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## EXCLUSIVE STORY BY JOHN BUJAK WHY I WANT TO BE IDAHO'S NEXT GOVERNOR



The central focus of my campaign is simple: Take Idaho back from the lobbyists and special interests groups who have left our state's economy and education system in a shambles, and give Idahoans a voice in their government again. The only way to accomplish this objective is to vote for something other than politics as usual. The people of Idaho cannot keep voting for members from traditional political parties, people who make the same promises every election cycle and never follow through, people who are beholden to special interests (including the influence of the national Republican and Democratic parties) and expect to see any significant change in government. Instead, the people need to look to an alternative candidate who has an ability to bring people together in the spirit of doing what's best for the people and a history of getting things done. I am that person.

When I took office as the Canyon County Prosecutor in January of 2009, I started to make sweeping changes for the better. I created and joined task forces to deal with prevalent criminal law issues such as gangs, drug dealing and sex crimes against children. I worked to expand the roles of specialty courts including specialty courts to address juvenile crime, drug courts, veteran's court and mental health court. I made the operations of government more efficient by creating a "paperless" prosecutors office. The net effect of these changes was that the crime rate decreased, the quality of justice was increased, and taxpayers were saving money.

Some of the decisions I made while in office were controversial. For example, I reopened the Sarah Pearce case when the Idaho Innocence Project presented compelling evidence of Pearce's innocence (this story was recently featured on Dateline NBC). I was the only prosecutor in the state who spoke out in favor of allowing a person to challenge a conviction based on DNA evidence at any time. The other prosecutors in the state argued that there should be a one year limit on introducing this kind of evidence, but I believed that there should be no expiration date on getting to the truth. By far the most controversial thing that I did while in office was related to a contract to prosecute misdemeanor crimes for the City of Nampa.

It was my vision to create a unified prosecutors office in Canyon County. Cities in Idaho have the ability to contract with private law firms to do their city misdemeanor prosecution. It made sense to me that the city prosecution should be brought under the umbrella of the county prosecutor's office to take advantage of an economy of scale in order to improve the quality of justice and cost taxpayers less money. A county prosecutor can bid on city prosecution contracts with the unanimous approval of the county commissioners. I presented my plan to the commissioners and they agreed to let me bid on the Nampa City contract. I won the bid. In the process, I took the contract from a local law firm (Hamilton, Michaelson & Hilty).

By taking on the Nampa City contract, I saved the taxpayers over a million dollars. I locked in a yearly rate for the services (that I guaranteed would not change as long as I was in office) which created a substantial savings over the amount that would have been paid to a private law firm. I also made the Nampa City office paperless, allowing the Nampa Police to transmit all information electronically saving even more money. I did not have to hire new employees because the use of technology allowed my deputies to be able to handle more cases. Government became smaller, better, and more efficient.

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Since my deputies were working harder, I asked the County Commissioners to give them raises which were funded entirely by the Nampa contract money. The Commissioners agreed. I also paid the County monthly for sums I was billed for any County resources which were used to perform my duties under the contract and paid the other hard costs of running the Nampa office.

The law firm from which I had taken the contract was not happy because they lost a lot of money. They used a "stalking horse" to come after me and create a political debacle. The stalking horse was current Nampa Mayor Bob Henry. Henry filed lawsuits and created a stir in the press because the law firm backing him did not believe I was entitled to profit from the Nampa contract. That simply was not true. The political pressure that Henry brought to bear caused the County Commissioners to demand that I pay over all of the money from the Nampa contract. I refused, so the Commissioners threatened that if I did not resign from office, they would terminate their authority for me to have the Nampa contract, costing my deputies their raises in the process. In response to their ultimatum, I decided to resign.

What followed was a three-year witch hunt that took me through state criminal court, bankruptcy court and the federal criminal court. I defended myself through five trials in three years. At the end of the witch hunt, I was found not guilty of all criminal wrongdoing. My license to practice law was restored, and Canyon County had to pay \$100,000 back to my estate.

While I was fighting the government for my life, the "stalking horse," Bob Henry, was elected mayor of Nampa with the endorsement of the same local paper that vilified me after my resignation. Upon becoming mayor, Henry appointed the editor-in-chief of that paper to serve as his public relations officer (giving her a hefty salary) and took steps to award the law firm that backed him a lucrative city attorney contract with the City of Nampa. The circle of corruption and cronyism was complete.

I have a history of creating effective and financially efficient solutions while in office. I recognize the value of working together to get things done. When challenged by people in power, I do the right thing even when it is not easy or popular. I am not afraid to fight the government when necessary, and when I have to fight, I win. Voters should not let corruption and cronyism continue to run rampant in our state government. The people need a leader who will listen to Idahoans, a leader who will make policy and take action in order to achieve real, measureable, positive results for all Idahoans.

The voters will have a choice in November. They can come out and vote for the Republican or the Democrat and ensure that we are going to get four more years of the same broken promises and politics as usual; or, the people can vote to take Idaho back from lobbyists and special interests and choose a champion who will stand up against government insiders so that Idahoans can have hope for a brighter future. If the people want real hope for a brighter future here in Idaho, then the choice is clear: Vote Bujak for Governor.

Please take a moment and visit my website: <http://www.johnbujak.com/>

## NOT ALL BUSINESSES LIKE COMMON CORE

By Brent Regan



With all the rhetoric touting the imagined benefits of the looming Common Core Standards, perhaps it is time to apply a little critical thinking and examine some of the claims made about Common Core.

