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The <mark>Second</mark> American Revolution



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You may not know it yet, but you have been chosen ... chosen to live in the most historic days of the American experiment. You have also been chosen to make a choice: either you stand with America and fight to restore our Republic or you cower and hide in fear of retribution. I hope you would choose the former and join with us to expel the forces that have been working diligently to overthrow our sovereign Republic since the Founders conceived the first American Revolution. My friends, the lone lantern has been placed in the tower, Paul Revere already rode through the streets, the enemies of freedom are on our soil, and it is time to take to the field of battle as you will see upon the pages of this, our 15th issue of Republic Magazine. RESTORE THE REPUBLIC!

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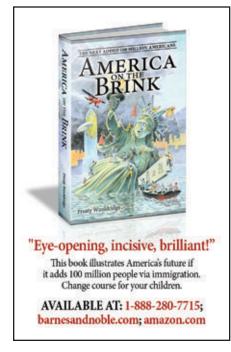
There comes a time in everyone's life when the need to act takes precedence over the preservation of one's own security. As we embark upon our third year of Republic Magazine, this July 4th I am reminded of the need to act that has consumed my every breath and gave birth to this publication only 24 months earlier. Some say that what we did was a great thing, yet I can only reply that it was our duty and my honor to those that bought my freedom with blood, with sweat, and with steel.

Both the pen and the sword have a place in the re-birth of liberty. Over 233 years ago, brave men and women stood up against tyranny and were labeled terrorists by the ruling class. They were hunted by the crown and sizeable bounties were placed upon their heads. If their desire for self-preservation outweighed the need for action, Liberty might never have been born.

We stand on the verge of a great American Renaissance, one in which we have the privilege to participate. It is my honor to stand beside you in defense of what is right and just ... to sweat, to cry and to bleed together, if necessary. And in the end, our posterity will have the renewed promise of a prosperous life, without limitation. If we are to wear the label of terrorists in this Second American Revolution, remembering those who came before me and those I stand with now ... I am in good company! Freedom Forever...

George Shepherd











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In a June 30, 2005 broadcast of "NBC Nightly

News with Brian Williams," the topic of discussion was the recently-elected Iranian

president, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, who correspondent Andrea Mitchell reported was possibly a revolutionary during the Iranian Revolution. Mitchell gravely told Williams that the U.S. intelligence would continue to investigate Ahmadinejad's role in the Revolution, to which Williams queried, "And what would it all matter if proven true? Someone brought up today that the first several U.S. presidents were certainly revolutionaries and might have been called 'terrorists' at the time by the British Crown, after all."

BY BETH M. SRIGLEY

In a video supposedly showing a FEMA training session for firefighters and police officers in Oklahoma City, the trainer questions: "...Who was the first terrorist organization in the United States?...The Founding Fathers. You mean Thomas Jefferson? ...George Washington? Paul Revere?... Did they try to scare people? They tried to intimidate the British. ...Did they try to use acts of violence? Your Founding Fathers...my Founding Fathers were involved in acts of terrorism against British (unintelligible) because they systematically had British officials assassinated. The guys who we call our Founding Fathers...George Washington, Mr. Honest, who cut down a cherry tree and admitted it, is the same guy who signed death orders, if you will, on members of the British government..."

During his "Terrorism: Theirs and Ours" speech at the University of Colorado, Hampshire College Professor Eqbal Ahmad relayed this piece of history: In 1985, President Ronald Reagan received a group of bearded men in the White House. They were very ferocious-looking bearded men with turbans, looking like they came from another century. After receiving them, President Reagan spoke to the press. He pointed towards them ...and said, "These are the moral equivalent of America's founding fathers." These were the Afghan Mujahiddin. They were at the time, guns in hand, battling the Evil Empire. They were the moral equivalent of our founding fathers!

Finally, in 2004, M. Shahid Alam, a professor of economics at Northeastern University in Boston, wrote in his essay "America and Islam: Seeking Parallels:" On April 19, 1775, 700 British troops reached Concord, Massachusetts, to disarm the American colonists who were preparing to start an insurrection. When the British ordered them to disperse, the colonists fired back at the British soldiers. This "shot heard 'round the world'" heralded the start of an insurrection against Britain, the greatest Western power of its time. And when it ended, victorious, in 1783, the colonists had gained their objective. They had established a sovereign, yet slave-holding republic, the United States of America. ...

On September 11, 2001, 19 Arab hijackers, too, demonstrated their willingness to die and to kill for what they believed was their dream. They died, so they thought, because they wanted their people to live free and in dignity. The attacks of 9-11 were in many ways, a work of daring and imagination, too, if one can think objectively of such horrors. The explosion of 9-11 was indeed a "shot heard 'round the world."

The parallels between the American War of Independence and the global Islamic insurgency is not exact. The colonists did not deliberately target

civilians, the 19 hijackers did. Nevertheless, this difference should not obscure the more basic fact, when viewed from the perspective of the protagonists in each case, that there exists a similarity of aims. Both insurgencies seek to overthrow what they perceive to be foreign occupations. If we choose to ignore this, as most Americans have done, we may fail to arrive at a correct response to this insurgency.

As these examples illustrate, in recent years American academics, mainstream media reporters and government agents have taken to comparing our Founding Fathers as terrorists. Are they correct in their comparisons?

Should our Founders be equated with suicide bombers and hostagetakers? Would the British government and citizens have classified Washington, Jefferson and Adams as dangerous "terrorists," if such a word had existed then? This article seeks to clarify the British view of the colonists and, more specifically, those men who started us on the road to revolution. We will meet a few of the Founding Fathers and American citizens as they were seen by the British officials, writers, and public.

Somewhat surprisingly, the British held George Washington in particularly high esteem, partially because of the reputation he secured as a hero in the Seven Years' War. The Tory Publication, the Critical Review, called Washington "very respectable" and proclaimed "we have a high opinion of this hero." Further, although it was quite disdainful of the "rebels," Scots Magazine concluded of Washington: "His [sic] is a man of sense and great integrity; his [sic] is polite, though rather reserved; he is now in the prime of his life, an exceeding fine figure, and a very good countenance. There is much dignity and modesty in his manner." Finally, the British response to one particular incident reveals their opinion of Washington perfectly: General John Burgoyne, who was defeated in Saratoga in 1777, was forced to appear before the House of Commons to defend his performance in the battle. In his own defense, Burgoyne produced a letter written by General Washington regarding Burgoyne: "Far from suffering the views of national opposition to be embittered and debased by personal animosity, I am ever ready to do justice to the merit of the gentleman and the soldier; and to esteem, where esteem is due; however the idea of a public enemy may interpose." This letter was hailed by the British public as a preferable contrast to the treatment of Burgoyne by the Commons, which originally sought to deny Burgoyne even a court martial. As a response to Washington's letter, "The Public Advertiser summarized the public mood in a comment after reprinting the letter: 'Let every Englishman contrast the behavior of General Washington with that of

the Junto [main advisors and leaders of the North government], since General Burgoyne's arrival.'''¹

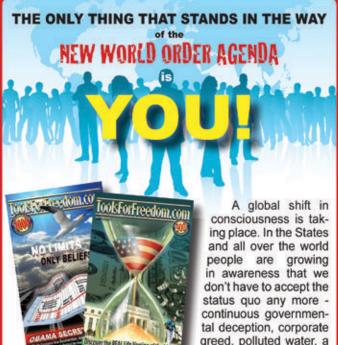
Samuel Adams, the "Father of the American Revolution," unfortunately suffered a much more negative reputation with the British than did General Washington. Samuel Adams was vociferously against the British Intolerable Acts and was associated with (though he didn't officially belong to) the Loyal Nine, which later grew into the Sons of Liberty. While he did not openly participate in the more violent acts in Boston in the early stages of the Revolution, it seems as if he did at least turn a blind eye, which the British no doubt saw as tacit permission. Therefore, he was considered an instigator and troublemaker for the British administrators. British General Thomas Gage called Adams and his compatriots "arch-rebels" who were to blame for the commencement of the Revolution. Thomas R. Eddlem of The New American Magazine writes that Adams had "been at the top of the Crown's most wanted list for more than a year by September 1776." Further, Eddlem describes the British view of Adams' rhetorical skills: Tory Governor of Massachusetts Thomas Hutchinson admitted that his archrival, Samuel Adams, had acquired a power to use his writing so persuasively that it was "beyond any other man I ever knew." Hutchinson said bitterly of Samuel Adams that "I doubt whether there is a greater incendiary in the King's dominions." "Every dip of his pen," Hutchinson's predecessor, royal Governor Francis Bernard, wrote, "stung like a horned snake."² Adams' horned pen dips actually led to the first arrival of the British military in America. After the Townshend Act was put into place, Adams wrote a series of resolutions on behalf of the Massachusetts General Court "denying that Parliament had taxing power over the colonies." The British response to Adams' resolves was to call them "the ravings of a parcel of wild enthusiasts." Britain insisted that the resolutions be retracted, threatening to dissolve the Massachusetts legislative body if they were not. Adams and his compatriots refused, gained other states' support for the resolutions, and defiantly convened the legislature. Governor Bernard, overwhelmed by the rebellious Adams, called in British troops. Adams' resolution and, subsequently, the arrival of these troops, directly led to the Boston Massacre.³

Thomas Jefferson's rise to infamy, in the eyes of the British,

began with his first public post in the General Assembly of the Virginia House of Burgesses. In 1769, Jefferson's Assembly vocally objected to the Townshend Act. As a response, Governor Botetourt dissolved the Assembly. The men moved their meeting to a local pub where they signed an agreement to boycott imported British goods. Partially because of this boycott, Britain repealed the Townshend Act. Several years later, as a reaction to the closure of Boston's Ports as punishment for the Tea Party, Jefferson and others in the House suggested that "the day the act went into effect should be declared 'a day of fasting, humiliation, and prayer.' Because of this resolution, the General Assembly was again dismissed, this time by Lord Dunmore," Botetourt's replacement. Jefferson then penned "A Summary View of the Rights of British America," which strenuously opposed the Intolerable Acts.⁴ For having written the pamphlet, which was re-printed in many British media sources, Jefferson had, in his own words, "the honour of having his names inserted in a long list of proscriptions enrolled in a bill of attainder commenced in one of the two Houses of Parliament." Shortly thereafter, Jefferson wrote a "Draught of Instructions," a rough draft of the Declaration of Independence, the document that ultimately led to open war with the mother country. The Morning Post wrote a parody of Jefferson's Declaration of Independence: When in the course of human events, pride, hypocrisy, dishonesty, and ingratitude, stimulate a subordinate community to shake off the duty and allegiances which in honor and in necessity they owe the superiority from whence they derive their existence ... It is a self-evident truth that all men, tho created equal, are not intended to remain so. That, without a resignation of part of our natural liberty, we should continue in a state of ignoble barbarism, unacquainted with that pure happiness, which flows from order.⁵

Criticism was not only leveled at those "dangerous and ill designing men" who led the Revolution, but perhaps even more so at the "angry mobs," citizens who participated in the protests. The Critical Review "described Bostonians as a wretched people 'used to tarring and feathering those who have been so unhappy as to offend them.""6 In response to the Stamp Act, the citizens of Boston burned and beheaded an effigy of tax collector Andrew Oliver, burned parts of his coach, ripped down his fence, stripped his fruit trees and broke their branches, tore down his gazebo, and smashed all of his windows. On December 16, 1765, the Loyal Nine demanded that Oliver appear under the Liberty Tree, the same tree on which they had hung his effigy, the next day at noon. If he appeared, the letter said, he'd be treated with respect. The letter trailed off with, "If not ... " Oliver smartly assumed that more violence would appear on his doorstep if he failed to arrive. Oliver indeed arrived and tendered his resignation as tax collector. The mob also attacked the home of Governor Thomas Hutchinson, enacted boycotts of British goods, and engaged in shouting matches that directly resulted in violence from both sides. The British saw the citizens' Boston Tea Party and Boston Massacre as provocative actions, which severely worsened relations with Britain. One Tory paper in London Continued on page 6





