anything, borrow, or beg to get the money and do it now or your family will likely starve to death during the transition period. It will last many, many months.

Don't wait until tomorrow... do it today! Go to several grocery stores and fill carts with canned or boxed, dried foods, paper products and anything you can eat without preparation other than opening the can or package... that is where your security will lie, but I suggest you get right with the God you believe in. It is very critical you do this immediately because you can't stop this horrid machine. Get all the food you can because your extended family will probably not have anything. You can barter with it. Don't fill your freezer because the chance of electricity going off is great, if even for a short time. We aren't exactly sure when the date will occur, and the shelves of all stores will be stripped clean in a couple of hours!! When the word goes out, there will be a run on the stores and you and your family will have no help. Life still looks OK now, but soon you'll wake up to disaster and you will slowly die if you don't get ready well in advance of when the hammer falls! It's happened in many countries and it's here in America NOW... be prepared!!!

Hide or bury any evidence of foods. If you must, hide your foods behind scraps of junk in old buildings, a little here and a little there. Have a map and hide it

well. If everything is in one place and it's found, they have it all! Storing light foods in the insulation of your attic is a good place to put it as long as it isn't heavy. Stash it in several places, even away from your home, because excess supplies will be taken in the door to door searches. Get plenty of paper plates and plastic spoons. Trust nobody! DON'T TRUST EVEN YOUR MOTHER. She could tell her friend who might tell her son who would tell the guy up the street and you guess it from there. Remember, when people are severely hungry they are different people. They will easily kill you for your supplies and if you open your big mouth, you'll be responsible for anything that happens... so shut up starting right now. Never say one word!! Keep your family quiet, and better not to tell children, especially teens... never, under any circumstances tell a teen or child anything about your stores. Do not tell them where you get their foods, but say it was given to you. Get plenty of aspirin and needed medications as best you can. Tell your Doctor you're going to Burma for 8 months - get loaded up and conserve. Take less. Get sleeping bags and long underwear for warmth if that's a concern. Be sure to have the best can opener available. Think of any basics you need for the transition period until things level off. Don't, and I mean DON'T, eat too much. If others see you healthy while everyone is suffering, they'll wonder why, so BE CAREFUL. If in doubt, read the histories of people under Military control. Study Hitler, African and Central American revolutions, Asian Dictators and realize the same situation will face you shortly.

You may as well forget about going to a different country, because, they will be controlled by the New World Order soon. Save yourself and the lives of your family! Be one of the survivors long enough, so we can see what will happen down the road. Since you didn't do anything when you could, it's too late. Try to stay alive and learn to love each other.

I went to a regular grocery last night and found plenty of things to eat without cooking. In the beginning, however, there could be gas and electric. As long as you can cook, eat dry beans and spiced rice with a little ground beef. Use all the things you can cook first, so have plenty and figure on about 300 pounds per 6 months for one person of average size and adjust a little for kids, but remember they are

growing and sometimes require more than an adult... especially teens. Calculate your own list as each will be different. Put a reasonable amount in your cupboards and kitchen storage, but don't make it look like you've taken in supplies. Use your brain.

Buy large plastic containers and your shovel and go do hard work. Dig holes in your yard in many places (keep a detailed map in a safe place and list what you have where), then put the super sealed containers in and cover up and replace the grass or garden mix. It's that simple. I've been in places I just knew had foods stored, yet had no idea where, so I didn't pursue it. Find places to hide food even if it's away from home.

Get several quart jars and sprouter lids and a few pounds of sprouts per person. They are packed with nutrients up to the 5<sup>th</sup> day, when the value decreases. You need the nutrients they provide. Buy many pounds each of lentils, alfalfa, radish, red clover, broccoli and mung seeds/peas. If in cold weather, keep the jars inside your coat next to your body. Sprouts are among the very best foods on earth. Get dried fruits, dry milk and lots of nuts. Get rolled oats (soak in water/w dry milk and honey and nuts), add molasses or honey, and you'll have a great meal. Buy some sugar and anything that doesn't require cooking. If you can, get enough for a year or two. Get a very good multiple vitamin for each person. If water is short in your area, buy a basement or room full of 5 gallon plastic cans and, if water is available, get a good gravity filter or put one teaspoon of bleach per gallon and let sit for two days or buy water purification pills if available.

Select a balanced food program for each person. Go heavy on protein (beans and rice is a complete protein). Get lots of simple things plus your oil and you'll be OK. Forget the oil and you'll be sick from what's called "rabbit starvation". You will know what else, if anything, you'll want and what is so very important is to DO IT IMMEDIATELY. Please, make your list tonight, stay home tomorrow, get the foods, and spend the next couple of days hiding it. If you don't need it for a few weeks, so what! The day is coming when there will be a run on stores and you'll be ready. Do it NOW!!! You need access to close water and about a gallon a day.

I've listed a few things, and you certainly don't need everything yet have foods like the following plus what I've mentioned.

- Canned or dry milk, beans, rice, nuts, etc. (Buy some cans of protein powder, too.)
- Fruits, but only the dried kind.
- Peanut butter and crackers - lots!
- Fresh hard vegetables for the beginning.

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- Pintos and rice for the beginning and longer if you have heat.
- Sweets, spices and flavorings plus OLIVE OIL
- “Cans” of salmon, chili, beans, some vegetables, meats... lots!
- Medications of several varieties (including any needed prescription medicines) - What you have will be all you have!

Do a comprehensive list for all your family and don't forget goodies and OIL. I keep on about the OIL, as it is critical. Make your own list with storage in mind. Spend whatever you can - even if it hurts. Go the distance. If you get overwhelmed, remember the troops, and don't forget to be polite and wait for a better day. Don't forget to have plenty of books, magazines, paper/pens as you'll have lots of down time. Learn to get along. Withhold supplies from anyone causing problems. You have the power... don't let anyone ruin the peace. Keep teens home and if it comes to it, cut all their clothes up to keep them in. Laws are suspended, so you can kick their butts without problems!