'Idaho Core Standards are better than Common Core Standards.' No, Idaho Core Standards are Common Core Standards with the word "Common" scratched out and "Idaho" written in its place. This makes them easier to market to Idahoans but functionally, there is no difference. In fact there is a legal requirement that the state standards cannot vary more than 15 percent from the national standards.

'Common Core Standards were developed by the state governors using a 'grass roots,' bottom-up effort.' No. Imagine Butch and Bobby, Gary and 47 other governors sitting down with their crayons and crafting the new standards. Ridiculous. Furthermore, if it was a communal effort by government employees (politicians and teachers) then the standards produced would be the property of the taxpayers who paid for the effort and the standards as written would be in the public domain. But they aren't. The copyright for the standards is owned by a private company; the company that wrote them.

'47 states have adopted the Common Core Standards.' No, 47 states agreed to accept money offered as a bribe from the Department of Education but most of the states did this before the standards were even written. Common Core Standards were a "Pig in a poke" and accepting the standards was never debated in the Idaho House or Senate. Now that they ARE available for examination it is prudent to go back and reexamine the decision to accept the federal grant money.

'Common Core Standards will improve education.' I would very much like to see ANY empirical evidence that this statement is true. Where were the new standards tested to show that they lived up to the claims? Where are the better students? Can it possibly be true that we are conducting a nationwide generational experiment on our children of an un-tested, un-proven education process? Yes, that is exactly what we are doing. "Change" is synonymous with "different" but it is not synonymous with "better."

'Data collected on our children is secure because we don't use their names.' This claim would be funny if it wasn't such a serious issue. Suppose an agency had access to the test results from your child's school. Now suppose this same agency also had detailed health records for your child. Thanks to Common Core and Obamacare, virtually every government agency AND anyone they contract services from will have access to at least these two databases. Now imagine that someone compares the days a child was absent from class with the days your child visited the doctor. When the pattern matches they can put your child's name next to your child's psychometric and scholastic test data. But you can rest easy because the government has a policy against using this information for personal or political reasons. Don't take my word for it, just ask Lois Lerner.

'Common Core will allow us to compare the performance of students from different states.' No. Common Core does not standardize testing so how students are evaluated can vary from state to state. Imagine the standard was for each student to stack some bricks into a pile 3 feet high but it was up to each state to decide the length of a 'foot'. Political pressure for students to do well would tend to skew the testing and the result may be that a 'foot' in Idaho could be 10 inches long and a 'foot' in Oregon may be only 5 inches long. Without consistent measurement, standards are meaningless.

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By Brent Regan

In a recent editorial, The CdA Press joined Idaho Business for Education in calling for Idahoans to embrace Idaho (Common) Core Standards. So who is behind Idaho Business for Education? IBE has about 80 member businesses, a tiny fraction of the business community in Idaho. The Chairman of IBE is Skip Oppenheimer who also owns a food products consortium (Oppenheimer Companies, Inc.). The IBE Regional Chair for North Idaho is Judy Meyer, who is also a Trustee for North Idaho College. I have spoken to many business owners in the manufacturing and technology sectors who do not see Common Core as a solution to our education problems. They see Common Core as a distraction that threatens to stifle creativity and innovation through the enforcement of standardization.

One thing is certain about Common Core Standards; they are common, making them an attractive target for special interest groups. There have already been reports of labor unions lobbying to make the standards "union-friendly" by emphasizing the advantages and achievements of organized labor. This is only the first salvo in what will be a long battle for the hearts and minds of coming generations.

We all want better performance from our public schools. The Idaho Constitution recognizes that "The stability of a republican form of government depend(s) mainly upon the intelligence of the people." However, intelligence is not just answering a test question correctly. You can train a dog to do that. Intelligence is the ability to be creative, to build on core knowledge and extrapolate into the unknown. While proponents of Common Core Standards claim that these standards will promote intelligence, there is no proof or evidence that this is the case. It is all a theory being proposed by individuals who have an interest in advancing Common Core.

If improvement in education is what we seek, then we need to look no farther than the Coeur d'Alene Charter Academy, one of the top performing schools in the country. Why are we spending so much effort on implementing an unproven and untested set of standards when we have an example of something that works well right here? Let's figure out why CDA Charter Academy works and use that as a model for improvement.

All the arguments for Common Core Standards are based on the assumption that they will improve education. This is an assumption because there is no proof, no evidence, and no studies that show that Common Core will produce the results proponents claim.

To the contrary, over the last four decades, the ever increasing reliance on standards and testing has been accompanied by an ever decreasing level of scholastic performance. If that trend is an indicator of future performance then the adoption of ever more restrictive standards embodied in Common Core will result in a further decrease in true scholastic performance. Unfortunately, since the testing is also new, the true performance will be masked and, before we can even acknowledge it is happening, we are at risk of losing an entire generation to a failed experiment that is Common Core.

Our children deserve better than to be common.

*Brent Regan is a frequent writer for the Gem State Patriot and a former school board member.*

## COMMUNITY GAS FORUM

### NATURAL GAS DRILLING AND YOUR PROPERTY RIGHTS

*This meeting was held on Monday July 7th 2014 at Calvary Chapel, Emmett Idaho.*

*The following information was made available to us courtesy of Grass Roots Southwest Idaho formerly Gem County Tea Party and Concerned Citizens of Idaho.*

What follows are the key points made by the speakers that seemed to be of the most value to citizens trying to decide what they should or should not do.

If you have gas or oil and the mineral rights, there is no need to rush to sign anything. Your offer will likely increase over time and you should have time to consult your neighbors, an attorney and citizens with experience with oil and gas exploration.