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THE FOUNDING TERRORISTS?

wrote, "These yellow shades of men are by no means fit for a conflict with our troops." The public called Sons of Liberty hypocrites for inflicting violence, while at the same time arguing that the king had no right to retaliate. After the colonists' victory when the Stamp Act was repealed, the Tories in America condescendingly remarked that "Every dirty fellow, just risen from his kennel, congratulated his neighbor on their glorious victory over England."7

In King George III's "A Proclamation, For Suppressing Rebellion And Sedition," he declared that the colonists were being "misled by dangerous and ill designing men" to an "open and avowed rebellion" by "traitorously preparing, ordering, and levying war against" Britain. He ordered all of his officers "to bring the traitors to justice." If King George had had access to the word "terrorism," there is little doubt that he would have referred to the Founders as terrorists, because he saw them as radicals, violent, rebellious traitors. When President Reagan referred to the Mujahiddin, who became al Qaeda in later years, as the "moral equivalent of our Founding Fathers," it was because they were not yet considered to be terrorists in 1985; instead, they were funded and trained by the United States in Afghanistan's quest to expel the Soviet Union. The example of the Mujahiddin, illustrates how the meaning of the word "terrorist" depends heavily on the goals of that person who is using the term. Since there is no universally accepted definition of the word "terrorism," and since the status of those deemed terrorists changes so rapidly, it seems inappropriate to declare that anyone is a terrorist. If the term is used arbitrarily, how do nations ever use it appropriately?

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"All laws which are repugnant to the Constitution are null and void. ⁹⁹

- Marbury vs. Madison

Source: 5 US (2 CRANCH) 137, 174, 176 (1803)

 $\sim \sim \sim$ "This Constitution...shall be the SUPREME LAW OF THE LAND: and the Judges in every State shall be bound thereby."

> - U.S. Constitution. Article VI ~ ~ ~

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MICHAEL BADNARIK

Constitutional Discipline



"The tree of liberty must be refreshed from time to time with the blood of patriots and tyrants." I am fascinated by the reaction people seem to have when they hear or repeat this quote. I believe they stand taller, breathe deeper, and their pulse may quicken with a surge of adrenaline triggered by their spirit of liberty and their dreams of freedom. Hearing the words, they mentally celebrate a victory over an oppressive government. Unfortunately, their imagined emotional triumph comes before their impending struggle for political survival even begins.

To his credit, most people know that Thomas Jefferson is the originator of this pithy quote. It is taken from a letter he wrote in 1787 to William S. Smith, John Adams' secretary and future son-in-law. Jefferson complains that British newspapers and pamphlets are deliberately spreading rumors that the colonies have degraded into total anarchy. This was the British justification for using soldiers to reestablish law and order. Jefferson argues that Shay's Rebellion is being propagandized out of proportion. Daniel Shays led an armed group of poor farmers who were suffering from excessive debt and taxes, many of whom were being placed in debtor's prison, and having their property confiscated by the government.

Jefferson writes, "The British ministry have so long hired their gazetteers to repeat and model

into every form lies about our being in anarchy, that the world has at length believed them, the English nation has believed them, the ministers themselves have come to believe them, and what is more wonderful, we have believed them ourselves. Yet, where does this anarchy exist? Where did it ever exist, except in the single instance of Massachusetts? And can history produce an instance of a rebellion so honourably conducted? I say nothing of its motives. They were founded in ignorance, not wickedness. God forbid we should ever be 20 years without such a rebellion."

History often repeats itself. We are experiencing a similar financial crisis in America today. Huge financial institutions such as CitiBank and AIG have announced bankruptcy, and several automotive giants are begging for bailouts. Unemployment is already at 20% and expected to get worse before it gets better. Many are concerned about losing their homes to foreclosure. Although it was a far cry from Shays'

Rebellion, millions of Americans gathered in a thousand cities across the country last month, to express widespread discontent with government in general, and with Congress' profligate spending in particular. The Main Stream Media spent the next four days trying to convince us that our nationwide protest failed, due to lack of interest. If thousands of simultaneous Tea Parties had been woefully unsuccessful in communicating our discontent, I seriously doubt they would have been mentioned on television at all.

Jefferson acknowledges that it is often necessary to base our decisions on incomplete information, yet he cautions against using that as an excuse for inaction. "The people cannot "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."

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." Apathy is a dangerous precondition for slavery. The Founding Fathers were many things, yet they can never be accused of being apathetic. Today, the Internet and twenty-four hour news channels flood us with so much information, that some might argue that we are faced with the problem of too much data, rather than not enough. We should not allow ourselves to become so overwhelmed with information (and crisis), that we fail to act, frozen with indecision like a wide-eyed deer in the headlights.

> Here is the question that many are afraid to even ask. How does one determine whether or not they

have sufficient information (i.e. justification) to act against the government? Many of the recent conversations I've had with other patriots have revolved around this very issue. There is rarely, if ever, any debate over the philosophical right we have to overthrow a tyrannical government. However, more and more people are openly nervous about the increasing likelihood that physical resistance (i.e. violence) will be necessary to preserve our sovereignty over the government. In other words, we don't argue IF we can use violence, but carefully (and quietly) debate WHEN we should use it. Isn't it dangerous to even suggest the use of force against the government? Of course it's dangerous! The men who signed the Declaration of Independence were also effectively signing their own death warrants. Do you think that "Give me Liberty or give me Death!" is just a clever bumper sticker?

Let us review our history. The Declaration of Independence reminds us that governments are created to secure the rights of the

people, and therefore the people always retain the right to "alter or abolish" the government, when they believe it's violating those rights. It's ridiculous and dangerously naïve to think that any tyrannical government will be dissuaded from their evil ways by elegant prose and fancy speeches. For nearly fifteen years, the colonies tried to negotiate with King George by way of written petition. The result, documented in the Declaration, "In every stage of these oppressions we have petitioned for redress in the most humble terms: our repeated petitions have been answered only by repeated injury." It is a waste of time to negotiate with terrorists (or pirates).

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necessarily a cautious one. Every effort must be made to arbitrate a peaceful conclusion. In late 1774, delegates from each of the thirteen states gathered in Philadelphia as the Continental Congress. Their purpose was to examine the evidence and decide what should be done about the King. Their conclusion, after much heated debate, was to write and sign the Declaration of Independence. Please note that the Declaration was written one full year after blood had been shed at Lexington and Concord.

Congressional legislation such as the Patriot Act, the Military Commissions Act, and the Homegrown Terrorism Act, are without doubt "a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same object evinc[ing] a design to reduce them under absolute despotism." The Founders would insist that we have not only the right, yet also the duty "to throw off such government, and to provide new guards for their future security." I believe it is time to follow the example of our Founding Fathers. It is time to convene the Continental Congress 2009.

The overall plan is simple. Each state will nominate and select three delegates to represent their state. It is assumed that the delegates will embody the same level of wisdom and passion for liberty demonstrated by the Original Congress. The 150 delegates will be expected to debate for several weeks over numerous possible courses of action, just as the original Founding Fathers did. Of course, this is more easily said than done. If only a fraction of the population participates in the selection of delegates, then any conclusion they reach can and will be brushed aside as frivolous and irrelevant. Your apathy is a dangerous precondition for your children's slavery.

To find out more about this historic effort, please visit www.WeThePeopleCongress. org. Do not procrastinate until you have all the details before you volunteer your services to this project. Do not be deceived and alarmed when the Main Stream Media begins to paint this grassroots organization as an unruly mob advocating anarchy, because they will. If you are concerned for your children, if you are disturbed by news reports about civil unrest in this country, if you want to help find a peaceful resolution to these problems in order to prevent violent confrontation with the government, then devote your life, your fortune, and your sacred honor to the Continental Congress 2009. The only other options are slavery or violent rebellion.

Tea Parties: Not Just for Boston Anymore

BY BETH M. SRIGLEY

On April 15th, 2009, American citizens joined together to attend "tea parties" in protest of an encroaching, overpowered government that is dwarfing our American principles.

Although it is difficult to pin down the actual number of attendees, according to Americans for Tax Reform at least 578,000 people attended 540 tea parties across the nation, numbers which are most likely conservative.¹ Reports have suggested that over 1 million citizens attended. Regardless of the number of attendees, the message was clear: Americans are fed up with the last two administrations' continual expansion of their own powers. A revolution is growing, driven by grassroots activists, many of whom have been involved in these types of concerns and protests long before the Obama Administration even took the White House. Those who were gravely concerned during the Bush Administration by an inflated executive office, the TARP, and out-of-control war spending, joined those citizens who have more recently become concerned about Obama's bailouts, overwhelming budget plans, and a creeping socialist agenda.

"The Rant Heard 'Round the World"

On February 19th, CNBC's Rick Santelli delivered the "Rant Heard 'Round the World," as it has come to be known. While on the floor of the Chicago Mercantile Exchange, Santelli described Obama's mortgage bailout plan as "rewarding the losers" and "promoting bad behavior." Santelli asked the traders behind him, "How many of you people want to pay for your neighbor's mortgage, that has an extra bathroom and can't pay their bills?" to which the traders answered with vociferous boos. Finally, Santelli hatched the plan that would later become the April Tea Parties by claiming, "We're thinking of having a Chicago Tea Party in July. All you capitalists that want to show up to Lake Michigan, I'm gonna start organizing … We're going to be dumping in some derivative securities."² The response from the entire American political spectrum was immediate and robust. The White House accused Santelli of having not even read Obama's mortgage plan. Press secretary Robert Gibbs invited Santelli over to read the act and flippantly said that he "would be happy to buy (Santelli) a cup of coffee, decaf."³

Liberty-minded citizens praised the rant. Santelli's segment was replayed time and time again in the media, and the clip was extremely popular on the Internet. FOX News correspondents, particularly Sean Hannity and Glenn Beck, embraced and fostered the Tea Party idea, with Beck leading the charge on his newly popular show on FOX. For the two months between Santelli's rant and the Tea Parties, support and enthusiasm grew steadily around the country. National and local websites appeared promoting the parties and sharing plans for each locale. The website www.TaxDayTeaParty.com cited Smart Girl Politics, Top Conservatives on Twitter, the DontGo Movement as the main organizers of the movement, although many non-affiliated citizens took leading roles all over the country. Folks began to make their travel plans and signs and sought support and speakers.

The Tea Parties

On April 15th, citizens, economists, politicians, celebrities, and grassroots organizers rallied their fellow attendees with inspiring speeches. Ron Paul spoke in Clear Lake, Texas; Mancow Muller in Chicago; Peter Schiff in New York; and Rand Paul in Bowling Green, Kentucky. At the Charlotte party, Professor John Lewis gave his audience a riveting reminder of our Founders' belief in the rights of man, including "the right to direct your own life, to choose your own goals. The right to liberty ... and the right to the pursuit of happiness."⁴ In Little Rock, Arkansas, Representative Dan Greenberg gloomily amused his crowd:

"If you suddenly discovered you were much poorer than you thought, would your first reaction be to run up your credit card debt as high as it would go? I would call that stupid. What do they call it in Washington? A stimulus program!"⁵

Aside from the speeches, the tea party attendees waved American and Gadsden flags, held up and shared laughter at clever signs (and some very offensive ones, as is their right if not their good judgment), and experienced the camaraderie of opposing an extremely popular president and his extremely destructive policies.