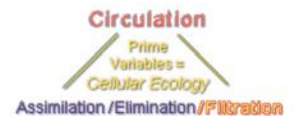
Remember, be polite and don't cause any problems. Think before you do anything. Walk slowly and be nice to everyone. “You let this happen”, so now you'll live with it. I'm not talking about cowering down, yet there will be times when you can practice respect (even if you don't mean it) or perhaps get shot. Take your pick. Learn to read again and wait for this awful thing to level off. I repeat... Never tell teenagers anything... a sign in front telling the world you have food will work as well. Do not feed their friends, EVER, even if they are starving. I've learned this from being aware of why some died and others didn't. A word to the wrong person will get you killed. Don't take crap from kids - especially teens. They've become undisciplined monsters... some of them anyway. I promise you, teens will tell, and then it's off to the camps... one way. Take care of your family and wait for the time to pass. Do not cause anyone any trouble... period! “STAY ALIVE”. Hope in a sane future, so don't confront anyone. To repeat... **MIND YOUR OWN BUSINESS!!!** That is not being cowardly, as the time to be a “hero” has passed and where were you then??? You have what you have, so deal with it. If you think you're so brave, think where you were a few months ago when you could have stopped this thing. I honestly believe if you don't do what I tell you and your family dies, their blood is on your hands. I've been there in a few countries and have seen the “piles of needless bodies”. Most had advance warning and acted like Americans do today. Get what I told you immediately. Be gentle in your

hearts, yet still... **DON'T FEED A KID WHO IS NOT YOUR OWN, NO MATTER WHAT.**

Good luck and I wish you health and happiness and hope for when this awful time passes. Things will seem OK until that morning you awake to total control and the foods are stripped from the shelves and troops are everywhere. Buy it NOW... within the next 2 days. Do it!!! Remember to act with respect around

the troops controlling you. Stay alive for a better day and look to your creator for real security.

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Recently L.B. Bork, host of Ultimate Remedy, invited Gary Franchi to join him on First Amendment Radio to discuss Aaron Russo's final masterpiece *America: Freedom to Fascism*, his work as National Director of the *Restore the Republic*, and the publication *Republic Magazine*.

L.B. Bork: A lot more people have come on board the patriot movement... Among these people was Aaron Russo, who'd been involved in the movement for quite a long time, maybe we could fill in some details on that... Everyone knows his movie, *Freedom to Fascism*. He left us a legacy and part of that legacy was *Republic Magazine*. And with us is Gary Franchi, the main person behind this magazine

Gary Franchi: Thank you for having me.

LB: I've been boosting your magazine here. It's a beautiful publication. I am very impressed with it. It's probably one of the best patriot publications I've seen in the past 15 years.

GF: We're really proud of it ourselves, we've really got an excellent graphics department who has the perception to understand the content that we're putting out there and know how to lay it out to make it appealing for the average person to pick up and really grab and hold their attention so that they actually read the articles. We're doing the best that we can to captivate people's imagination, with the graphics and the layout, with very difficult topics. We've designed the magazine to be an activist tool to be affordable for the average person at a dollar a copy in bulks of 25 so they can hand them out to their friends and family, and spread them around in their doctor's offices and that type of thing—waiting areas—so that we can really infiltrate the populace with this message. Lately, the big push has been DVDs, duplicating DVDs, handing them from one person to the next. But the one thing that a magazine accomplishes that a DVD can't is that you have instant knowledge the moment you hold it, the moment you open it up, the moment you are captivated by the graphics. A DVD, you actually have to take it home, put aside time, and put it in your DVD player. We're talking some films could last up to 2 hours. A simple magazine, you could put it on your kitchen table and flip through while you're having your bowl of cereal in the morning. It's passive, and it's tangible.

LB: As a matter of fact, I was contacted by a couple people, here in Wisconsin. And they handed out 300 copies of *Freedom to Fascism* a couple of weeks ago on the campus.

GF: That movie is a freight train, it truly is. And more and more cars are being added to that train as it goes down the track every single day. There are still thousands and thousands and thousands of DVDs being put out into the public. And what happens when people see this movie is they want to get plugged in, they want to get involved. So what we've done is created an activist website, a place where people can go and network with other likeminded people who have seen the film. I mean, it's like the living sequel to the movie. *RestoreTheRepublic.net* is the website. And because of the power and momentum behind "*America: Freedom to Fascism*," the swan song, the legacy of Aaron Russo, because of that, we have anywhere from 50, and I've seen up to 250 people signing up, on the website, every single day. And that is a testimony to not only the power of the film but the number of people who are waking up to what is wrong in America and are saying, 'You know what? I want to do something to stop it'. That is true and visual growth every single day.

LB: That's truly amazing. And I think what this movie has done is maybe brought us together, which is great.

GF: Well I think it has. Not only has it brought us together under a unified front, but it's also an outreach tool. I don't think that there's ever, and I've been in this movement for several years now, been anything like an Aaron Russo film previous. There have been good documentaries put out, I'm not going to knock them. There are great films out there that are very powerful and educational, but I guess there was just something almost magical about Aaron Russo's presentation, about how this movie was his personal quest to find the truth about the income tax and what is going wrong in America. I think a lot of people can relate to that because inherently, every American knows that something is wrong. They can sense it in their bones but they can't quite wrap their hands around it. They can't quite connect it. This is really what happens when everyone sees the movie. They come to me and they say, 'You know what? I understand now. I understand why I'm so upset. I understand what's going on in the country'. The pieces are all together and that movie really helps people to grasp the whole picture. So yeah, it really has been a unifying force.

LB: Right. There's no doubt about that. With that, I have found that the internet's a great tool, however, I think the human factor, or, the human touch, is still important and what I see needing to be done is local meet-up groups, like I know you're trying to establish. ...Do you feel that too?

GF: Absolutely. We can't put all our eggs into the Internet basket and hope they hatch. I think you cannot discount the power of print medium. It's right there, it's right in front of you. You're not plugged into a wall. It's on the kitchen table.