You need to know your legal description and whether you own our mineral rights. The County Assessor's Office can tell you how to do the search but will not do the search for you.

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the Idaho Department of Lands (IDL) have on-line resources to search for mineral rights but both suggest you contact them for assistance. ( If your mineral rights are state owned.)

Title Companies do not guarantee mineral rights only surface rights.

The state has leased most or all of its mineral rights including those that exist under other surface owners without notification to those land owners.

Because integration rules currently are related to a section, you should get to know your neighbors in your section. Section is a 1 mile x 1 mile area in the Public Land Survey System. See: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Public\\_Land\\_Survey\\_System](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Public_Land_Survey_System)

Negotiation in a group within your section is a good idea. You should consider retaining an attorney.

Nicholas A. Warden - Associate Attorney - Fisher Rainey Hudson T: (208) 345-7000 E: [naw@frhtriallawyers.com](mailto:naw@frhtriallawyers.com) was at the meeting and has offered to assist Gem County landowners in their efforts.

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Leasing your land will provide short term income, but it may also reduce the value of your property by way of a lien or easement

There is potential degradation of land value, potential loss of use & enjoyment of your private property, water quality and health (people and animals) risks associated with oil and gas wells, pipelines and processing facilities. You should fully understand these risks before signing any lease.

Oil and Gas operators may have exemptions from disclosure about their processes, chemicals used and success or failure rates with wells. You or your group should ask for all the disclosure before signing a lease.

With an attorney, write as many land, water, health and value protections into the lease as possible. A Contract is a two-way street and you have every right to be as protected under the contract as the originator of the contract.

Because there are known water issues in the area regarding Arsenic, Uranium and Nitrates. A baseline collection of samples from wells all over the county should be taken before any drilling occurs. This protects people now from known hazards, it protects the operators from false charges of contamination and it protects the land/well owners if there are issues with the wells. Additionally it would be prudent to conduct a baseline soil test prior to commencement of operations(s).

The USGS can cost share the testing with any taxing entity. Suggestion is that citizens demand the county commissioners assess the companies leasing the land with payment for the county's share of any costs associated with the testing and water quality database.

The county commissioners should also pass assessments or ordinances to protect the citizens and county from impacts related to visual, noise, airborne and water pollution and the county infrastructure.

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### NATURAL GAS DRILLING AND YOUR PROPERTY RIGHTS

Public Meeting: Gem County Oil & Gas Well Ordinance – July 10<sup>th</sup> – 6:30pm – County Courthouse – 3<sup>rd</sup> floor

Citizens need to be involved with the State rules making process.

<http://www.idl.idaho.gov/oil-gas/commission/rulemaking/index.html>

Next Meeting: July 22<sup>nd</sup> – 8:30am – Idaho Capitol Building

They need to contact Bobby Johnson with IDL – [brjohnson@idl.idaho.gov](mailto:brjohnson@idl.idaho.gov) and their legislators with their concerns about the rule making process. Of significant importance is more protection for citizens and private property rights.

Critically important should be a change to the current rule that if 55% of the acres in a section are leased the other 45% of owners can be forced to lease their lands. A process called “Integration” or “Forced pooling” In Wyoming it is 75%.

This was not brought up at the meeting, but I have worked in Texas and Louisiana for Boise Cascade and supported their Oil and Gas operations. I suggest you encourage your legislators to review the laws regarding Oil and Gas exploration and talk with Land Owners who regularly lease their lands for Oil and Gas exploration. In this area the industry is mature and the landowners are well seasoned! There is no sense in Idaho repeating the mistakes of the past.

Meeting

contacts: [www.ProtectGemCounty.org](http://www.ProtectGemCounty.org) and [GrassrootsSouthwestIdaho@outlook.com](mailto:GrassrootsSouthwestIdaho@outlook.com)  
and [jmorton@silverleafidaho.com](mailto:jmorton@silverleafidaho.com)

Our thanks to Tom Munds for his efforts in making this video available. Should you wish to view the entire conference click on the link below.

<http://tommunds.com/videos/>

Respectfully submitted,

Craig Campbell

## HOPE FOR AMERICA?

### June 2014 Northwest Regional Patriot Academy Report By Elizabeth Harris



How far gone is America, really? And is there any hope that the youth of America will get their heads out of their computer games and social dramas enough to actually do something useful for our Nation? These are questions I often ask myself. To be honest, I am ashamed of many in my generation from the clueless college students who are just trying to “find themselves” to the self absorbed twenty something's who “just want to party.” Where is the foundation our founding fathers stood upon? Whatever happened to morals, respect, humility and virtue? Whatever happened to standing on principle, no

matter what your age or what the cost? What I have found, thank heaven, is that these values are not dead! They are very much alive and thriving! Like far reaching roots of a mighty oak tree, a small remnant of virtuous youth of America are steadily working toward returning our country to One Nation under God.

The vast majority of these driven, selfless young men and women whom God is using in America, I met at Patriot Academy. Patriot Academy is an intensive leadership boot camp. Students learn and use leadership strategies, life purpose planning, media relations, public speaking, campaign skills, and the founding fathers philosophy of government. Patriot Academy is the premier political training ground in the nation, teaching youth to effectively lead the change in America. Not “Obama’s change” thank goodness, but real Godly, constitutional change! Founded by Rick Green in Texas over ten years ago, Patriot Academy is now in five states and growing! I first attended this amazing program in 2013 and was completely blown out of the water by the sheer magnitude of quality and effectiveness displayed! Ranging in ages from 15 - 25, students spend a week at the State Capitol participating in vigorous mock legislative processes, hands on character building activities and Christ centered fellowship. Highlights include speakers like David Barton, Krish Dhanam and other renowned patriots who share their wisdom and expertise. Patriot Academy has had, without a doubt, more impact on my life than almost anything else I have experienced. The students are not “teenagers” or “kids” they are young adults pursuing truth and liberty.