The Collectivist Media's Attacks

We would be remiss if we didn't mention the collectivist-leaning media's virulent attacks on the Tea Parties. Rachel Maddow's giggles as she called us "teabaggers" (look it up) were disappointing, unprofessional, and childish.⁶ On April 16th, on MSNBC's "Countdown with Keith Olbermann," actress and activist Janeane Garafalo said of the Tea Parties,

"Let's be very honest about what this is about. This is not about bashing Democrats. It's not about taxes. They have no idea what the Boston Tea Party was about. They don't know their history at all. It's about hating a black man in the White House. This is racism straight up and is nothing but a bunch of teabagging rednecks. There is no way around that."⁷

In Chicago on Tea Party day, CNN reporter Susan Roesgen stated that the Tea Parties were "anti-government" and "anti-CNN" and that the tea parties were "not family viewing."⁸ The truth is that while ordinary citizens were publicly voicing their disapproval for either only the Obama Administration and policies, or both the Bush AND Obama Administrations, the news media tried to turn the parties into an excuse for partisan bickering. However, these attacks only served to strengthen the unity of April 15th.

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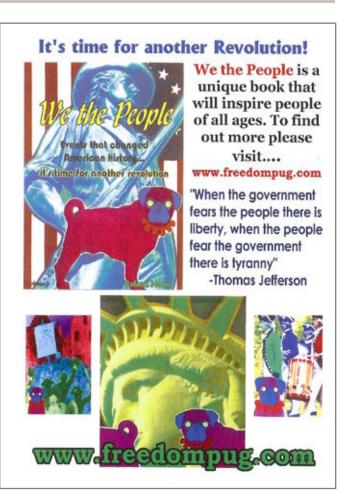
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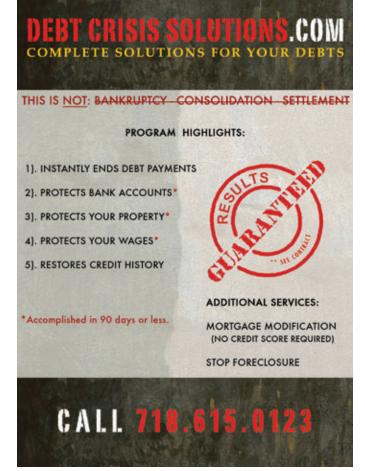
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The real beauty of the Tea Parties was not the speeches, nor the celebrity attendance. The beauty of the parties was seeing diverse Americans coming together to peacefully protest what they see as a shockingly rapid deterioration of the values on which this country was founded. We the people must embrace the unity we felt with our fellow Americans on April 15th and continue this national awakening to liberty; this is our Founders' legacy. The Original Tea Party on December 16th, 1773 showed us the power of the unanimous voice crying out for liberty against enormous odds. Our mutual American destiny requires that we lead this awakening for the sake of our children and grandchildren, and our country.

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Quelling the Rebellion

BY ERIN DAKINS

We thought we lived in a free country; the best, brightest, and bravest in the world, called America, yet the truth always comes out in the end. Is this the end of America as we know it? Could it really be that our government wants to control everything we do, say, or think? Could our government really abolish the First Amendment rights of the people? Could our government nefariously have built prison camps in America for citizens that disagree with current policies? Does the United States government, in tandem with foreign governments and bankers, aim to quell any and all dissent? As we slide ever further down the path into global depression and world conflict, we find ourselves at a crossroads where information is power and the government will stifle it at all costs, while bringing about a total police state.

History has taught us many lessons about tyrannical governments out of control and, unfortunately, those lessons have been put away in some dusty corner of our minds. Thoughts of masses of people being rounded up and taken to Internment Camps (aka FEMA camps, concentration camps, prison camps, and labor camps), stirs fears in our hearts and we believe that those days will never be seen again, that we are too civilized for that to happen here in America, land of the FREE and home of the brave. Many mainstream news outlets have stated that there are indeed camps, but that these camps are for national emergencies only and not to detain Americans, and they never seem to research all of the legislation available to prove otherwise.

Sliding in underneath the radar of many Americans are plans set forth by our government to do just that, round up Americans labeled as enemy combatants, dissidents, subversives, or domestic terrorists, and take them to FEMA Camps.

As is well known in this country, during WWII many Japanese Americans were taken to camps along with Germans, Italians and Mexicans. These camps are still in existence today, and have been renovated with money from a \$38 million grant issued by George W. Bush in 2006.

In addition to the already existing camps, Halliburton, a subsidiary of Kellog, Brown, and Root, was awarded a government contract to build detention camps on American soil under the auspices of the Homeland Security Plan called "Endgame." The goal of Endgame is to remove all removable aliens, including domestic terrorists and those designated as enemy combatants. These camps are to be operated by FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) and there are 800 such camps reported operational to date. There is also the disturbing release of a previously classified U.S. Army document (U.S. Army Regulation 210-35) outlining the Civilian Inmate Labor Program, which is fully operational and has been since 1997. In 1950, Congress passed the Detention Act of 1950, which allowed for the detaining and arrest of possible dissidents, and has never been repealed. In fact, throughout the years beginning with President Reagan, it has been recommended that FEMA play a more prevalent role concerning civil disturbances and imposing martial law. In January of 2009, Representative Alcee Hastings (D-FI) proposed legislation that would legalize and authorize National Emergency Centers on open and closed military bases around the country, legalizing after the fact. These centers would be under

the control of FEMA. What possible national emergency would require the use of 800 camps for American citizens? The only possible reason for this number of camps is a take-over of this country by a militarized faction of the U.S. government.

In the event of any national emergency, rioting, terrorist act, or civil unrest, the government can round up and detain U.S. citizens as stated in many bills, legislations, and Presidential Directives. Rex 84 (Readiness Exercise 1984) set out to lay the groundwork for this to take place in a uniform fashion, working within COG, Continuity of Government. COG suspends the Constitution and states that the President has dictatorial powers. With the enactment of the Patriot Act, almost any person can be labeled as a domestic terrorist and our civil rights have been shredded. This act has brought us down the path to a police state, in which even the rights guaranteed to us under our First Amendment, have been usurped by having to gain a permit in order to peacefully assemble.

When one takes into account that our rights are disappearing and we are slowly becoming accustomed to the military on the streets, with the overturning of The Posse Comitatus Act by the John Warner Defense Act, HR 5122, section 1042, then one can see the emerging police state. This Act also allows for the President to declare Martial Law, without the consent of Congress. This emerging police state will bring about total control of the population of this country, making it difficult for any person protesting against the government, and sets the stage for the use of FEMA camps in our time.

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As of the writing of this article, the Swine Flu pandemic has begun and, with the panic, the impetus to enact a state of Martial Law across the United States and bring about the use of the FEMA camps. When Martial Law is declared, the federal government will tout the camps as "good" at first, places to go for food, shelter, and medicine. Many who are unaware will go to these



camps, which will end up being no more than mass vaccination centers and re-education camps. These camps will be the final homes for many U.S. citizens who have not prepared for any type of emergency; whether from natural disasters, biological disasters, or terrorist attacks, by having storable food, water, and Second Amendment items, enough for at least 3 months, conservatively.

When a state of emergency is declared, acts and laws kick into effect such as Bioshield which, when working in tandem with other emergency laws, allows for the federal government to free up funds to aid in the emergency and also allows for military rule. Under military rule, forced vaccinations, quarantine, shut down of transit, curfews, and no travel laws, will be in effect. The military will oversee everything under Northcom and Homeland Security.

In this day and age, it is frowned upon by the government when citizens want to protest, and it requires a permit to do so, and many times these protests are allocated to free speech zones. This is our government's way to censor protestors, by placing them away from the media and the general public. Many seem to forget that the First Amendment gives all citizens the right to free speech and to peacefully assemble. When a permit must be granted, that infers that something which is illegal will be allowed only with a permit. Free speech zones, often blocks away from the site, are an infringement on our rights. Police and military, usually in full riot gear, will often be present as well for intimidation purposes and to stop any unruly behavior, to accustom the populace to their presence and to arrest any protestors.

Crowd control deploying the use of non-lethal weapons has today become the norm. There have been many new and interesting gadgets brought out recently. Tasers have been fairly mainstream for years and are used daily by police departments around the country; along with tear gas, pepper spray, and rubber bullets. Not to stop there, they are always coming up with new ways to control us and get us accustomed to following orders.

Tasers, used incorrectly and delivering more shocks than necessary, have resulted in a large number of deaths nationwide. There now seems to be a new Taser to add to the arsenal named "The Taser Shockwave." Tethered by 25-foot wires, this little baby can deliver six different electrified charges. These units can also be stacked to deliver more barbs into crowds.

Another new gadget for use in controlling crowds is the Microwave Ray Gun and the Sound Cannon. These nifty gadgets use microwave or laser beams to beam sounds or messages right into a person's head. One such device is MEDUSA (Mob Excess Deterrent Using Silent Audio), which sends microwaves into a person's head and the heating of the tissue causes a shockwave in the skull that can be picked up by the ears. Sounds fun, eh? I have enough trouble with my head that I don't really need some cop beaming microwaves at it! Now, they are working on a gadget to be used as a crowd deterrent which shoots out a gooey, yucky, substance that is so slippery a person cannot stand on their feet.

The last time I checked, most of our rallies and demonstrations are peaceful so why all the new hardware to break it up? Simple: no free speech allowed if it is against anything the New World Order says is of an extremist nature. They are rapidly getting the people used to military on the streets and being afraid—don't say anything "wrong" or you may soon have a knock on your door.

We Americans are slowly and incrementally losing our freedom and this is being foisted upon us by an out-of-control, power/money hungry federal government and their global/corporate banker puppet masters. They will bring about their New World Order any way possible and, as patriots rise up, will try to quell any rebellion. In short, this is a police state in the final stages before the coup de gras.

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Kon Paul Pillar in the Storm

On July 10, 2003, Texas Representative Ron Paul stood before his fellow Congressmen and women and lambasted them for their love of big government, the welfare state, the war state, and their cradle-to-grave mentality. He admonished the over-taxing, over-borrowing, and the printing of more dollars to make up the difference. This was at a time where everyone had a house regardless of whether or not they could afford it, in a year of easy credit, easy money, and easy prosperity. We were

fighting a far away war and sending our young people into battle, while we maintained normalcy back home. Ron Paul was seen as an annoying Chicken Little, the only difference being that, unbeknownst to the world, the sky actually was falling.

Inspired by Nixon's departure from the gold standard, Ron Paul entered into politics in 1976. Never one to follow the crowd, he sponsored a bill to repeal the Gun Control Act of 1968, a bill to limit Senators to four- year terms, a bill to repeal the death tax and generation skipping tax and, of course, a bill to end the Department of Education. He opted out of the lucrative Congressional pension fund. Prophetically, one of his first bills was H.J.RES.1027, "A resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, to provide that appropriations made by the United States shall not exceed its revenues, except in time of war or national emergency, and to provide for the systematic paying back of the national debt." He had no co-sponsors.

Ron Paul continued his career in the House by fighting Carter's proposal in 1980 to reinstate the draft, arguing that Republicans who supported the idea were more eager to register their children than their guns. He joined the House Banking Committee, for which he is still a member, and

argued against the mismanagement of funds that lead to the infamous "Savings and Loan Crisis" which began in 1986. After an unsuccessful run for the Senate in 1984, Rep. Paul returned to his private medical practice, emerging again in 1988 to become the Libertarian Presidential Candidate. Paul felt that his race for the presidency was more about spreading his libertarian ideas than the actual obtainment of the office. Although he was defeated, his rise within politics was inarguable.