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It's in the doctor's office. I saw this magazine while I was waiting to get my oil changed, and they were talking about the IRS and the Federal Reserve... my goodness! . I mean, this is the stuff people could talk about. But in this case, it's like 'what magazine were you reading?' 'Oh, it's called Republic Magazine'. So, there's an entirely different paradigm shift that takes place when you remove something that people might traditionally find on the web and put it into a tangible format medium. And when you bring up physical meetups, that's exactly where the real power takes place. We can sit around and we can talk about what we are doing in this part of the country or that part of the

country, we can send emails back and forth, we can blog about it all day, we can sit in forums and debate with each other about the best way to file a 1040, but in reality, you will not get anything done, at all, until you stand up, shut off your computer, call up one of those people who you happened to meet on the forum that was actually only 10 miles away from you, and say, hey, let's go sit down at this coffee shop and let's really talk. And maybe we'll invite some of these other folks with us. Now, the Internet then becomes the engine or the tool for people to connect and remove themselves from the web and into the physical and start to plan to take back this country and return it to our Constitutional roots. That's what needs to be done.

LB: Well I agree. I'm pretty guilty of that myself, because I've been on the Internet for about eight years now. And that's where I've concentrated because I think that the message that I have is strong.

GF: Well here's the interesting thing about what we designed at RestoreTheRepublic.net. RestoreTheRepublic.net allows registered users to connect with other like-minded people. They can simply do that by registering at the site, which only requires a username and an email. Then you fill out your profile information, which you include your city and state. You now have access to meet and greet other members of the website. You can simply search profiles by clicking the 'search' button at the top of the site. Type in your city and state, and you'll be able to find other people in your area. You'll be able to find all the people in your state, just by clicking. And once you've done that, if you're a registered user, you have the ability to send any one of those other registered



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users, a private message, which they'll get the next time they visit the website. Or, you can take it a step further and you can visit their profile, and send them an email. Which will go right to their email box immediately. What ends up happening is, the user, who's now recently awakened by the truth of Republic Magazine, by the truth of Aaron Russo's film Freedom to Fascism, is empowered with tools to reach out and find other people. They can even start their own meetup group right on the website. At no charge at all. Meetup charges something like \$70 dollars for a few months or so, I'm not sure exactly what it is. You can start a national group, you can start an international group, or you can start a state group. When you start a group, you give your group its own name, you can then choose if it's open to all people to join or if it's invite only, you give your group a description and purpose, and you can even upload your own logo or graphic to depict the purpose of your group. Now once you've started your own group, this is where it gets really exciting. You can start to promote your group on the website. You can start to post blog entries—'Hey this group was just formed, go to the forum'. 'Hey this group was just formed, check it out, this is where we are, this is what we are doing'. The group leader now has the power to send an email to all the members of that group. So now that group leader has the power to communicate with all their other group members, right away. At any moment, by posting a bulletin, just to those people who want to know about the position or purpose of that group. Secondly, there's a place also where you can post events. There's an event calendar. Each group leader can assign events to their group and each group has its own message board. That's just one facet of RestoreTheRepublic.net. The website is so dynamic, that if you were to look at anyone's profile, you can see this person blogged about this, this person wrote about these forums, cool! I like this person. I like the way they think. Then you know what you can do? You can send them a friend request. And then that person becomes a friend, like on MySpace. Kind of like your online Rolodex. Those are just some of the facets of the website.

LB: That's pretty amazing. Well that sounds like the tool we need to start working with. Let's talk a little bit about the sequence of events of how "America: Freedom to Fascism" and the magazine all came about? Was the movie first or was all this a grand landscape plan to do what has transpired?

GF: What happened was, Aaron made the film. His intention with the film was to get people together, get people organized to take action. So what we decided to do after the film was out in circulation, we needed to extend it; we needed to expound upon the points in the movie. The movie did such an excellent job of introducing people to these concepts, so what we decided to do was to take the themes of the movie and then put them in a magazine. So there are so many different topics in the film that you really do have a perfect layout for a series of magazine issues. So that's basically what we thought about doing, and then the magazine was born on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July in 2007. We're very proud to say, that I think we sold 10,000 copies of our first issue in 2 weeks. 10,000 copies in 2 weeks! If you want to get a subscription, please support our efforts, get a subscription, you can go to RepublicMagazines.com and get one for yourself. You can also order stacks of 25, 50, 75 or 100 for a dollar a copy. If you want to see the digital version, you can sign up at that website, at RepublicMagazines.com and you'll get an email automatically with links to download the publication. Actual digital pdf you can view from your home computer.

The movie and magazine all came together in 2007 because we needed viable and professional tools to wake up the American people. There's 3 points: educate, activate and restore. It's pretty simple, educate, activate, restore. And what happens when you educate people and they say, what do I do? You say, educate more people. And then, that's the activation part. As soon as they have passed the first piece of literature to somebody else, as soon as they've passed the DVD on to somebody else, they've just graduated to phase 2 of the restoration. Now, they are activated.

LB: What I've been trying to do is teach constitutional and political awareness for over 10 years now. But it's going to take people waking up, and you guys are doing it.

GF: Well, you know, I just don't know how much longer the American people can endure the blatant abuses of the rights that were handed down by our Creator, locked in, in the Bill of Rights. How much longer can we take illegal wiretapping, a fiat money system, and increasing police state? How much longer can this go on? We see gas prices rising through the roof. We see wheat and bread and the average

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staples of our American diet going through the roof as well. The poor, the working poor, the lower middle class, when they can't buy their food anymore and they can't drive to work, the system is going to start to really collapse. We've already got the mortgage collapse coming from the other end of the spectrum. So, it's like a sandwich, it's just gonna squash the entire system, it's going to collapse in on itself, and what are they going to do then?

LB: You want to sum up anything or mention how to get involved and tell people how to get in contact with you if they need to?