They mean business!

This year I have pursued leadership opportunities with Patriot Academy. June 2014, I attended the Northwest Regional Patriot Academy in Idaho and I will also be attending the Arizona and Texas Patriot Academies this summer. While at the Idaho Academy I served as chairman for the Nathan Hale committee and am pleased to say that the students on my committee brought and passed more bills on the House floor than any other committee. Hot topics and bills at the Academy included Term Limits, Sanctity of Life, Sanctity of Marriage, 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment rights and whether or not we should have a Constitutional Convention. Constitutional comedian Brad Stine combined humor and critical thinking keeping everyone in stitches! Thomas Umstatted, a major figure in the fight against abortion, was another key speaker from whom I gleaned much knowledge and useful strategies.

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At the Academy I was honored to be elected as the Speaker of the House for the 2015 Idaho Patriot Academy. It is with great excitement that I fulfill this role and prepare for the time when I will be fighting for Liberty in the actual political arena. I am willing to do whatever it takes to champion Gods truth and defend our inalienable rights. And the students of Patriot Academy will stand with me to do the same. Armed with such fellow comrades, and God at my side, I am not discouraged by the war we are waging or the battles we have yet to fight. On the contrary, I echo Patrick Henry as he famously said,

***“We shall not fight our battles alone. There is a just God who presides over the destinies of nations; and who will raise up friends to fight our battles for us.***

***The battle, sir, is not to the strong alone; it is to the vigilant, the active, the brave.***

***There is no retreat but in submission and slavery!***

***Our chains are forged! Their clanking may be heard on the plains of Boston!***

***The war is inevitable and let it come! I repeat it, sir, let it come.” Patrick Henry***



So as you read this update about the young patriots of our Nation, be encouraged! Although the deadly fog of selfishness and apathy sometimes overshadows us, we have not given up! Nor will we! The Northwest Regional Patriot Academy held an essay contest on the subject “ Why a Republic vs. a Democracy” for a scholarship to next years Academy. I was honored to win this contest. (Elizabeth’s essay was published in last months issue of the Gem State Patriot)

I would greatly appreciate you prayers as I travel to attend the remaining two Patriot Academies this year. And please

continue to pray that Gods will be done in our Country, and that we will not falter as we fight the good fight!

Onward to Freedom,  
Elizabeth Harris

# **Kevin Miller**

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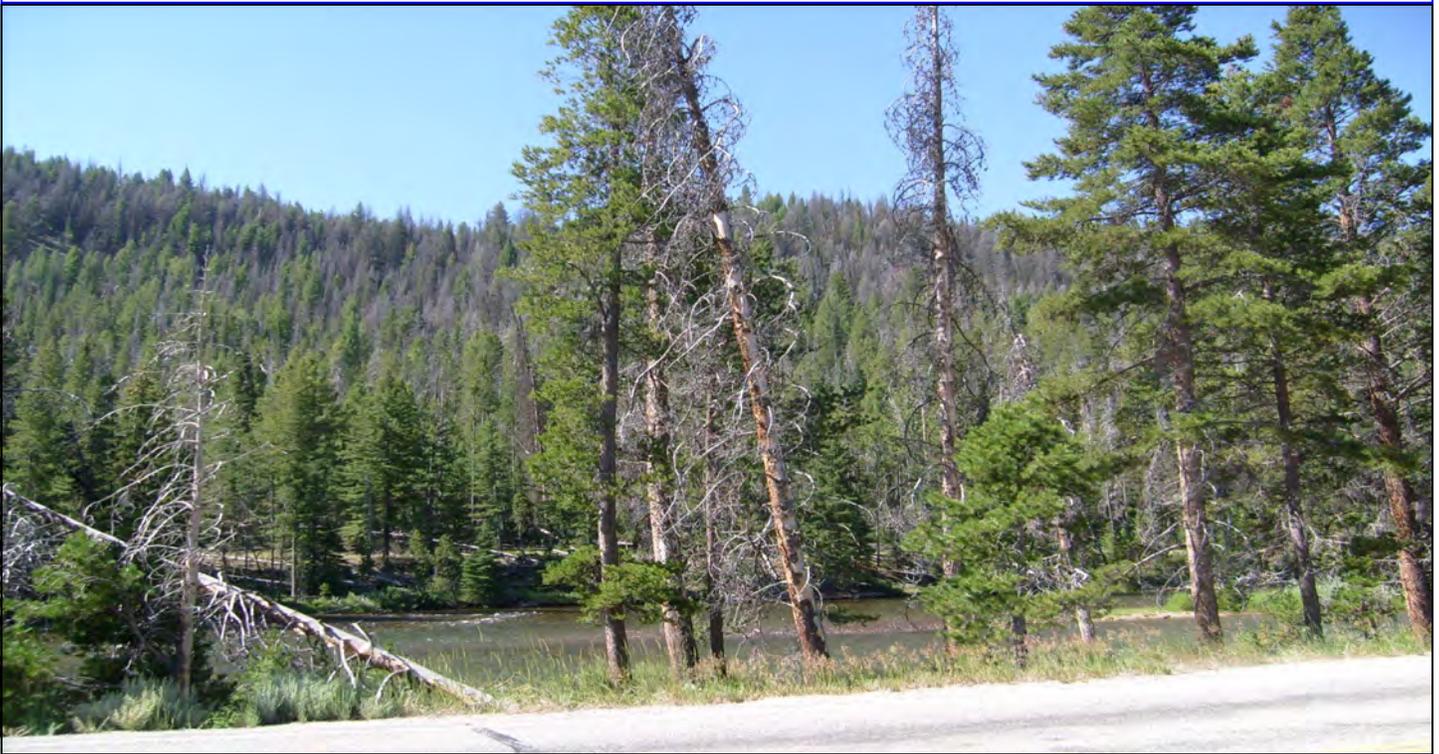
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**YOUR BOULDER WHITE CLOUDS**  
**SAVE THEM FROM BECOMING AN ANTIQUE**