> Rep. Paul re-entered Congress in 1996 and once again began to shake up the establishment. From 1996 onward, he led the fight on various issues that he felt were important for all Americans.

Unimpressed by the previously instituted HMO Act of 1972, which allows businesses and not employees to deduct for health insurance premiums, Paul publicly supports the complete deregulation of

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all medical care. Instead of complicated and over-priced medical plans and insurance, he favors a strictly capitalist free exchange of goods and services. This would allow people to choose their own health care, to raise health care standards, and to drastically reduce the cost of health care. Frivolous lawsuits, sub par standards, and skyrocketing health care costs are preventing many people from receiving the medical care that they require and work for. He further proved his support by introducing HR 3075–3078, a series of bills designed to give tax breaks to individuals paying for medical insurance.

Disgusted with our failing educational system in the U.S., Ron Paul sponsored the Family Education Freedom Act. This bill proposes tax credits to parents who choose not to use public education, whether by home schooling or private education. Paul gained support from thousands of American families who were paying for the schools their children do not attend.

Ron Paul has gained notoriety as Dr. No, never voting for a single annual budget in his political career. When asked why, he simply states that none of them have ever been balanced. He rails against the IRS and the Fed (as evidenced by HR 1207), the Income Tax, and the shameless printing of money to fill our fiscal holes. He has suggested and supported the idea of the freedom to opt out of Social Security, a dead program that will never pay out to the young people now forcibly contributing through taxation.

Most famously, Ron Paul has become an outspoken critic of the Iraq War. Paul voted to go into Afghanistan after 9/11 to seek out the terrorists responsible for the attacks, but was disturbed to see war against Iraq sans a formal declaration from Congress. Rep. Paul is also opposed to the idea of pre-emptive war or by declaring war on a country that has not attempted an attack on the U.S. Others have suggested this idea with regards to rogue nations such as Iran and North Korea.

Touting these ideas for decades, Ron Paul's message of peaceful opposition turned into a Republican bid for the White House, announcing his candidacy on March 12, 2007. This modern-day revolutionary credits Austrian Economics with his education and heroes like Gandhi as his inspiration for peaceful protest.

The curious flocked to his website, his rallies, and his Meetup groups. A definite feeling of hope, the antithesis of the apathy many Americans had been feeling, was tangible. Perhaps we were not lost after all; perhaps there was an answer to the mess.

The crux of the Revolution was the age-old idea that no individual or government could infringe upon a person's rights to their life, liberty, and pursuit of happiness. These are basic rights and must be preserved. Yet the idea that no one is owed a house, or health care, or a job means that everyone must work for what they need and desire and, therefore, must be allowed to keep the fruits of their labor. Young people, collegeaged adults just getting started in life, seemed to especially catch on to these basic ideas of self-reliance and responsibility. These young people were informed, educated, and could defend their ideas and principles using the simple arguments of liberty. They wished for a new America for themselves and for their children, an America where everyone was allowed to live as they pleased, so long as they did not infringe on the rights of their neighbors.

The ideas began to grow roots. Ron Paul supporters came up with the modern-day tea party, raising \$6.03 million dollars on December 16th, 2007. This was nearly 234 years after the original Boston Tea Party, when fed-up Americans dumped tea into the harbor to protest British taxation. Although the 2007 date marked the largest amount of money ever raised online in a single day for a political campaign, it was preceded by another record \$4.3 million dollars raised on November 5, 2007. On both occasions, the Ron Paul campaign was not involved, corporate America was not involved, and the main stream media was not involved. These events were organized by the people, for the people. Some say this was the beginning of a true Revolution.

As the campaign began to reach new highs and milestones, the anger swelled at the treatment the Paul campaign endured from the main stream media and the Republican Party. Shut out from media coverage, except to be teased and ridiculed, more and more Americans began to see the MSM and political organizations for what they truly are. Gone were the days of "freedom of the press" and individualism. Instead, it was toe the line or be shut out. Although the intention was to paint the campaign in a bad light, this negative attention only brought in more supporters.

Out of the woodwork came true Americans, folks who believed in our country and the principles on which it was founded. It was these people who have been protesting every April 15th since unequal taxation was instituted. These were the true patriots, the people who have always stood for what they so fervently believe in, passing down their beliefs to their children in an effort to make a better world for those very individuals.

Throughout the entire campaign and into the creation of the Campaign for Liberty, people have fought to educate the masses and spread the ideas of freedom. Ron Paul is our catalyst, our leader, our voice, our strong pillar in a tumultuous sea of doubt and fear. Ron Paul was and continues to be reluctant to be viewed as a hero or modernday prophet. When asked why he decided to run for president, he often told reporters that his supporters asked him to. He never basked in the limelight or adopted a narcissistic persona, but instead saw his campaign as business with an end goal: freedom for all Americans. He flew Southwest Airlines to his campaign stops and shared an airline box meal with his wife Carol for their 50th wedding anniversary dinner in 2007. He ended his campaign for Liberty.

He stands for actual change and sells it straight. Ron Paul has been saying the same thing and preaching the same message since the beginning of his political career, never wavering from his ideas and beliefs as proven by his consistent voting record. He is realistic, arguing that it is going to take a complete shake-up, a reversal of government dependence that we have not seen since the Founding Fathers drafted our Constitution. His supporters are not a brainwashed mass screaming for more government, or for a political messiah to come and save us from our own ignorance. Instead, they see it as a fight for the very opposite, our freedom from tyranny. As Ron Paul so wisely stated, government is supposed to protect the secrecy and privacy of all individuals, not the secrecy and privacy of government.

As he concluded his speech to the House on July 10, 2003, Ron Paul ended by saying, "let it not be said that no one cared, that no one objected once they realized that our liberties and wealth are in jeopardy." Ron Paul not only cared, he vehemently objected by igniting a Revolution that changed the way we view the role of government. To quote a popular slogan often seen during the Ron Paul campaign, he truly did cure our apathy. Blacks Law Dictionary, Seventh Edition, defines enemy as: "1. One who opposes or inflicts injury on another;" and defines state as: "The political system of a body of people who are politically organized; the system of rules by which jurisdiction and authority are exercised over such a body of people." There is also a separate definition for the term "federal state," which is a central government made up of member states. So, in this article, we will be focusing on enemies of the member states, which would be anyone who opposes or inflicts injury upon the states of the union or of such body of the people.

This opposition or injury can come from other member states, foreign entities, an insurrection from within the state, or our own federal government (or) actors from within that government, usurping unconstitutional and thus illegal control over that state, or people usurping unconstitutional and thus illegal control over that state or people.

The Wiki Online Encyclopedia describes enemy of the state as "a person accused of certain crimes against the state, such as treason." Describing individuals in this way is sometimes a manifestation of political repression. For example, an authoritarian regime may purport to maintain national security by describing social or political dissidents as "enemies of the state." (bold added) contrary to the radical collectivism in our country, led by our current administration. We have seen Department of Homeland Security documents warning of threats from people who display bumper stickers supporting opposition points of view such as parental rights, home schooling, right to life (anti-abortion), Second Amendment, Tenth Amendment advocates, or even Constitutionalists. We have even seen videos of federal "instructors" teaching law enforcement officers that our founding fathers were terrorists.

All of these people have been identified as potential extremists who our government deems worthy of watching and equating all of us as if we espouse the same beliefs and potential to do harm as that of Timothy McVeigh who bombed the Oklahoma City federal building. This demonization of the patriot is exactly what we see in every instance before a central government begins to expand its power and size.

We have people like Janet Napolitano and Hillary Clinton stating that we should not enforce our laws to protect our borders and that doing so is wrong. The first principle duty of our federal government is to protect this nation, yet they allow millions of foreigners to invade our country through porous borders and jail those who attempt to enforce the law as a warning to any who would defy them to toe the administration's line.

I have, as has every public official, sworn an oath to "support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to same." Yet in October 2006, Sen. Arlen Specter (R-PA), chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, stated:

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This definition is very useful as it can work both ways in our society, either by the federal government identifying persons, or from the people identifying those in government working beyond their scope of power.

If we look at the recently released documents identifying certain "right wing extremists" as having the potential to cause harm to the government and society, they are, in fact identifying members of our society as enemies of the state from the government's point of view and can be labeled as a "manifestation of political repression," as we hold differing political views from the current administration.

Recently, more than 20 state legislatures have introduced or passed resolutions decrying the intrusions of the federal government into the lives of American citizens far beyond that allowed by the Constitution. The most recent resolution is from the State of Texas, which cites in part: "Today, in 2009, the states are demonstrably treated as agents of the federal government. ... Many federal laws are directly in violation of the Tenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States. ... A number of proposals from previous administrations and some now pending from the present administration and from congress may further violate the Constitution of the United States..."

We're not talking about some extremist viewpoint but of sound minded state legislatures, lawyers, and governors. These are people practiced in the field of law and of constitutional learning, stating that our federal government has, and is, in the process of inflicting injury -- I would say oppression -- upon the states and their people and have done so for quite some time. In this article I am presenting some of what I have found as to whom and why this is occurring.

There has been a trend of late to demonize anyone with a position

"I'm not going to support a bill that's blatantly unconstitutional...," when discussing a bill dealing with enemy combatants. Yet shortly after making this statement, he voted in favor of that very same bill. His justification was that it was now up to the courts to clean it up.

How can any congressman, sworn to uphold the Constitution, not look at every bill passed to ensure that what they are doing is constitutional. My first error may have been to assume that they even know what the Constitution says, let alone understand the position of each bill that comes through. In fact, most bills are not even read by the congressmen to begin with, yet they vote on those very same bills. More importantly, if they know a bill to be unconstitutional and they vote to pass that bill, then they are in breach of their oath and by definition are "enemies of the state," for they are deliberately causing harm to the states of the Union and to the people they serve. And if they pass bills without reading and without knowing the constitutional standing of that bill, then they are incompetent and should be removed from office.

Our country was established upon liberty and the rule of law, with the Constitution as the basis for all federal law. We face a constant assault of illegal immigration, primarily from our southern border, which seems to be mostly ignored and in some cases encouraged by our central government. In 1986, Senators McCain (R), Kennedy (D), and Specter (R), voted for S 1639 which would have turned criminals into U.S. Citizens by giving 3.4 million illegal immigration numbers to 2 million annually. Luckily, S. 1639 was defeated; yet every couple of years we go through the same Washington two-step and our representatives try and grant even more law breakers amnesty and citizenship which would increase the burden on the taxpaying citizenry.

We are taxed beyond constitutional limits; every aspect of our lives is monitored, licensed, regulated, and controlled by an unconstitutional, all-powerful central government. I say unconstitutional because the federal government is tasked with very limited and defined powers as listed in Article 1, Section 8, of the Constitution.

The Tenth Amendment clearly states that "The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States, respectively, or to the people." By my estimation, nearly 75% of our current federal bureaucracy is operating outside its constitutional authority.

The closest anyone will come will be the Commerce Clause, which reads "To regulate Commerce with foreign Nations, and among the several States, and with the Indian Tribes." And there it is; it says to regulate commerce among the several States. Blacks Law Dictionary, 2nd Edition, defines commerce among the states as: "Commerce among the states cannot stop at the external boundary line of each state, but may be introduced into the Interior!" (Gibbons v. Ogden, 9 Wheat, 194, 6 L., Ed. 23) This means that the role of the federal government, in commerce among the states, was to ensure fair access

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to commerce between ALL the states. Basically, to be referee amid the states, to keep a level and fair playing field for the free market.