GF: I really want to encourage everyone to grab a subscription. A simple subscription to the publication—not only does it support our efforts to continue operating, it helps us continue spreading the message. If you haven't seen Freedom to Fascism, the film by Aaron Russo, just simply go to Google and type it in, you can watch it for free. And don't forget to plug into our website and find other people who feel the same way, who our experiencing the same emotions about the system that we live in, and come together and find solutions with us at RestoreTheRepublic.net

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## ~ The Morality Hazard of the Fed ~

BY MICHAEL NYSTROM

By now, we are all familiar with the narrow definition of “moral hazard” with regard to our nation’s banker of last resort, the Federal Reserve. In short, since the Fed will always bail out the financial system, banks and brokers are free to take excessive risks, secure in the knowledge that the responsibility of their poor decisions will be borne not by them, but by the Fed itself. Ultimately, it is we the taxpayers who get stuck with the tab. The bankers feel no moral responsibility for their investment decisions.

Throughout his career, Ron Paul has warned of a deeper meaning of moral hazard, an interpretation that is more serious, and that goes beyond the standard definition. Perhaps it should be called the morality hazard of the Fed. In its simplest definition, morality is the ability to know the difference between right and wrong. The Fed, by creating money out of thin air, is in effect a counterfeiter – the largest, most revered and officially sanctioned counterfeiter in the world. When it creates money from nothing, it devalues all of the currency and savings already in existence, and it does so without any compunction whatsoever.

The Fed may believe that it is pulling the wool over the eyes of the citizens, since very few people completely understand the myriad complex machinations by which it devalues our money. The Fed is a master of deception in its actions and vocabulary. Yet people are not stupid; they understand it on an intuitive level, and there is a moral consequence to this. When citizens realize that their leaders consistently and surreptitiously devalue their currency, they understand that their leaders are cheating them. If leaders cheat, the unspoken message is that it is okay to cheat in our society. As a result, citizens themselves become corrupt, unable to discern right from wrong.

Dr. Paul posed the question this way in 1983, during a debate with a Federal Reserve official: “Is it any more moral to dilute the value of the purchasing power of the money you hold in your wallet,

than it is for the farmer to dilute the milk supply with water?” (Video: [www.dailypaul.com/node/68467](http://www.dailypaul.com/node/68467))

Let’s think about this for a moment: Suppose that you do in fact find that your local farmer is diluting the milk he sells to you with water. Naturally you’ll distrust him immediately – not just with the milk, but in any dealings you have with him. Not only that, you might find that since he is cheating you, it is only proper that you find some way to cheat him in return. Thus begins a cycle of lies and distrust. It is the same with our money. But you might think, “I’d just buy my milk from an honest farmer instead.” And if you were in a free market, you could do just that. Yet when it comes to our money in the U.S., the Federal Reserve is the only show in town – it has a state sponsored monopoly over our money. We’re all stuck in a dishonest system, forced to deal with diluted dollars, getting rid of them as fast as we can before they lose any more value. It is no wonder that America is no longer a nation of savers.

Dr. Paul goes on to explain:

I happen to believe that because it [the creation of fiat money from thin air] is a moral issue more than an economic issue, it is for this reason that the people have lost trust in their government, trust in the banks, trust in business, trust in themselves, and that we are a nation of distrust.

This is the ultimate moral hazard of the Federal Reserve System: We have become a nation of distrust.

In dealing with the current financial crisis, our current crop of leaders relentlessly preaches that it is simply a crisis of confidence, and to solve it, we must restore confidence in the system. On these points, they are correct. However, their solution does not address the root causes of the lack of confidence, i.e. sound money. It is simply more of the same: Dilute the money supply, and give gobs of it away to the most powerful and politically connected banks at the top of Federal Reserve System pyramid.

It is no wonder that citizens are outraged.



## End The FED November 22

On November 22, 2008 the largest nationally coordinated action against the crumbling Federal Reserve System is taking place. Aaron Russo's legacy group, Restore The Republic, headed up by National Director, Gary Franchi, working alongside Ron Paul Meetup group leader, Steven Vincent, and a network of activists from coast to coast are planning this day of action and awareness. Thousands have signed up already at EndTheFED.us and more have grasped the grassroots organizational tools offered by RestoreTheRepublic.net.

Organizing for the action began well before "bailout" entered the lexicon of American society, but now the "bailout" only gives more reason to take a stand against the FED. The single day protest set to take place in front of every Federal Reserve branch bank and office, is happening ninety-eight years after the now infamous Jekyll Island meeting that birthed "the beast".

The massive, steadily growing, mobilization effort is organizing by groups, separated by Federal Reserve Districts. The level of participation is evidence of the public's discontent for the Federal Reserve System.

At <http://EndTheFED.us>, the main event site, you will find the details of the action and the endorsement of many leading figures from across party lines, such as Gov. Jesse Ventura, Sen. Mike Gravel, Constitution Party Vice Presidential Candidate Darrell Castle, Author G. Edward Griffin, Film maker William Lewis, Spy Chips author Katherine Albrecht, GCN owner Ted Anderson, Musician Steve Dore and others.

The T-shirt, also available at <http://EndTheFed.us>, is quickly becoming a sought after piece of political fashion. It has the words "End the Fed" on the front and "Gold is Money" on the back.

Please join us in our efforts to raise public awareness about the Federal Reserve System and help us see to it that on Nov. 22 the end begins. Event details can be found at <http://EndTheFED.us> Groups and local mobilization efforts can be found at <http://RestoreTheRepublic.net>

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# LIPSTICK ON A BAILOUT

..... BY RON PAUL .....

This time last week, the biggest bailout in the history of the world seemed to be a fait accompli. Last weekend, the Fed Chairman and the Secretary of the Treasury had harsh words of doom and gloom for Congressional leaders, with the rest of the administration parroting along, and by last Monday it seemed both parties were about to fall in line and vote our Republic away by socializing the banking industry through this bailout.

Foolish business behavior was about to be rewarded, and propped up a little longer, the bubble blown a little bigger, and our coming Depression made that much greater, but then something happened on the way to the House floor.

Citizens made their voices heard.