**Take a ride through the Sawtooth National Forest. Look and see what happens when the fed's are in control. Millions of acres of dead trees just waiting to burn. If this is how they manage our land, it's time to take it back, not give them more.**

Dear Patriots,

The long reach from Washington is picking our pockets once again under the false guise of environmental preservation by the anticipated signature of President Obama's name to the "Boulder White Cloud National Monument". It's a dirty rotten shame that Idahoan's must live under the boot of a regime where environmental extremism is the all mighty and all knowing good of the nation. The proposed monument is another monumental disaster for economic opportunity in Custer County and the State as resources are locked up, people are shut out and the balance of power between the State and the Federal leviathan clearly shifts away from Idaho. This federal over-reach must stop if you are to ever believe that Idaho can succeed in providing prosperity for it's citizens. Please help our friends fight against this monstrosity by visiting the web link below from "**Your Boulder White Clouds**", a coalition of Idahoans strongly against this National Monument.

<http://www.yourboulderwhiteclouds.org/>

Please take a moment to sign the online petition as I have and pass this link on for others to do the same. If we do not act now the large well funded environmental groups will make Idaho their own playground leaving little for those of us who cherish the land of our fathers.

Stay informed, stay involved and please help us keep President Obama's fancy penmanship from selling out our Idaho!

In Liberty, Darr Moon

## DEAR "BUTCH"

by Ronalee Linsemann

**This letter is in response to an e-mail sent by Governor Otter supporting the August 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the GOP Central Committee.**

Dear Butch,

Funny that your message (below) actually was automatically put in my 'junk' mail. Surprised me as I have been on your contact list and receive your other messages in my regular inbox. How ironic.

You know I have been a supporter - not just a supporter, but an adamant supporter. When you first were running for Governor, my Mormon family/friends in eastern Idaho held you in low esteem because of the love affair between you and Lori. I talked until I was hoarse trying to convince them that just as the Mormon faith has peculiarities, that we should not make that piece of your life a determination in our vote. And I was happy to see a wedding resolve that hurdle.

Your speeches always inspired me knowing that we shared a love and admiration for Cleon Skousen (I, too, had him as my teacher and still have my diploma signed by him.) and the Constitution

But, I would believe that Cleon would be as disappointed in you - at this point in time - as I am. I have always understood human nature cannot be 'cured' from it's proclivities. Maybe if we had lived side-by-side with the heroes from our past, we would have had to acknowledge more of their human foibles; but you have seared into my psyche the truth: "power corrupts and absolute power corrupts absolutely".

Using the legal advisor Jason Risch does nothing to validate your opinion of the muddle within the Idaho Republican party and allowing the Central Committee to resolve the 'election'. The declaration, prior to adjournment that all officers/platform/resolutions were to remain the same was the definitive decision by all in attendance. I witnessed Risch as he assisted John McGee in seating precinct committeemen during one re-org meeting in Canyon County (prior to the Sandpoint convention show-down). Illegally seating precinct committeemen! Just another confirmation of the deceit and cheating that can be performed via "power" players! (And that process did not even include the illegally seated [college kids that had "put up signs for McGee"] delegates that John McGee paid to transport/house/entertain during the Sandpoint show-down - delegates that didn't even know what a central committee or precinct committeeman was; that McGee did everything but wipe their snotty noses during the votes).

So for you and the lobbyists to have gone to such an effort to unseat the average-guy from precinct committee positions during this last primary election was deplorable and puts you in good company with John McGee. I find it something of a sweet revenge that history will credit you to be the Governor manipulating the monumental 'melt-down' of the Republican Party in Idaho; that you will forever be credited with the spectacle "debate heard-round-the-country" in your effort to thwart a legitimate opponent; that you and your conscience will get to live with the fact you were such a well-loved leader that needlessly lost that love and respect from your constituents.

May the 'esto perpetua' of your personal legacy haunt you for years to come.

Sincerely,

Ronalee Linsenmann

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Response to Consequences and Motives in the July 1st. Issue by Tate Fegley

In it, he strangely conflates immigration reform with the effort to create a transnational union in North America. Before doing so, however, he states several falsehoods and misconceptions about immigration that ought to be addressed.