Logically speaking; if there is no constitutional authority for the existence of these and other federal agencies, then the laws they enforce under their agencies are likewise, unconstitutional. A prime example is the 2nd Amendment, that the Supreme Court has affirmed as an individual right.

If we have a "right," yet must ask permission to exercise that right, then it is no longer a right; it has been converted into a privilege, and privileges can be revoked. The Second Amendment forbids the federal government from infringing on this right, yet we have over 20,000 gun laws; I call this an extreme infringement. Just as in physics, where every action has an equal and opposite reaction,

so it is in government. Each and every expansion in governmental power Continued on page 18

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- Department of Education
 • Drug Enforcement Agency
 • Department of Transportation
- Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives Department of Agriculture
- Food and Drug Administration Federal Department of Labor
- Department of Health and Human Services
 Equal Employment Opportunity Commission
- Department of Housing and Urban Development Commodity Futures Trading Commission
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is taken at an equal and opposite contraction of liberty, for government is enacted by force. As an example, how many people would volunteer to give away 50% of their wages? If the federal government said tomorrow: "We will cease to withhold taxes from your paycheck or demand payment on April 15th of each year, and henceforth will only ask you to voluntarily submit to the government 50% of all your income each year." Would you do it? Of course not! We comply with the existing tax law, even though we know it's criminal, because if we do not we will be visited by men with guns that will take our property, take our money, and put us in jail. These very same actions, performed by private individuals, would land them in jail for racketeering.

Prior to 1913, there were no personal income taxes and, when Congress tried to enact such, they were told it was unconstitutional. So, for the first 125 years of our country's existence, we did not pay personal federal income taxes. The reason is quite simple: if it is determined that the federal government has a certain power, then the extent of that power is unlimited. If they have the power to tax you at 10%, then they can tax you at 100% - it is only a matter of degrees.

As government expands, liberty contracts. It is settled that money is property; your time and talent are also your property. The ability to tax is the ability to destroy, and to have the power to tax a right is the ability to destroy that right. It is, therefore, unconstitutional because all rights are protected from government infringement. See the Ninth Amendment.

I had intended to go through the voting records of our public servants and provide you with the names of those who I would place on my "enemies of the state" list. Yet as I researched more and more, I found that, out of the hundreds of public representatives, only a handful would remain off the list.

The easy ones I have already mentioned: Ted Kennedy, Arlen Spector, John McCain, and I would add our current screecher of the House, Nancy Pelosi, and Barney Frank, and many others, all racing headlong to support Barack Obama's socialistic/fascist nationalizing of private industry in America. As I have already stated, any government that deems it can do something by any percent deems it has the power to do it at 100%. So in this regard, the NY Times was right on the money when it stated "We are all socialists now;" at least from the government's point of view. In my estimation, any representative who votes for a bill that does any of the following is an enemy of the state:

- · Any bill that is unconstitutional
- Without reading and knowing what is in the bill
- That reaches within the borders of the states of the union, without that states permission
- Takes money from one group of citizens, who has earned it, to give to another who has not
- That infringes upon any right of any citizen
- That attempts to increase the power of government beyond its constitutional scope
- That refuses to answer Petitions for Redress of Grievance from its citizens
- That usurps states rights or blackmails states into compliance
- That attempts to nationalize state and local police agencies by coercion

So, who do we hold accountable for the mess of our current government: the Senate or the House of Representatives? How about our Usurper-in-Chief; Barack Obama? Really, we have only ourselves to blame. Our complacency and apathy have allowed these evil men to have their way with us. Each time they pushed the weight of government a little further to encroach on our liberties, we moved back. Each time they passed more legislation, more regulations, more stipulations, more infringing unconstitutional mandates, we moved further back, until we have realized that we have become our own worst enemy. We create a government to protect the nation, yet it is the patriot who protects the people FROM the government. It's time we all become patriots!

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⁴⁴We have rights, as individuals, to give as much of our own money as we please to charity; but as members of Congress, we have no right so to appropriate a dollar of public money. ⁹⁹

- Davy Crockett (1786-1836),

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What must the People of America do when their elected officials decide "[T]here are things in the Constitution that have been overtaken by events, by time; things that are no longer relevant to a modern society; things that are inappropriate, anachronistic?"

What is the appropriate next step to take, when the resulting violations of our Founding Documents are causing the collapse of our Republic and the suffering of our people?

What can we do, as witnesses to a system of government that now includes routine abuses of judicial doctrines and the People's Right to Due Process, which deny the People a sense of Justice and their Constitutional Rights?

Many Americans are now faced with a Government they no longer recognize, that follows no charter and has abrogated and usurped power not granted it by the Governing Documents that rule this Land. Yet, these same officials have only one oath, under God, to uphold the Constitution!

Civic education without civic action is for naught. This is especially true in a time when we no longer teach our children the true history, meaning, effect, and significance of every provision of our Founding Documents. Were that every citizen knew how the Founding Fathers meant it to be! Each of us would be invigorated to progress through our lives, knowing our Rights and Government's obligations. At the core of our being would be an active loyalty and obligation to the Republic, to ensure those in office never step beyond the lines of power drawn by The People.

America now relies exclusively on the electoral process. Is this a mistake? The vested, self-interest in the status-quo of many of our citizens selfishly seeks to override all Constitutional limits. It remains a virtual impossibility to restore Constitutional Order through the electoral process.

Even if the numbers were there, our Rights do not, and must never depend, on the will of any majority. OUR RIGHTS ARE INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS; WE HAVE THEM SIMPLY BECAUSE WE ARE ALIVE.

What can The People do to bring under the control of the Constitution those public servants who are now restraining and destroying that which the Creator has endowed? Are they aware of what they are doing? If so, what is their plan and where would they lead us?

The parallel to 1774 is startling. Is it time we take a page out of the Founding Fathers' "playbook?" Like our Founders, we are having our Rights violated by the Government. Like our Founders, many of us have repeatedly Petitioned the Government for Redress in humble terms, over many years. While many people may still be waking up to this fact, it will be important that these Records, these formal legal documents, have been established which show the path of violations.

the Government's refusal to justify its behavior or to otherwise be held accountable. They decided what course of action they could take in the

interest of preserving, protecting, and enhancing Liberty. We should do no less. We must do no less.

Therefore, it is with great hope that the We The People Foundation and Congress now commit all our resources towards a Continental Congress for 2009, a national assembly Of The People, By The People, For The People, to address these very issues.

As each of our states become organized to participate, Freedomdefending People will begin to nominate delegates, those with a proven passion for the Constitution,

as authors, scholars, or activists. CC2009 may be our last chance to go on record for our Constitution.

Ultimately pushed beyond what they felt were acceptable limits, our

Founders convened a Continental Congress in 1774 to discuss the facts

surrounding Government's violations of the Rights of the People. They talked

about the People's attempts to right the wrongs (Petitions for Redress) and

The Founding Fathers do not mince words in their instructions to future generations who might find themselves faced with a rogue government. It is natural to want to predict the outcome of a Continental Congress. Some have accused me of trying to steer the results, yet my comments have been based on what I have learned from their wisdom.

WTP will commit every resource we have to assist CC2009 to take place, yet it is ultimately up to The People of America to decide the fate of our Nation. I urge every citizen to learn as much as they can about what is taking place, what our Founding Documents guide us to do, versus what we are actually doing. Let everyone come to know the profound Rights given to them through the First Amendment Right to Petition, and the power of Popular Sovereignty that all men inherently possess and enjoy.

We The People Foundation and We The People Congress will join with you as active members in a coalition of national Liberty organizations to unify, educate our nation, and stand against those attempting to shred our Constitution and seize our Freedoms.

As an expression of our commitment to our current Constitution, we gathered at Jekyll Island in Georgia from May 21-22, 2009, to lay the groundwork for a NEW AND GOOD RECORD FOR AMERICA in place of much that has happened since 1913.

Despite the discord and despair our nation now endures, and the escalating risks to Liberty our People face daily, our Republic's brightest days may yet lie just ahead.

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> "All tyranny needs to gain a foothold is for people of good conscience to remain silent."

> > - Thomas Jefferson

"Government has within it a tendency to abuse its powers."

- John C. Calhoun (1782-1850), American Statesman

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"Occupants of public offices love power and are prone to abuse it. "

- George Washington (1732-1799), Founding Father, 1st US President, 'Father of the Country', Source: Farewell Address

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Tools of the Revolution

Some will argue that revolutionary action was easier in the days of Xenophon of Thebes, Caesar, Flavius Vegetis, Sun Tzu, the shoguns, William Wallace, along with the many other uprisings in centuries past. Others will argue that the technology now available to the masses does, in fact, make connecting with large audiences and building momentum towards a revolutionary goal a completely different set of possibilities. While the latter seems like a slamdunk assumption, the same technology that allows for easier distribution of information or a call to arms makes defending against revolution easier.

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In extraordinary times, it takes dedicated, educated men and women to stand forth, without fear or reservation, to set things right. In a time where across-the-board industry needs the willing to stand up and disseminate the truth from the lies, it is time to take responsibility for your world and guarantee to future generations that they, too, will be allowed to live free.

Remember when being a "sellout" to the corporate elite was shunned? Take a look at your favorite sports team now and compare the personnel from the same team a couple of decades ago, or listen to your favorite artist's music used as a soundtrack for advertising new automobiles, tennis shoes, or house cleaners. The profit motive has proven itself formidable, as the biggest counter-agent working against today's revolutionaries.

"The good fighters of old, first put themselves beyond the possibility of defeat, and then waited for an opportunity of defeating the enemy." — Sun Tzu

They say a revolution is when people come with guns, when they surround a fortress or take over a city. Yet history will show us insurrection is merely a phase of revolution. Revolution is a lot more. It's a long process that requires the use of all the right tools. Tools are meant broadly, as they should be -- a piece of hardware, a video, a chart, a magazine, a gizmo – anything that opens up new paths to solidify your position in the revolution. Tools are included here if it is: a) the best, or the best bargain, b) easily available, and c) useful for self-education.

Freedom of Speech

The first step to thinking for yourself is exercising your freedom of speech rights. Freedom of speech was considered one of the fundamental freedoms for the founding fathers. One reason the American Revolution went from being a protest to a war was because the British government refused to hear voices of peaceful protest. The founders wanted to make sure they would not repeat that same mistake. In 1688, when "freedom of speech in Parliament" resulted from the Glorious Revolution, the founding fathers believed this freedom should be expanded to cover all citizens. The constitutional right of Freedom of Speech has been declared the same in times of peace and in times of war; yet freedom of speech alone will not be enough to revolt when loyalty to our country is challenged by varying ideologies. "Convictions the majority deems disloyal, especially when swayed by intense passion (or worse, fear,) render the rest vulnerable to abridging of their freedoms of speech, thought, and belief." (Chaffe)

Tools of the Scribe

Be a discriminate learner and promote your message with the use of effective writing skills by implementing the following aids to promote the process of

putting your freedom of speech to use. Make sure to use the spell-checker, word counter, grammar-checker, dictionary/thesaurus, Urban Slang Dictionary, Rhyming Dictionary, and the Google Translation tool. Use open source technology where all of these tools, and many others, are free for all to use.

"When we make a new tool, we see a new Cosmos."

- Physicist Freeman Dyson.