The real story behind the story in Congress this week was the thousands of calls and emails sent to Representatives, clogging up inboxes and even slowing down the House internet system. Slowly, like the Titanic turning around, sentiments on the Hill shifted, and we heard Congressmen capitulating and changing their tune a little, desperately trying to find ways to salvage the bailout without completely enraging their constituencies.

Now we hear about taxpayer protections, about golden parachutes, and about other nuances that hardly cover up the fact that we would be creating more money out of thin air and further devaluing the dollar! The problem is not HOW the government is spending this money; it's the fact that the government is spending this money. We don't have it. We are already nearly \$10 trillion in debt, not including unfunded liabilities. We already spend about \$1 trillion a year we don't have on our overseas empire. Now nearly \$1 trillion more is somehow supposed to magically appear and solve all our problems! No – creating more money might delay the inevitable for some well-connected banks on Wall Street, but in a few weeks we will find ourselves right back in this same position, but much poorer.

The unfortunate thing is that we've already spent at least \$700 billion on other bailouts that did not solve the problem. And while all this negotiation was taking place, the auto industry was quietly bailed out, with no controversy, no discussion, to the tune of \$25 billion.

Inevitably, it appears Congress will call their constituents' bluff and the bailout will pass, because that is the habit Wall Street and Washington have fallen into. People are right to be concerned about our financial future. I've been talking for 30 some years about reasons we need to be concerned and change our ways. We find ourselves now in

a position of no good options, and no silver bullets. But the worst thing we can do is to compound our problems by intensifying the mistakes of the past. We do have tough economic times ahead, no doubt, no matter what we do, even if we do nothing. The question is, will we have the courage to take our medicine now and get it over with, or will we prolong the misery for many years to come? I'm less and less optimistic about the answer to that question.





# We the People

Statement of Congressman Ron Paul

United States House of Representatives

Statement on HR 1424

October 3, 2008

Madame Speaker, only in Washington could a bill demonstrably worse than its predecessor be brought back for another vote and actually expect to gain votes. That this bailout was initially defeated was a welcome surprise, but the power-brokers in Washington and on Wall Street could not allow that defeat to be permanent. It was most unfortunate that this monstrosity of a bill, loaded up with even more pork, was able to pass.

The Federal Reserve has already injected hundreds of billions of dollars into US and world credit markets. The adjusted monetary base is up sharply, bank reserves have exploded, and the national debt is up almost half a trillion dollars over the past two weeks. Yet, we are still told that after all this intervention, all this inflation, that we still need an additional \$700 billion bailout, otherwise the credit markets will seize and the economy will collapse. This is the same excuse that preceded previous bailouts, and undoubtedly we will hear it again in the future after this bailout fails.

One of the most dangerous effects of this bailout is the incredibly elevated risk of moral hazard in the future. The worst performing financial services firms, even those who have been taken over by the government or have filed for bankruptcy, will find all of their poor decision-making rewarded. What incentive do Wall Street firms or any other large concerns have to make sound financial decisions, now that they see the federal government bailing out private companies to the tune of trillions of dollars? As Congress did with the legislation authorizing the Fannie and Freddie bailout, it proposes a solution that exacerbates and encourages the problematic behavior that led to this crisis in the first place.

With deposit insurance increasing to \$250,000 and banks able to set their reserves to zero, we will undoubtedly see future increases in unsound lending. No one in our society seems to understand that wealth is not created by government fiat, is not created by banks, and is not created through the manipulation of interest rates and provision of easy credit. A debt-based society cannot prosper and is doomed to fail, as debts must either be defaulted on or repaid, neither resolution of which presents this country with a pleasant view of the future. True wealth can only come about through savings, the deferral of present consumption in order to provide for a higher level of future consumption. Instead, our government through its own behavior and through its policies encourages us to live beyond our means, reducing existing capital and mortgaging our future to pay for present consumption.

The money for this bailout does not just materialize out of thin air. The entire burden will be borne by the taxpayers, not now, because that is politically unacceptable, but in the future. This bailout will be paid for through the issuance of debt which we can only hope will be purchased by foreign creditors. The interest payments on that debt, which already take up a sizeable portion of federal expenditures, will rise, and our children and grandchildren will be burdened with increased taxes in order to pay that increased debt.

As usual, Congress has shown itself to be reactive rather than proactive. For years, many people have been warning about the housing bubble and the inevitable bust. Congress ignored the impending storm, and responded to this crisis with a poorly thought-out piece of legislation that will only further harm the economy. We ought to be ashamed.



# TOUGH TIMES PRESENT



Since the dawning of time Mankind has been subjected to challenges and we have always had only two feasible options: Fight or Flight. Whether the challenge is in the form of a saber-tooth tiger, a natural catastrophe or a mad dictator bent on ruling the world, failing to choose between those two options can produce nothing less than disastrous results.

Today—not next week or next year, but TODAY—Americans are faced with having to make that decision again. Americans, the standard bearers in Mankind's quest for a peaceful and just world, must decide to fight or to yield to an enemy that has stalked our nation for over a century.