First, Mr. Loudenback claims, “We don’t need immigration reform, we need immigration laws enforced, our borders secured.” I find it to be a common phenomenon among some conservatives who, on the one hand, fully realize that government has little incentive to perform its job well because it has no competition and cannot be fired (and thus are skeptical of government’s ability to meet its stated goals), also believe on the other hand that in some cases where government fails it just needs more power or to try harder. I can see this cognitive dissonance when it comes to enforcing laws against victimless crimes; correctional officers can’t even keep drugs out of prisons, so what makes people who support the drug war believe that they can stop people on the outside of prison from using drugs? Often the answer from certain conservatives who do not really believe in freedom is to give the government more power and bigger budgets. We see this in the militarization of the police and erosion of our civil liberties and property rights in the name of the drug war. We also see this from those who call for “enforcing current immigration laws” and “securing the borders.” They want to empower the federal government to place unconstitutional requirements on employers such as E-Verify, force state and local police to enforce immigration restrictions (which is unconstitutional under the anti-commandeering doctrine), and further undermine civil liberties by giving law enforcement the power to stop and detain those who don’t “look American.” When people call for the government to enforce laws that are essentially unenforceable, we see growth in the size and scope of government and the power it has over our lives. Mr. Loudenback is entertaining a pipe dream if he believes that existing immigration laws can be enforced. Despite his call to oppose measures that will lead to more control over Americans, there is no way to enforce existing immigration laws without them.

Second, Mr. Loudenback asserts, “The only rational [sic] that makes sense as a motive for this nonsense of softening borders is to prepare for the eventual removal of the borders, transitioning us into the ‘birthing’ of the intended ‘North American Union.’” Right! As if there were absolutely no reason for people to immigrate to the United States (or for others to support their ability to do so) other than to create a North American Union. It couldn’t possibly be the case that the capital accumulated in the US allows immigrants to earn wages several times higher than they can receive in their native country and make a better life for themselves and their families. It couldn’t possibly be the case that children in Central America want to escape the countries with the highest rate of homicides in the Western Hemisphere. No, they just want welfare payments and to create a North American Union.

Lastly, I really do wonder whether Mr. Loudenback or any of the other people who think the vast majority of immigrants are some kind of drain on the public coffers ever even bother to look up some statistics to confirm or deny their beliefs. But even if their assertions are correct, wouldn’t it be far more just and humane to allow immigrants to work and live here legally and close off certain public or welfare benefits to them, rather than force them to stay out? The economic benefits of immigration are not in dispute among serious researchers ([http://object.cato.org/sites/cato.org/files/pubs/pdf/pa732\\_web\\_1.pdf](http://object.cato.org/sites/cato.org/files/pubs/pdf/pa732_web_1.pdf)); if people are afraid of immigrants being a drain on American taxpayers, they should “build a wall around the welfare state instead of the country.”

America didn’t have general limits on who could immigrate to this country until 1924. It is no accident that the periods with the greatest rates of economic growth also had the freest immigration (as well as sound money). Not only do immigrants have so much to gain by being allowed to legally live and work in the US, but so do native-born Americans! If we want to have the highest levels of economic growth and extend the division of labor, not to mention decrease the amount of illegal immigration, allowing more open and legal immigration is necessary.

## LAND BOARD - EXECUTIVE OATH BREAKERS

By Robert Forrey

The executive officers of our State, including Gov. Otter, Sec. of State Ysursa, Controller Woolf, Supt. Of Public Instruction Luna and Attorney Gen. Wasden are required to "...perform such duties as are prescribed by this Constitution and as may be prescribed by law ..." Idaho Constitution Art IV, Sec. 1.

Also, Sec. 5 states, "the supreme executive power of the State is vested in the governor, who shall see that the laws are faithfully executed."

If this is what the Idaho Constitution mandates, one must wonder why the above listed officers, all members of the Idaho Land Board, are not abiding by the very Constitution they took an oath to uphold.

Let me give you an example by quoting Art. IX, Sec. 8 of the Idaho Constitution. "...the general grants of land made by congress to the state shall be... subject to disposal at public auction..." In addition, the Idaho Supreme Court, ruled in Wasden V. Land Board in 2012, the Constitution is one mandatory basis for auctions, while statutory provisions are another. Competitive bidding is made mandatory." "...the Board breached its duty as trustee when it failed to lease endowment lands to the highest bidder in a public auction."

The Court opined that the school endowment will receive the greatest possible amount by holding an auction when leasing endowment property.

Now consider some of the actions of the Land Board members in recent history.

In 2012, the Board leased the Sherm Perry building in Boise to the 10 Barrel Brewing Co. without holding an auction.

At its December 21, 2010 meeting, the Land Board voted to extend and renew the existing cottage site leases for one year through December 31, 2011 without holding auctions, in violation of the Constitution.

Again in 2011, the Board issued new two-year leases for 2012 and 2013 without conducting auctions.

In 2012, the Idaho Supreme Court ruled that all disposals including leases must be conducted by auctions.

On Nov. 2013, the Board extended expired cottage site leases for one year without holding an auction.

In spite of the court ruling, in Feb. 2014, the Land Board offered new leases for cottage sites beginning in 2015. No auctions were announced or planned.

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## **LAND BOARD EXECUTIVE OATH BREAKERS**

**By Robert Forrey**

In a June, 27, 2014, Memorandum Decision, First District Judge Barbara Buchanan wrote, “The Court has recognized that the Board does not have the discretion to grant a lease to an applicant who does not place a bid at auction.”

When our elected leaders ignore their oath and violate our laws and Constitution, I believe it is time to hold them accountable.

The voters of Idaho have another opportunity in November to make at least some changes in our executive branch of government. Here is another reason this is important. Governor Otter is Idaho's chief executive officer and chairman of the Land Board. Mr. Otter believes that we must “expand (the Land Board's) portfolio to include more commercial properties.” He believes that the State Land Board should “Operate a profit oriented business within a government agency.”