The tools available to the everyday person are numerous. Certainly, the best bet is to have an education, even if that means educating yourself. If you don't have a grip on the history of politics in America, it is tough to put up an aggressive fight against tyranny. How many times have you heard anchors on MSNBC and FOX News, commentators from the left or from the right, who bash protestors for not knowing their historical facts? Being part of a movement and not knowing the history it represents, proves to be a troublesome dilemma. Learn about the epic revolutions, such as the revolution of 1776 and the Civil War, and understand the causes and results. This is the power that enables the minds, urges the ability to propagate, and ultimately will give the power to the people. Use trusted web sites, use public libraries, read back issues of Republic Magazine and the authors it supports such as the original authors of the Constitution, and contemporaries such as Ron Paul and G. Edward Griffin. Highly recommended educational tools that are a useful starting points include: Revolution: A Manifesto by Ron Paul (the Thomas Jefferson of our age) and the DVD America: Freedom to Fascism.

YouTube and social networking sites, such as Facebook and MySpace, put web users in contact with like-minded individuals and group efforts. With minimal effort, you can be in contact with unlimited support on your own terms. A revolution today cannot be won without knowing the revolutions of the past, and embracing interactive technologies of today offer us a ray of hope for genuine civic engagement. The rallies and protests, while effective methods to get the word out and collect big media attention, are rendered futile without the proper knowledge of our country's history.

Start Your Own Media Blitz

Linking and producing original content to get the word out are inexpensive and the best way to create your own personalized media blitz. Creating a blog is free, easy, and highly rewarding. Soon you will find your blog can contain all the information you want expressed and you can network with like-minded sites to create a personalized buzz.

What is a phone mob? A phone mob is the process of many people calling phones, banks of payphones, or radio stations, all at once. "Ethical" group prank-calling in a sense, yet when done correctly, radio shows and television shows, corporations, and evil politicians alike will get flooded by calls, if for no other reason than to make the point that patriots are listening.

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The reality of a revolution is different from outcome, mostly it is less fantastic, yet ultimately necessary. It requires work, yet equipped with the proper tools, this is a duty not to be ignored. Do not agree to anything your "opponents" ask for. Ensure the civility of your actions, heroics of your stories, and act with vigor. Your people will stay with you if they see and understand why they should. Those who wish to save the world, must first become knowledgeable and, with the right help, change through legislation (or other peaceful methods) will happen.

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The Unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united [sic] States of America formally introduced our Republic to the world. However, the path towards acknowledging the fact as to our sovereignty and humanity's inherent liberties came not as a singular reaction to one particular grievance, but only after a continual escalation in British tyranny dating back to shortly after the end of "The Seven Years War" in 1763. It, coupled with exhaustive public debate over "Supreme Authority" of the British Parliament¹, whereby rights were derived solely de jure, as opposed to the philosophy of inherent liberty as espoused by authors of the Age of Enlightenment, provided the catalyst for our separation from Great Britain.

While government school books focus almost exclusively on the eloquent opening preamble to the Declaration of Independence, "When in the Course of human events..." wholly ignoring its substance², Thomas Jefferson, the Declaration's main author, spent the bulk of his time in the "Committee of Five," painstakingly listing the numerous British tyrannies exacted upon the colonies. Mr. Jefferson, borrowing from Locke's "Two Treatise" sought first to appeal to world opinion, "a decent Respect to the Opinions of Mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to separation." The Declaration then continues to focus its attention towards the actions or "long train of abuses," in order to expound upon King George the Third's "Design to reduce them [the colonies] under absolute Despotism," and "the Establishment of an absolute Tyranny."³

By dedicating the bulk of the Declaration to the actions of the King and not the King's character or personality, Mr. Jefferson's eloquent and well-reasoned intellect succeeded in guarding against the American cause falling victim to accusations of being based upon "light or transient Causes."

Several historians note that this concentration on substance succeeded in not only unifying large numbers of previously ambivalent colonists, it also helped rally French sentiment towards the cause for independence. The Declaration of Independence was well received in France by both the general population and aristocracy as the culmination of Enlightenment philosophy, as well as a counter to well known British tyranny.4

Therefore, a similar review of our contemporary political climate and everencroaching government, contrasted against the tyranny endured by the founding generation, can serve a proper barometer as to the level of our oppression and to the illegitimate government revocation of our inherent liberties.

Original text: "He has refuted his Assent to Laws, the most wholesome and necessary for the public Good". • Continuing since the ascension to Office of the Fortieth President of these United States, the Office of the Executive has sought, through the regular and expanding use of "Presidential Signing Statements," to announce their refusal to obey laws passed by Congress assembled.⁵

Original text: "He has Endeavoured [sic] to prevent the Population of these States; for the purpose of obstructing the Laws for Naturalization of

Foreigners; refusing to pass others to encourage their Migrations hither, and raising the Conditions of new Appropriations of Lands". • The Office of the Executive has refused for a long time to enforce the existing Laws of Naturalization along the borders Continued on page 24

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and ports of these States United, thereby allowing swarms of unlawfully immigrated peoples entry and unfettered access to public resources, simultaneously depriving citizens of their inherent liberties to movement and privacy at the hands of nefarious and deviant agents of bureaucracy.⁶

Original text: "He has obstructed the Administration of Justice, by refusing his Assent to Laws for establishing Judiciary Powers." • For over half a century, the Office of the Executive has obstructed the administration of Justice under its fallacious claim to "Executive Privilege," by refusing to respond or comply with a litany of lawful Subpoenas and proper Congressional investigations.⁷

Original text: "He has made judges dependent on his Will alone, for the tenure of their offices, and the amount and payment of their salaries." • The Forty-third Executive sought to impede the lawful execution of Justice by the unprovoked summary dismissal of several tenured federal prosecutors based on his will and solely for his political advantage, a matter which continues to fester uncontested by the current Office of the Executive, and which consequently undermines the rule of law in its entirety.⁸

Original text: "He has erected a multitude of New Offices, and sent hither Swarms of Officers to harass our People, and eat out their Substance." • The Central Authority continues to construct and expand a litany of bureaucracies, that perpetually dispatch agents to interfere and plague the people with unending decrees and regulations. Simultaneously, the Central Authority plunders the fruits of the People's labor in order to service odiously created debt imposed by, and to the sole benefit of, a small cartel of private bankers.⁹

Original text: "He has kept among us, in Times of Peace, Standing Armies, without the Consent of our Legislatures." • The Office of the Executive maintains Active Military Brigades, deployed amongst us in times of Domestic Peace, and without any danger of unprovoked insurrection, without the consent of our State Legislatures.¹⁰

Original text: "He has affected to render the Military independent of and superior to the Civil Power." • Original text: "He has affected to render the Military independent of and superior to the Civil Power". • The Office of the Executive has issued innumerable, unlawful, and vaguely worded "Executive Orders," seeking to bypass regular Constitutional Legislative channels and oversight, granting that Office indiscriminate power to supplant Military and Para-Military groups over Civil Law-Enforcement.¹¹

Original text: "He has combined with others to subject us to a Jurisdiction foreign to our Constitution, and unacknowledged by our Laws; giving his Assent to their Acts of pretended Legislation:" • The Office of the Executive has Conspired with foreign Heads of State, to subject us to Treatise and Laws outside the necessary Ratification by two-thirds of the Senate as designated by ARTICLE II, SECTION II, Clause II, of our Sacred Constitution.¹²

Original text: "FOR protecting them, by a mock Trial, from Punishment for any Murders which they should commit on the inhabitants of these States." • The Office of the Executive through the Department of State, grants immunity from prosecution, or coercively redirects litigation outside the Courts into mock arbitration hearings, for its Para-Military agents accused of Murders.¹³

Original text: "FOR transporting us beyond Seas to be tried for pretended Offences." • The Office of the Executive persists in its support and use of the clandestine practice of Extraordinary Rendition, whereby individuals, whether Citizens or non-Citizens, are kidnapped, held indefinitely, denied their right to Habeas Corpus, all without the lawful issuance of a proper or formal arrest warrant.¹⁴

Original text: "FOR taking away our Charters, abolishing our most valuable Laws, and altering fundamentally the Forms of our Government." • FOR using every Crisis as an Opportunity, whether under the guise of "National Security" or "Economic Panic," in order to circumvent specific and Sacred provisions, within the Federal Constitution, the Bill of Rights, eviscerating the numerous Checks and Balances upon the Central Authority's power, and for changing the Form of our Government from a Constitutional Republic, into a Populist Democracy. ^{15,1-15,2}

Original text: "He is, at this Time, trans-porting large Armies of foreign Mercenaries to compleat [sic] the Works of Death, Desolation, and Tyranny, already begun with circumstances of Cruelty and Perfidy, scarcely paralleled in the most barbarous Ages, and totally unworthy the Head of a civilized Nation." • The Office of the Executive continues the dishonorable Practice of Preemptive War, the Occupation of foreign Lands, and the Imperial expansion of Empire. The Office of the Executive, as Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, in conjunction with Private Security firms-for-hire, continues to allow them to use the most barbaric methods of interrogation and detainment of Prisoners of War seen since the dawn of organized Society, and is thus completely unworthy to be the Leader of a "free" Nation. ¹⁶

Original text: "He has excited domestic Insurrections amongst us, and has endeavoured to bring on the Inhabitants of our Frontiers." • The Office of the Executive, through its plain and seemingly Purposeful lack of Enforcement of current Laws of Naturalization, has sought to excite Jealousy and Hatred amongst the People, thereby leading to the knee-jerk reactionary Scape-goating of Peoples of Hispanic ethnicity.¹⁷

In closing and as previously stated, that which finally led to the formal separation via the Declaration of Independence, came only after an extended period of unwavering oppression. Beginning with the "Quartering Act of 1765", and up until the "Prohibitionary Act of 1776" that February, the Founding Generation endured the hapless tyrannical machinations of a crumbling British empire, drowning in a sea of central banker financed war debt.¹⁸

Whether the continued curtailing of our inherent liberties and further encroachments of government largess will lead to a Second American Revolution, as of yet, remains to be seen. However, the similarities between then and now are becoming more plainly self-evident with each passing day. Our government already persists in labeling those who oppose everything from the banker bailout, to the FEDERAL RESERVE, as "radicalized" homegrown extremists. Perhaps, it might be rightfully said; that if any combustible material is stern about our nation, it is they who sought to scatter it so carelessly.

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THE COMMITTEES OF SAFETY

The original Committees of Safety were composed of actual members of the States' legislatures, generally, recognized activists and other leaders within the States who were appointed to the Committees by the legislatures to serve as the legislatures' agents and advisors, and to carry on the legislatures' work during recesses. The Committees were never independent of the legislatures and never carried out any plans that were not approved by the legislatures.

The chief concern of the Committees was the safety of the public: "to put the territory under their supervision in a state of defense and maintain it there effectively." [Agnes Hunt, The Provincial Committees of Safety of the American Revolution (Cleveland, Ohio: Western Reserve University, 1904), at 161.] The Committees also tried to fit their plans and activities into a broader pattern suitable for the States as a whole, by frequent communications among themselves.

Overall, [t]hese men gave their time and strength willingly to the cause and worked untiringly for the defense of their province. Often no pay was given them, often they were obliged to take depreciated paper.

It was no easy task that the Committees undertook. They were obliged to overcome the inertia that attends the starting of any movement, to contend against incredulity, fear, and discouragement until they could make results justify their acts. The Committees placed [defense of public] on an effective basis, and the state government merely continued the work it had begun. [Hunt, at 156]

Although the modern Committees of Safety are not groups specifically commissioned by their State legislatures, they are performing a function equivalent to, and as important as, those of the original Committees of Safety; namely, advising State legislators on the Constitutionally correct manner in which to structure "security of a free State." Moreover, at this time, the Committees of Safety are the only groups performing such a function inside or outside of any State's legislature.