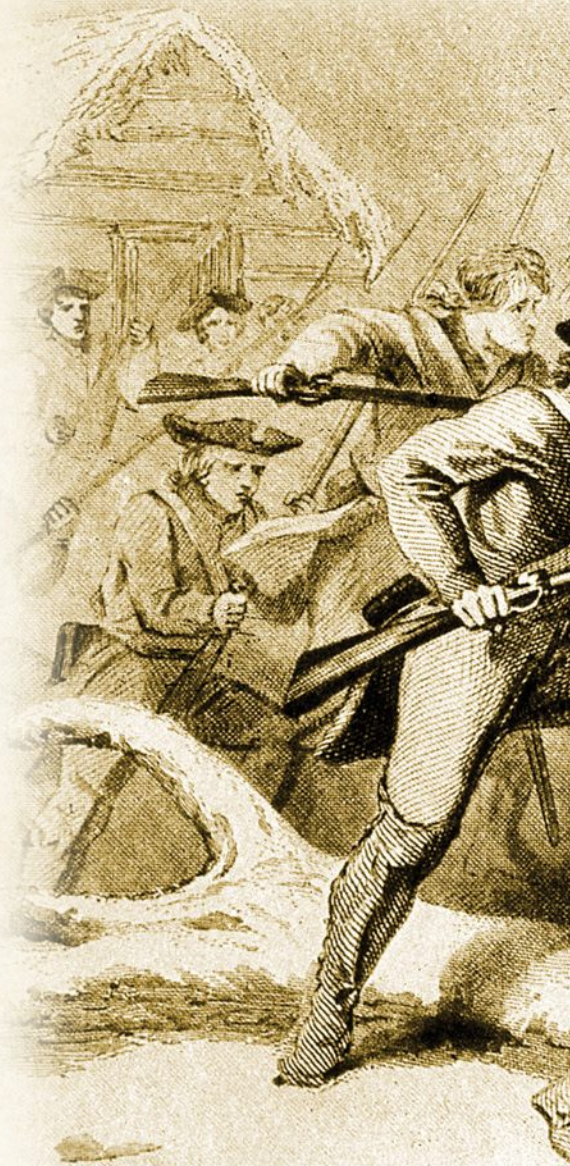
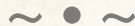
This enemy is not threatening us from Europe, nor from Asia, but from right here in our own homes, states and land. It has crept up on us under cover of our trust and its veiled intentions. And we have welcomed it, nurtured it and helped it along as it has betrayed that trust and advanced its nefarious ends. Only now, do some of us see the fangs and claws of the predator as it is so confident of our complacency, so certain that we can neither defeat nor outrun it, it has determined to expose itself and attack, ripping into our property rights, gorging itself on mortgages on our homes and businesses and nationalizing the market place. Do we fight? Do we flee? Do we ensure our own demise by failing to choose?

Truth Attack ([www.truthattack.org](http://www.truthattack.org)), a coalition of tax honesty and Constitutionalist organizations determined to put the government back in its box—one tentacle at a time—has made its decision. WE FIGHT! At Truth Attack's first American Liberty Council, an historic gathering of the "tribes" of the freedom movement, TA unveiled its comprehensive strategy and some of the tactics it proposes for the Freedom Movement to stand up on its hind legs and confront the enemy—the Axis of Tyranny consisting of an unholy marriage of Wealth (the owners of the Federal Reserve) and Power (big government).

The timing could not be more apt as the federal government has made an overt and openly hostile swipe at us, grabbing up mortgages on our homes and brazenly and in broad daylight, heaping billions of our 'dollars' upon its mate—an extravagant wedding gift? So how does Truth Attack propose that we fight this pair of beasts and its spawn of beastlets in the form of dozens, if not scores, of government agencies groping and pawing at our pockets, our homes and our communities—clawing and slashing away at our freedom?

The first order of business is to unite and make the crucial decision—fight or flight. Some seventy "tribes" represented at the Council along with the remnants of the American free press, those of the print and electronic media not under the government's thumb, decided unanimously to side with Truth Attack—and FIGHT!

The freedom movement has established and valiantly defended battle lines for years and each segment has dug its trenches and set up its defenses for their respective issues, but they have



# TOUGH CHOICES

By Tom Cryer



# TOUGH TIMES PRESENT TOUGH CHOICES

not been able to mount a counterattack. Defense is essential, but that is not enough. Few battles have ever been won without a shield, but none have ever been won without the sword.

Truth Attack's strategy is simple and straightforward—whatever your issue may be, hold the line and fight where you stand, yet support and build an army that can select a weak spot in the enemy's line and attack, using the spear of truth to breach the enemy's lines and reclaim ground lost to a century of defending and retreating. By singling out one issue and focusing our strengths and resources on that single issue, we can move forward.

Perhaps the best way to describe Truth Attack's strategy is to imagine a playground being terrorized by a gang of bullies. The kids in the playground are helpless against the gang, which is too large and too strong for them to defeat, but if a group of kids singles out one bully and gangs up on him they can pull him down, deliver some justice and exile him from the playground. Seeing their success, other kids will join the group and seek out another bully to single out for similar treatment. The gang will no doubt attempt to quell the uprising by retaliating, but the group, larger and bolder, cuts still another bully from the herd and takes him down. The gang grows weaker and less threatening and the kids grow in number and confidence, their fear of the bullies becoming less with each victory, until the gang either flees the scene or stands down, joining the rest of the kids in peaceful and harmonious play.

Truth Attack has proposed and the tribes in attendance at the Council have unanimously agreed, that the first bully, the weakest spot in the enemy's lines, is the income tax issue, the IRS's use of myth and lore to misapply the income tax to working American families although the law does not make them liable for the tax, although the Constitutional definition of "income" does not include their personal earnings and despite the fact that the right of Americans to earn a living through their own labor—a God-given, not government-issued, right—is Constitutionally exempt from federal taxation.

The fraudulently applied income tax, coupled

with manipulation of bogus "money", has been used by the government and its insatiable, domineering mate, the Federal Reserve, to siphon off the wealth of America's middle class, weakening the backbone of America. There is no lawful authority for them to do that—only the myths spread by the government that everyone is liable for the income tax, that what "comes in" is "income" and that the taxing power of the federal government is unlimited—lies and myths ripe for dispelling.

Truth Attack will destroy those myths and force the government to obey and honor the rule of law by opening three fronts, surrounding and attacking the IRS from all sides, exposing it as the liar, thief and rogue agency it has become.

A legal front, led by Truth Attack's cavalry of attorneys and their legal staff, will carefully begin to build a favorable body of case law, initiating legal actions taking agents to task for violations of law, mounting aggressive defenses of those accused of violating a law that does not exist, prosecuting suits against the government for unlawful seizures, intrusions into privacy, illegal acts based solely on intimidation and flagrant disregard for the rule of law.