Each time the Land Board obtains another private property or business, the size of state government increases, and the property tax base decreases. State government pays no taxes while they compete with the private sector who does.

I don't believe it is asking too much of our elected officials to keep their oath and campaign promises. It's time to hold their feet to the fire.

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## **THREE KINDS OF PEOPLE**

### **By Rich Loudenback**

Three kinds of people: 1. those that don't pay attention to news. 2. those that do and don't give a hoot. 3. and those that do. More specifically: **1. People who are clueless and could care less. 2. People that do unquestionably, accepting all the bias of Big Media including reporting untruths, unverified truth, fabrications and maybe the worst violation of a reporters' duties, not reporting news that would be detrimental to their political interests. 3.** Too few people care enough to question validity and seek out sources reporting truth, facts and all the news regardless of whose politics can be injured. All the complete available facts immediately reported are real news!

**Too much of society tends to believe everything they see in the Big Media, whether it is true or not. Many more have nothing to glean from the news due to Big Media not reporting it.**

### **The Heinous Act of Non-Reporting**

Big Media's scant to non-existent reporting is the norm on many of this nation's most worrisome scandals such as: • IRS attack on Tea Party and conservatives • NSA surveillance of American citizens, • DOJ snooping on the press, • Deceit and Waivers of Obamacare • HealthCare.gov's disastrous launch, • Fast and Furious gun running, • VA's abuse of veterans, • Benghazi - the event and the cover-up, • Census Bureau manipulations, • Bowe Bergdahl-Taliban exchange, • Manipulated jobs numbers • Massive quantities of children from all over the world arriving from Mexico beckoned by what has to be considered an invitation from our president, • as well as our total neglect of the Mexican imprisonment of Marine Sgt. Andrew Tahmooressi. The insidious low level to non-reporting is scandalous itself.

In 2011 Big Media didn't start reporting the events of the Wall Street protests until four days after other countries started reporting the event. Our media tried to hide it.

Understandably it's really tough listening to most 'credibly' reported national news because there is increasingly so much that ticks you off and depressing it's literally overwhelming, and I believe by design. We cannot shirk our responsibilities to our families and our countrymen by not paying attention to all that does and will dramatically affect their future.

### **Legislators Must Get the Facts**

It's bad enough that citizens are not getting factually informed but when legislators are not we are destined for dire straits. For instance when U.S. Senators don't get factual information from news sources, their staff and bias lobbyists (insult intended) they are improperly informed. And if they do know accurate facts and take a position that contrarily would hurt us, God help us.

Again as last month I'm reminded here that our illustrious *U.S. Senator James Risch* replied to one of my emails, **"I fully support the ongoing TPP negotiations and free trade in general.** Free trade has helped make the United States the largest economy in the world. When negotiated and implemented correctly, free trade benefits everyone involved by expanding export opportunities, creating jobs and providing more options to consumers."

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### By Rich Loudenback

#### Some Facts and Nothing But the Facts

Not so correctly, lately Senator Risch. A few facts Senator:

*NAFTA* proponent Gary Hufbauer of the Peterson Institute for International Economics (PIIE) predicted in his 1993 paper “*NAFTA An Assessment*,” “with NAFTA, U.S. exports to Mexico will continue to outstrip Mexican exports to the United States, leading to a U.S. trade surplus with Mexico of about \$7 billion to \$9 billion annually between 2000 and 2010.

**The year before NAFTA we enjoyed a trade surplus of \$1.66 billion.** The first year after NAFTA we had a \$15.8 billion deficit. Increasing greatly every year since, **since 2010 we have been running over a \$60 billion deficit** with Mexico not to mention that **before NAFTA we imported around 225,000 cars annually from Mexico and in 2012 Mexico’s exports to the U.S. has surpassed 1.4 million cars.** Chrysler, Ford and GM transferred major production facilities to Mexico.

Hufbauer also **predicted that 170,000 new net jobs will be created by NAFTA.** In a 1995 interview with the Wall Street Journal he admitted, “**The best figure for the jobs effect of NAFTA is approximately zero...** The lesson for me is to stay away from job forecasting.”

In 2010 the Trade Adjustment Assistance program certified that 720,000 U.S. workers have lost their jobs due to NAFTA.

Professor Robert A Pastor, one of the leading architects of the European Union wrote in Foreign Affairs, the journal of the Council on Foreign Relations: “**NAFTA was merely the first draft of an economic constitution for North America.**”

NAFTA supporter Andrew Reding of the World Policy Institute has written: “With economic integration will come political integration.... One of the purposes of NAFTA and other international trade agreements is to set the principles by which such decisions are to be made, including the critical question of how to “harmonize” differing labor, consumer, environmental, and other standards. **By whatever name, this is an incipient form of international government.**”

Now the endeavor toward ‘our partnering’ is being broadened and expedited through implementation of new foreboding ‘Free Trade Agreements.’ Real FREE TRADE is as it should be, FREE. **These masked agreements are chock full of restricting and illegal regulations that, like our experience with NAFTA, are ruinous to our interests, freedom and sovereignty.**

**What does climate change, sustainable development, internet regulation, homeland security, the military and international courts have to do with trade? Nothing, but its all part of the pending FTA’s.** Critical for our attention RIGHT NOW! are the Trans Pacific Partnership (TPP) and the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP).