The Committees of Safety is a national organization. They are composed of Americans from all walks of life who volunteer at the local community level, neighborhood, town, city, county, and state, and exercise their Constitutional rights of association, speech, and petition through non-partisan, non-violent, public education and legislation and legislative activism for the purpose of restoring a "Constitutional system of security and defense," in their own states, what the Constitution declares as "necessary to the security of a free State" throughout the United States. To this end, the Committees of Safety:

- 1. Organize activists and concerned citizens to attend town, county, and State Committee of Safety meetings;
- **2**. Build a coalition of others within their community, including State representatives and State senators, to attend their meetings and become members of the Committees of Safety;
- **3**. Form sub-committees to work on the most pressing security issues for the State (for example.: 1. Security of our money, 2. Security and preparedness for natural or manmade disasters, and 3. Security of our vote count, etc.);
- **4**. Circulate petitions in their communities which call for a "Constitutional system of security and defense for a free State;"
- 5. Propose, and where possible actually draft, model legislation.

All of this is to be accomplished one State at a time, restoring the system of community defense crucial to a "Republican Form of Government," in each State through the efforts of the people themselves -- true "government of the People, by the People, and for the People."

For more information or to join the "Committees of Safety" please visit: http://CommitteesOfSafety.org.

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Speed-Healing & Applied Lymphology by Dr.C.Samuel West At some point, American school children are all taught about the

Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

They are drilled on the First Amendment.

They may have seen Schoolhouse Rock, with fun animation, catchy

tunes, and lyrics from the Preamble to the U.S. Constitution: "We the People..."

By Paula Bradley

Sadly, by the time we are adults, much of this is forgotten. Many Americans can name Freedom of Speech, and perhaps Freedom of Religion; some remember the right to bear arms even amid gun control measures. And thanks to television crime dramas, most can spout "I plead the fifth!" Or "I want a lawyer!"

What about the Tenth Amendment? How many Americans can remember what that one says, let alone what it means? The Tenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution reads: "The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people."

That Amendment is making news because, according to the website "Tenth Amendment Center," as of May 1, 2009, 35 states have proposed resolutions or similar bills in their state legislatures affirming their rights of State Sovereignty under the Tenth Amendment.¹ The website includes links to state legislature websites for bill status and updates.

All the resolutions have a common theme: the states are demanding that the federal government cease mandates that are beyond the scope of constitutionally delegated power. In others words, if it is not enumerated in the U.S. Constitution, then Congress should leave it up to the individual states. It's essentially a line in the sand, "Your power ends here, and the rest is up to us." The Founding Fathers understood this age-old struggle, and included the Tenth Amendment in the Bill of Rights to address it.

To understand the intent of the Founders and the historical precedent regarding state sovereignty, you can look at several historical documents,

beginning with the Declaration of Independence. The last paragraph of the Declaration says: ". . . That these United Colonies are, and of Right ought to be, FREE AND INDEPENDENT STATES."

The Articles of Confederation, drafted in 1777, preserved the independent sovereignty of each state. Article II reads: "Each State retains its sovereignty, freedom, and independence, and every power, jurisdiction, and right, which is not by this confederation expressly delegated to the United States, in Congress assembled."

By 1787, state delegates attempted to correct some problems with the Articles of Confederation, yet ultimately they were abandoned in favor of a brand new Constitution. The state delegates at the constitutional convention granted specific and limited powers to each branch of the central government. Several delegates, wary of a too-powerful central government, felt it did not reserve enough power for the individual states. Consequently, only 39 of the 55 delegates who participated in the convention actually signed the finished document.

During the ratification process, the Anti-Federalists published letters raising concerns about the rights of states under the new Constitution. One letter says: "...as to powers, the general government will possess all essential ones, at least on paper, and those of the states a mere shadow of power. And therefore, unless the people shall make some great exertions to restore to the state governments their powers...the balance cannot possibly continue long, but the state governments must be annihilated, or continue to exist for no purpose." 2

So, the Bill of Rights was added as a way to satisfy the Anti-Federalists who felt the rights of the individual States, and citizens of the States, needed specific protection.

In 1798, The Kentucky and Virginia Resolutions, drafted by Thomas Jefferson and James Madison respectively, again re-affirmed state sovereignty. The Kentucky Resolution reads: "...the several States...are not united on the principle of unlimited submission to their general government; but... delegated to that government certain definite powers, reserving each State to itself, the residuary mass of right to their own self-government and that whensoever the general government assumes undelegated powers, its acts are unauthoritative, void, and of no force."³

In 2009, state legislators are tired of what they feel has been a subtle encroachment of their state sovereignty, and the resolutions are intended to send a strong message to the federal government. For example, in Alaska, HJR 27 passed Alaska's House and Senate unopposed.⁴ Alaska does not require the governor to sign resolutions.

In Oklahoma, a joint resolution (HJR 1003) passed both the house and the senate, yet it was vetoed by Democratic Governor Brad Henry. Part of Gov. Henry's veto message reads: "HJR 1003 also implies that the state should reject federal tax dollars paid to Washington, DC, by Oklahoma citizens, an act that would prevent our tax dollars from being used in Oklahoma to address critical needs in transportation, education, health care, law enforcement, veterans programs, and many other vital services beneficial to our state."⁵

While the highest law of our land clearly defines the right of states to retain sovereignty on issues not delegated to the federal government, many states have been reluctant to bite the hand that feeds them. Claiming sovereignty for your state may mean a reduction in federal dollars for your state, and that doesn't go over well with voters. Until now, state legislators have been willing to overlook, to some degree, the violation of their state's sovereignty in exchange for federal dollars. Yet states may have reached the tipping point.

Pennsylvania State Rep. Sam Rohrer (R-128th Dist.) said in a video statement: "Before there was ever a federal government, there were sovereign, individual states. Over time ... the federal government, seeking to grow, as most governments tend to grow, (sic) have become increasingly involved in activities that have been reserved to the states, being involved in such things as education, health care ... And now, in these times of economic distress, many states, including Pennsylvania, do not have the money to pay the cost of all the programs that are in place."⁶

Pennsylvania's SR 51 and HR 95 are both in committee as of May 3.7

Michigan State Sen. Jud Gilbert (R- 25th Dist.), supports the sovereignty resolution in Michigan, SCR 4, which has bipartisan sponsorship. "There are a lot of strings attached to stimulus money that would require changes in policy for the future," he said in a telephone interview. One example, according to Sen. Gilbert, is the stimulus money that would pay for expanded unemployment benefits for two years, yet would require the state to continue paying for those benefits from its own budget beyond that time. Other issues that the resolutions are designed to address are Real I.D., or enhanced drivers' licenses, health freedom, educational freedom, and gun ownership.

Organizations that support strict constitutional government, like the nonpartisan Campaign for Liberty, are encouraged by the state sovereignty resolutions. Tony DeMott, Campaign for Liberty's Interim State Coordinator for Michigan, used this analogy to explain the problem: the states are like parents who agree to let their children use the family car, as long as the children meet certain conditions. If they do not, the responsible parents take away the keys. The federal government has not upheld its end of the bargain, and we must take back the keys.

Texas Gov. Rick Perry, a Republican, ignited controversy in April when he spoke at an anti-tax "Tea Party" rally. He said that officials in Washington have abandoned the country's founding principles of limited government, the federal government is strangling Americans with taxation, spending, and debt, and suggested Texans might at some point get so fed up that they would want to secede from the union.⁸

One of the ultimate rights of a Sovereign State, albeit an extreme one, is the right of secession. But thanks to President Lincoln, the Civil War, and the Pledge of Allegiance, most people think that secession from the Union is unthinkable.

U.S. Congressman Ron Paul (R-Texas), in his 04-27-09 column "Texas Straight Talk," reminds us that "America was born from an act of secession." Dr. Paul feels the possibility of states seceding from the Union would act as a deterrent to the federal government against violating states' rights. "Secession is the last resort of states whose sovereignty is over-ridden by an overreaching federal government," he said.⁹

Paula Bradley lives in Michigan, where she is active in Campaign for Liberty of Saint Clair County.

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The Secret Congressional Meeting: A Glimpse From Then to Now?

March 13, 2008 – a date that may not have much meaning to most Americans, yet to me it SCREAMED the future, and what it holds for us all. This secret meeting was one of only four such secret meetings ever held by the Congress. As this meeting was announced on the House Floor, several Congress members questioned the reasons behind this meeting and why it had to be kept mum. The most notable was Dennis Kucinich, who refused to attend. Several members were concerned over what they heard. Some of the information was leaked to warn the people:

- 1) The imminent collapse of the U.S. economy to occur sometime in late 2008.
- 2) The imminent collapse of the U.S. Government finances in mid 2009.
- 3) The possibility of Civil War inside the United States as a result of the collapse.
- 4) The advance round-ups of "insurgent U.S. citizens," likely to move against the government.
- 5) The detention of those rounded up at The REX 84 Camps constructed throughout the United States.
- 6) The possibility of public retaliation against members of Congress for the collapse.
- 7) The location of facilities for members of Congress and their families to reside during massive civil unrest.
- 8) The necessary and unavoidable merger of the U.S. with Canada and Mexico, establishing The North American Union.
 - 9) The issuance of a new currency called the Amero for all three nations, as an economic solution.

You know who you are. You've spent years researching, learning, and trying & failing, in your debunking attempts. You've spent hours, days even, in front of a computer screen, reading, watching, listening. You've gone from having a niggling suspicion that something is wrong, while half-listening to the news, to jumping up and down and screaming every time you turn on the television or radio. You've alienated family and friends by your reclusiveness. You've gone down the rabbit hole, only to emerge blinking in the sunlight of truth and justice, eager to spread the knowledge of what you've learned to be right and ethical.

...and then you blog. ...and then you post a link on Facebook. ...and then you listen to an Alex Jones

podcast. ...and then you jump up and down some more in your living rooms wearing your PJs. ... and then, for the hundredth or thousandth time, you cheer and cry and rant while listening to speeches and watching videos involving Ron Paul or Tom Woods or Aaron Russo. ... and then you throw a shoe or a remote control or a toothbrush or a banana at television images of Bill O'Reilly or Keith Olbermann or Chris Matthews or Barack Obama or George W. Bush or Karl Rove or ... You get the picture. It's amateur hour in the Patriot movement!!

All of the above activities are admittedly, somewhat satisfying, cathartic, even. I've done them, most Patriots have. Don't feel bad. However, more is needed, and it's needed from ALL OF US, RIGHT NOW. Keep throwing and screaming and jumping and ranting in the comfort of your own home. Remember, however, that your couch is inanimate, it cannot be moved to action and its opinions are non-existent. It cannot hear your common-sense approach to the world, nor can it appreciate the truth that speaks to your soul. Your dog, while it probably enjoys the jumping because you look silly, will not join the Revolution because of your persuasive, passionate responses to Robert Gibbs' latest flippant remark at a press conference. In short, no one can hear you when you're alone, expressing what you already know to your apartment/compound/house/bunker walls. So, when you've gotten all of that private seething out of your system, turn your television and computer off, put on your favorite freedom-related message shirt and GO DO SOMETHING.

Armchair activism is one of the unfortunate side-effects of the technological age. Most of my generation has become involved in this movement through the Internet and find it the quickest, most immediately gratifying way of becoming an "activist." Since part of the word "activist" is, however, "active," it appears that more is needed from US. Yes, YOU and I!