A political front, in keeping with Truth Attack's divide and conquer strategy, will single out vulnerable congressmen, issuing its America's Most Unwanted Congressmen Awards to them and then replacing them with challengers who will introduce legislation and call for investigations and hearings into the IRS's fraud on America. TA will constantly remind all others in Congress and the Senate that they could be next on TA's list AMUC Award "winners". The IRS is powerless and can only stand and watch this invasion establish a beachhead on Capitol Hill.

Finally, a public relations front, an attack by thousands and thousands of freedom lovers across the span of the TA coalition will raise the issue and stimulate public discussion, the embryo of public opinion, the driving force of political action.

Special projects to spread the truth will include assemblies in front of post offices on "tax day" holding signs and informing the freshly blooded last minute filers that they have been the victims of an

IRS scam (Operation Stop Thief, which covered 734 post offices in 2008, handed out over a half million flyers and received coverage on over 350 local TV news programs); petition drives for pardons for the political prisoners (those imprisoned for daring to learn the truth and confront the government with it), publications in thousands of local and regional papers, magazines, coupled with Liberty Works Radio Network saturating the airwaves with the truth; and finally, the power of vox populi, the voice of the people, through word of mouth campaigns. Again, the IRS is powerless to fight back, unable to do anything to those spreading the truth.

Victory on the income tax issue will embolden millions of freedom loving Americans whose greatest fear and deterrent was retribution by the IRS, government's chief attack monkey and the worst of the bullies. Millions will join TA's pursuit of another bully to eject from the playground and Truth Attack will not disappoint them. Securing its newly reclaimed turf on the tax front, TA will reassemble its cavalry and troops behind those determined to abolish the sinister mate of big government, the Federal Reserve. With the IRS's and Fed's heads on our lances we will ride on to the restoration of a sound monetary system, rescuing our free enterprise system and the economy, then to the alphabet soup of agencies destroying our schools, dominating our state governments and ruling our lives.

If America (not the government of America, but the nation that is America) is to survive, it must rediscover the fact that power does not reside in a brainless White House, nor in a heartless Congress, nor in our cowardly courts, yet in We the People, the fourth and most powerful branch of our system of government. Truth Attack is determined to pull the curtain back, exposing the sham illusions and myths of our "great and all-powerful government", and restoring the limited federal—not national—Republic promised us by our Constitution.

We the People must choose to govern our government or our servants will surely enslave their masters.

The bottom line, however, is not Truth Attack's decision, but the decision that all Americans must make. Fight? Flee? To where? Or do neither, consenting to be prey and donning our collars. Do we accept slavery and tyranny for ourselves and future generations? Or do we rise and march forward to freedom?

Tough times present tough choices. It is time to choose.

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## Watch, track, and act on legislation

The story goes that a lady asked Ben Franklin as he walked out of the hall where the Constitution was drafted, "What have you wrought?" and Ben replied, "A Republic, if you can keep it." Liberty will die without the vigilance of the people to protect her.

A population anestitized by the modern day bread and circus of American Idol and fast food will not know when the law is passed that takes their final freedom. When they do realize, it will be too late.

Laws are passed in Washington DC, regularly, that violate the Constitution, yet most are unaware. A simple way to monitor the introduction of bills is to visit <http://GovTrack.US>, "an independent, non-partisan, non-commercial website". Its primary goal is "to provide comprehensive legislative tracking for everyday citizens".

Simple tools provided by GovTrack.us, allow you to search bills that go back to 1993 by name, number, and subject. You can even track changes to bills you are following for the entire life cycle of the bill. An interactive feature also enables you to post a question about the bill to others for site visitors to answer.

Monitoring the voting records of Senators and Congressmen is a vital role in knowing how to vote each election cycle, GovTrack.us provides you the ability to review their voting records. The powerful tools at GovTrack.us also allow you to locate your representatives and see what committees they serve on and analyze their bill sponsorship patterns.

Probably the most powerful tool the site offers is their customizable email alert system that will notify you on status changes of a bill you are watching or general Congressional information as a whole. If you are a blogger or a webmaster, they even offer embeddable widgets that track the bills important to you and your readers.

Checking your email for the latest updates from GovTrack.US only takes a few seconds, and those few seconds a day will give you the power to stay informed on issues that matter to you.

Knowing the bills and when a vote is approaching gives us the power to affect the vote. We must communicate our concerns to our elected officials and instruct them on how to vote. Likewise, we need to get our friends and family active in the legislative process as well. Transmitting this information to your friends shows you are informed and care about our Republic and it keeps them informed so they too can take part in the legislative process.

Reviewing the votes of members of Congress allows us to see who is staying on track with their oath of office to preserve and defend the Constitution. If we see a Congressman who is not following their oath, we know how to vote next cycle or if we should consider running ourselves.

If we do not stand as vigilant guardians of our Republic, we will forever lose it to the pages of history and our children will grow up without a true concept of freedom. All it takes is seconds a day to preserve hundreds of years of freedom. Together we can "keep it".



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# 100 Items to Disappear First in a Calamity

1. Generators (Good ones cost dearly. Gas storage is risky. noisy...target of thieves; maintenance etc.)
2. Water Filters/Purifiers
3. Portable Toilets
4. Seasoned Firewood. Wood takes about 6 - 12 months to become dried, for home uses.
5. Lamp Oil, Wicks, Lamps (First Choice: Buy CLEAR oil. If scarce, stockpile ANY!)
6. Coleman Fuel. Impossible to stockpile too much.
7. Guns, Ammunition, Pepper Spray, Knives, Clubs, Bats & Slingshots.
8. Hand-can openers, & hand egg beaters, whisks.
9. Honey/Syrups/White, Brown Sugar
10. Rice - Beans - Wheat
11. Vegetable Oil (for cooking) Without it food burns/must be boiled, etc.)
12. Charcoal, Lighter Fluid (Will become scarce suddenly)
13. Water Containers (Urgent Item to obtain.) Any size. Small: HARD CLEAR PLASTIC ONLY - note - food grade if for drinking.
16. Propane Cylinders (Urgent: Definite shortages will occur.)
17. Survival Guide Book.
18. Mantles: Aladdin, Coleman, etc. (Without this item, longer-term lighting is difficult.)
19. Baby Supplies: Diapers/formula/ointments/aspirin, etc.
20. Washboards, Mop Bucket w/wringer (for Laundry)
21. Cookstoves (Propane, Coleman & Kerosene)
22. Vitamins
23. Propane Cylinder Handle-Holder (Urgent: Small canister use is dangerous without this item.)
24. Feminine Hygiene/Haircare/Skin products.
25. Thermal underwear (Tops & Bottoms)
26. Bow saws, axes and hatchets, Wedges (also, honing oil)
27. Aluminum Foil Reg. & Heavy Duty (Great Cooking and Barter Item)
28. Gasoline Containers (Plastic & Metal)
29. Garbage Bags (Impossible To Have Too Many).
30. Toilet Paper, Kleenex, Paper Towels
31. Milk - Powdered & Condensed (Shake Liquid every 3 to 4 months)
32. Garden Seeds (Non-Hybrid) (A MUST)
33. Clothes pins/line/hangers (A MUST)
34. Coleman's Pump Repair Kit
35. Tuna Fish (in oil)
36. Fire Extinguishers (or..large box of Baking Soda in every room)
37. First aid kits
38. Batteries (all sizes...buy furthest-out for Expiration Dates)
39. Garlic, spices & vinegar, baking supplies
40. Big Dogs (and plenty of dog food)
41. Flour, yeast & salt
42. Matches. {"Strike Anywhere" preferred.) Boxed, wooden matches will go first.
43. Writing paper/pads/pencils, solar calculators
44. Insulated ice chests (good for keeping items from freezing in wintertime.)
45. Workboots, belts, Levis & durable shirts
46. Flashlights/LIGHTSTICKS & torches, "No. 76 Dietz" Lanterns
47. Journals, Diaries & Scrapbooks (jot down ideas, feelings, experience; Historic Times)
48. Plastic Garbage Cans (great for storage, water, transporting - if with wheels)
49. Men's Hygiene: Shampoo, Toothbrush/paste, Mouthwash/floss, nail clippers, etc.
50. Cast iron cookware (sturdy, efficient)
51. Fishing supplies/tools
52. Mosquito coils/repellent, sprays/creams

53. Duct Tape
54. Tarps/stakes/twine/nails/rope/spikes
55. Candles
56. Laundry Detergent (liquid)
57. Backpacks, Duffel Bags
58. Garden tools & supplies
59. Scissors, fabrics & sewing supplies
60. Canned Fruits, Veggies, Soups, stews, etc.
61. Bleach (plain, NOT scented: 4 to 6% sodium hypochlorite)
62. Canning supplies, (jars/lids/wax)
63. Knives & Sharpening tools: files, stones, steel
64. Bicycles... Tires/tubes/pumps/chains, etc.
65. Sleeping Bags & blankets/pillows/mats
66. Carbon Monoxide Alarm (battery powered)
67. Board Games, Cards, Dice
68. d-con Rat Poison, MOUSE PRUFE II, Roach Killer
69. Mousetraps, Ant traps & cockroach magnets
70. Paper plates/cups/utensils (stock up, folks)
71. Baby wipes, oils, waterless & antibacterial soap (saves a lot of water)
72. Rain gear, rubberized boots, etc.
73. Shaving supplies (razors & creams, talc, after shave)
74. Hand pumps & siphons (for water and for fuels)
75. Soy Sauce, vinegar, bullions/gravy/soupbase
76. Reading glasses
77. Chocolate/Cocoa/Tang/Punch (water enhancers)
78. "Survival-in-a-Can"
79. Woolen clothing, scarves/ear-muffs/mittens
80. Boy Scout Handbook, also Leaders Catalog
81. Roll-on Window Insulation Kit (MANCO)
82. Graham crackers, saltines, pretzels, trail mix/jerky
83. Popcorn, Peanut Butter, Nuts

84. Socks, Underwear, T-shirts, etc. (extras)
85. Lumber (all types)
86. Wagons & carts (for transport to and from)
87. Cots & Inflatable Mattresses
88. Gloves: work/warming/gardening, etc.
89. Lantern Hangers
90. Screen Patches, glue, nails, screws, nuts & bolts
91. Teas
92. Coffee
93. Cigarettes
94. Wine/Liquors (for bribes, medicinal, etc.)
95. Paraffin wax
96. Glue, nails, nuts, bolts, screws, etc.
97. Chewing gum/candies
98. Atomizers (for cooling/bathing)
99. Hats & cotton neckerchiefs
100. Goats/chickens

#### FROM A SARAJEVO WAR SURVIVOR:

- Experiencing horrible things that can happen in a war - death of parents and friends, hunger and malnutrition, endless freezing cold, fear, sniper attacks.
1. Stockpiling helps, however you never know how long trouble will last, so locate nearby renewable food sources.
  2. Living near a well with a manual pump is like being in Eden.
  3. After awhile, even gold can lose its luster. There is no luxury in war quite like toilet paper. Its surplus value is greater than gold's.
  4. If you had to go without one utility, lose electricity - it's the easiest to do without (unless you're in a very nice climate with no need for heat.)
  5. Canned foods are awesome, especially if their contents are tasty without heating. One of the best things to stockpile is canned gravy - it makes a lot of the dry unappetizing things you find to eat in war somewhat edible. Only needs enough heat to "warm", not to cook. It's cheap too, especially if you buy it in bulk.
  6. Bring some books - escapist ones like romance or mysteries become more valuable as the war continues. Sure, it's great to have a lot of survival guides, but you'll figure most of that out on your own anyway - trust me, you'll have a lot of time on your hands.
  7. The feeling that you're human can fade pretty fast. I can't tell you how many people I knew who would have traded a much needed meal for just a little bit of toothpaste, rouge, soap or cologne. Not much point in fighting if you have to lose your humanity. These things are morale-builders like nothing else.
  8. Slow burning candles and matches, matches, matches

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