As you've probably noticed, this article is not entirely Libertarian in nature. I'm bossing you around. I'm calling you out. I admit it. It's awkward. Stings, doesn't it? I know it does, because I'm calling myself out, too.

We're creative. We're intelligent. We care deeply about this movement. Some of us are excellent speakers, some powerful writers. Some of us can argue our way out of an impossible discussion and emerge victorious. You know this. I know this. We need you and your brains and your ideas and your passion on the front lines of this Revolution, not in the safe confines of your home. Pick your issue. Are you passionate about ending the Federal Reserve and restoring sound money? Awesome! Do you want to alert your oblivious neighbors about the encroaching police state? Fabulous! Do you have an uncontrollable desire to spread the word about 9/11 Truth?

> Tremendous! Do you want to help a liberty-minded citizen running for office in 2010 or 2012 succeed? Couldn't be happier! Hell, do you want to run for office yourself? Even better!

You're not going to do it sitting on your couch, ranting. We're going to have to talk to people. I know, I know distasteful, offensive, repugnant. Sorry, yet it's true. In this fight, we're going to have to have difficult conversations, IN PERSON, with people we fundamentally disagree with, and with some whom we even loathe. So what? You probably have to do that in your job, or on the phone with customer service every day. Yet now, you can do it about a topic which you've researched and know backwards and forwards. If you're anything like me and a lot of my friends, you've had actual arguments WITH YOURSELF, so as to ensure that you know what you're talking about. Put it to the test. Get on the street, hand out flyers, get people to sign petitions, demonstrate, protest, and join Restore the Republic, so that your time and energy is being harnessed in a useful, positive direction that we can use in this fight.

If you can get out and do something and just haven't yet, start by joining the social networking site: www.RestoretheRepublic.net. Here you can connect with other Patriots and plan to go out and do something in your area. Remember; they already know the truth.

Therefore, imagine, plan, execute said plan, and GO DO SOMETHING. I promise, your couch won't miss you. If you can't get out and take direct action in this movement for whatever reason, we even have something that you can do right now! Go to: www.SponsorAPatriot.org and, well, sponsor a Patriot! By doing this, you will give a member of this movement who has lots of time, yet minimal funds, the privilege of being your surrogate activist.

Have you ever read the following in an account of the Revolutionary War?

November 25, 1783

Dear Journal:

Today, the last of the British troops left our beautiful United States of America. Whew! What a long, difficult 8 years! It was so bloody loud with all the cannons and dying soldiers' screams everywhere. I sure am glad that I stayed on my farm, because now I am alive and can really enjoy my new, free country. Sure, I knew that that pesky King George was up to no good, taxing us without representation, and forcing us to be loyal to a corrupt, maniacal monarchy. And, yeah, I was mad after the Boston Massacre and proud after the Tea Part. But I just figured it would be best if I talked to my wife and young daughters about those things every single night in a loud, passionate voice instead of helping my burgeoning country grow. Hey, let's face it, I have no real talents, and I'm kinda shy, and real bad with a gun. I thought I'd better leave it to the professionals. You know, the other farmers and merchants who knew what they were doing.

Well, I hear the celebration starting outside! I'd better go help my countrymen bask in the glory of our newfound Republic!

Sincerely, Samuel Freeloader

Nope. I didn't think so. Have you ever read this?

"When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights; that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness. That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed; That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness."

The first entry? That's some of us. There will be nothing noble in saying in one year, or 10 years, or 20 years, either after this Revolution is successful, or we end up in FEMA camps, that we did nothing to help it along or stop the tyranny. There's nothing honorable in celebrating victories for which other people worked and sacrificed. Freeloaders are weak. Don't be a freeloader.

The second entry? You know it. You love it. It's the Declaration of Independence! You know, that little document that Thomas Jefferson wrote which officially began the Revolution? Sure, a lot of people didn't like the Declaration or Jefferson himself. "Loyalists," these naysayers called themselves. Do you think he cared? Evidently not! We shouldn't care, either, about people who are blindly loyal to an unethical government or deceiving, charismatic leader. We know our rights, we understand the facts, and we see the truth around us. Be a Jefferson, not a Freeloader!

Don't wait for orders from headquarters! Ride towards the sound of the guns! Right... NOW!

I am "The People"

Illinois native Kurt Kallenbach is gravely concerned about what is happening to his country. Like many others, he believes our political leaders in Washington, D.C. are not just failing us, they have become completely anti-American in their activities. Unlike most others, he has decided to do something about it, one step at a time.

On May 30th, Kurt "Walk" Kallenbach, 48, walked out the back door of his Rockford home, bound for the true source of America's misery, Washington D.C. He is on a One Man March Against Tyranny.

"Due to the political assault on the Declaration of Independence, The United States Constitution and, most importantly, Individual Rights, I have decided to take a walk from my little green house in Rockford, to a large white house in the Kingdom of Washington D.C.," said Kallenbach. "I feel that the time has come for the American People to aggressively remind all those holding elected office, that it is we, "The People," not they, "the elected," who ultimately decide the fate of this wonderful country."

It is becoming more apparent with each passing day that this country's new political regime has no tolerance for the patriotic activities of the American People. Yet, even the massive, fear- based propaganda machine assembled by our current anti-American, Chicago "thugocracy," cannot "quiet" regular American guys like Mr. Kallenbach. "There are at least 100 million Americans out there who feel the exact same way as I do," stated Kallenbach. "These are real people, normal people, from all walks of life," he added.

"Ultimately," said Kallenbach, "my walk is to help remind the American People that we can terminate the political CANCER within our government, anytime we want."

If you could "host" Kurt and his wife Debbie for an evening, please contact him ASAP at Cell: 815-601-5555 or e mail: walkthetalk.us@gmail.com. Cash donations will only be accepted via PayPal at their e-mail address. All profits from "Walk-the-Talk" gear sold at: www. walkthetalk.us, will help defray the expense of the walk only.

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Dedicated to restoring Constitutional government to the United States of America

~ Ron Paul on Secession ~ _____ BY MICHAEL NYSTROM _____

The very foundation of freedom is voluntary association. This fact seems to have been lost on the corporate media and the American people themselves when Texas Governor Perry suggested that Texas reserves the right to secede from the Union. Perry was not, mind you, calling for secession. He merely stated that Texans might, one day, get so fed up with Washington's meddling that it would want to secede. This started a corporate media frenzy, denouncing the idea of secession as un-American, even calling it treasonous to suggest such a thing. So much for the land of the free and voluntary association.

In a YouTube video addressing the issue, Ron Paul defended secession as a fundamental American issue, noting that this is how our great country came into being. Have we forgotten that it was the original 13 American colonies that seceded from the most powerful empire on Earth, the once mighty British Empire, to form the United States of America? Dr. Paul's position is that secession is a legitimate issue that should remain open for debate, noting that all of the states that came into the Union prior to the Civil War believed that they had the right to secede. In the early 19th Century, New England openly considered it, and no one questioned their right to do so. In the early 20th Century, President Wilson drove America to war with the claim that every nation has the right to self determination. In the late 20th Century, when nations began declaring their sovereignty from the former USSR, Americans were delighted by the act of free people around the world exercising their right of self determination.

So why do so many Americans react negatively to the idea of secession? Dr. Paul points out that for as long as he can remember, school children

(including himself) have been compelled from a very early age to recite daily the Pledge of Allegiance by the public school system. The Pledge preaches the idea of an indivisible nation. Having so been indoctrinated, there is little chance that Americans would ever think to question it. What many people don't know is that the Pledge came into existence over 100 years after the founding of the Republic, in 1892. It was written by Francis Bellamy, an avowed socialist, who wanted to solidify the principle of indivisibility into the minds of Americans. Apparently, he succeeded.

However, the possibility of secession remains important as it acts as a counterweight to excessive powers of the federal government. "We came together voluntarily," says Paul. "A free society means you can dissolve it voluntarily." In the absence of that threat, our central government has grown larger and more intrusive, overburdening states with excessive rules and regulations. We have all suffered the consequences as a result. While secession might not be seriously considered today, one day in the not too distant future it will likely become very serious. When the dollar collapses and the federal government is no longer able to fulfill its myriad obligations, the issue of the states' right to secede will resurface with a vengeance. Now is the time to begin thinking about it and discussing it. "It doesn't mean that you're un-American to even contemplate what might have to be done once the dollar crashes," says Dr. Paul.

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"You do not examine legislation in the light of the benefits it will convey if properly administered, but in the light of the wrongs it would do and the harms it would cause if improperly administered."
- Lyndon B. Johnson (1908-1973), 37th US President (1963-1969)

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What Can One Man Do? BY ROLAND MORIN

When I received this assignment to write on the title, "What one man can do," I immediately thought about what one crazy man can do to a nation -- men like Hitler, Hussein, and Bin Laden, to name a few. These men and others have destroyed people and nations throughout history. I began to think how one man is able to light a spark in a forest and as a result, burn down thousands of acres of land.

During the first American Revolution, there were many men who probably struggled with this same question, "What difference can I make?" Imagine if Thomas Jefferson, or let's say John Adams, did not have a hand in our history. Where would we be today? One man can do a lot. One man's actions will always affect other men's actions. An action always gets a re-action. This is a simple rule.

As our nation is experiencing turmoil in our economy, and the results of a socialistic agenda by our present administration, I am reminded of all the great men and women who will rise to the occasion and make a difference for others.

You may ask yourself this question, "What can I do?" The answer is, one man standing up for a cause can ignite a thousand to action. Look at the effect Martin Luther King Jr. had on his followers.

As this second American Revolution is unfolding, everyone will have a role. We need to find our place, get involved, and settle that nagging question in our mind: "What can one man do?" The answer is, "a lot!" Remember, "If you do not stand for something, then you stand for nothing." For more information, go to: www.freedompug.com.

Restoring America. One County at a Time.

Citizens Grand Juries are to be formed in every county in America for one specific purpose, to hold our Public Servants Accountable to their Oath of Office. Similar to the recent indictments by State Citizens Grand Juries, this effort goes to the grassroots level, where the real power is.

Leading this effort is Gerry Donaldson, Central Texas Director for Grassfire.org's "Patriotic Resistance" at: www. resistnet.com, is a Constitutional Scholar, author, lecturer, activist, and radio show host, for "Our Constitution: Foundation and Principles" on Patriots Heart Network at: www.patriotsheartnetwork.com.

On Memorial Day, 2009, Gerry spoke to a crowd on the Capital steps in Austin, Texas about coordinating this effort to set up Citizens Grand Juries across Texas and the rest of the nation.

The right to hold public servants Accountable to their Oath of Office, has not been used in this manner for over 120 years. It is time to resurrect the Citizens Grand Juries to restore America to the founding principles our forefathers intended.

Utilizing the Resistnet network, the 912 Project, Tea Party, Meetup groups, and many other like-minded organizations, Gerry will be "teaching the teachers" on the step-by-step process of setting up a Citizens Grand Jury in every county across America and issuing "presentments" and "indictments" against public servants who have violated their Oath of Office.

At the city and county levels, ads will be placed requesting jurors. In addition, the ads will include a request from citizens for "hard evidence" that a public servant has violated their Oath of Office. This will generate thousands of potential indictments and give teeth to our efforts to restore America to its Constitutional foundation.

Each Citizens Grand Jury requires only 25 people in each county for legitimate proceedings. There are judges, prosecutors, and even the Connecticut legislature, have all recognized the power and right of the people, and given credibility to our right to join together for this purpose.

Gerry's main web site is at: www.drawaline.org, where you an find out more information about this very important method of Restoring America - One County at a Time!

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