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## **THREE KINDS OF PEOPLE** **By Rich Loudenback**

America will likely be dissolved if the two giant FTA's come to fruition as intended. Members of congress are being shut out of negotiations, no press or public participation is being allowed yet corporate lobbyists, other nations and their corporate lobbyists are having full access. The only information to date has been leaked.

*A quote from Daniel Webster is as appropriate here as it was in 1837, "I apprehend no danger to our country from a foreign foe.... Our destruction, should it come at all, will be from another quarter. From the inattention of the people to the concerns of their government, from their carelessness and negligence, I must confess that I do apprehend some danger. I fear that they may place too implicit a confidence in their conduct; that in this way they may be made the dupes of designing men, and become the instruments of their own undoing. Make them intelligent and they will be vigilant, give them the means of detecting the wrong, and they will apply the remedy."*

## **Ada County TEA Party - Meet & Greet Schedule** **Special Guest Speakers**

### **Meridian – Aug. 14<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm - Medicaid Expansion coming to ID.?**

Meet & Greet at 6:30pm for ordering food at Fiesta Guadalajara at 704 E Fairview Ave Meridian ID 83642 in Meridian, ID 888-0161. See [www.AdaCountyTEAParty.org](http://www.AdaCountyTEAParty.org) for more information, including speakers. We have invited, Steve Ackerman (KIDO's Idaho Steve), Bob Neugabauer (KIDO's TEA Party Bob) and Wayne Hoffman of ID Freedom Foundation to speak out on the dangers of expanding Medicaid in Idaho. Come prepared to ask questions & get answers.

### **Kuna - Aug. 28<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm– Local Solutions to NDAA regulations**

El Gallo Giro, Mexican Restaurant, On the Patio. 482 W Main St, Kuna, ID 83634  
(208) 922-5169 6:30 dinner meet & greet. Speakers start at 7pm -- Jason Casella of PANDAA presents common sense solutions to the NDAA and how the public can get involved. A side bar of humor will be meted out by Eric Golub on how to deal with liberalism. We need humor when it comes to liberals.

See [www.AdaCountyTEAParty.org](http://www.AdaCountyTEAParty.org) for more information as it becomes available. Also, please sign up for our email news blasts that go out no more than weekly with reminders for our bi-monthly Meet & Greets coming to an Ada County gathering place near you with programs on issues that affect us all!!!

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## HOBBY LOBBY CASE FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES UPHELD BY THE SUPREME COURT



June's Supreme Court ruling in the Hobby Lobby case was of tremendous importance to the pro-Life movement – indeed, for any American who understands the nation's founding principles. At stake was the question of whether a president of the United States could force private employers, against their wills and conscience, to pay for the destruction of innocent preborn children.

Thankfully, the Supreme Court upheld the sacred principle that the whims of those holding political power do not trump religious freedom. (Remember that the “Obama Mandate” is not the result of legislation duly enacted by the Congress and signed into law by the President – but a gross abuse by Mr. Obama of his executive authority).

It is chilling, indeed, to consider the consequences for America had the Court failed to recognize and uphold the First Amendment, which is the founding notion of this nation.

Among those joining us in celebrating the victory is Dr. David Stevens, CEO of the Christian Medical Association: “We are very thankful that the Supreme Court acted to protect family businesses from government coercion and fines for simply honoring the tenets of their faith. This is a much-needed victory for faith freedoms, because this Administration continues its assault on the values of the faith community. We are witnessing increasing attempts by the government to coerce the faith community to adopt the government's viewpoint in matters of conscience.”

Idaho's Governor Butch Otter also issued a statement in response to the decision, a case in which the State of Idaho filed an amicus brief:

“As governor of one of the states weighing in on this case, I'm encouraged to see religious liberty trumping ObamaCare's headlong rush to impose a contraceptive mandate on the American people. Today's ruling confirms once again that President Obama's policies – when left unchecked – are eroding our Constitutional rights. I remain committed to challenging that misguided course at every opportunity, and I'm grateful to courageous individuals and employers willing to stand up and be counted.”

The governor's acknowledgement of the Green Family is quite appropriate. They are patriots who have stood in the breach not only for the Christian community in America – but for that golden idea which inspired a new and great nation.

While we have much to celebrate in this case, we would be wise to soberly consider the fact that four justices of the U.S. Supreme Court willfully determined that the Religious Liberties protected by the First Amendment amount to nothing more than weak suggestions for a president determined to impose his personal beliefs upon the nation. How very sad. Nor are these justices alone.

Democrats all across the nation have loudly demanded that action be taken to re-impose the mandate. This is a perfect illustration of the fascist impulse coursing through the modern Democratic Party. The organization which claims Jefferson as a founder has turned its back on the central tenet of his political philosophy: limiting the power of central government, particularly in the area of individual conscience and liberty. It is a dangerous turn of history and we must be vigilant to fight modern liberalism at every turn.

By David Ripley , Executive Director at Idaho Chooses Life

## **IDAHO BETTER CARE PLAN**

### **By Senator Steven Thayn**

Several of us are developing an alternative to Medicaid expansion to provide medical care for 70,000 adults that don't qualify for Medicaid or for subsidies under the ACA. This proposal uses state money rather than federal money which allows Idaho to write its own rules for the program.

In my opinion, the greatest threat to American peace and prosperity is the growing feeling of entitlement where people do not feel an obligation to contribute, work and produce but still expect to receive food, clothing, housing, and medical care from government programs. As the number of people increases who feel entitled, the number of productive workers decreases. In time, the few who work will not be able to support the many that do not.

This proposal does several things:

- It provides basic medical care for the 70,000 adults who earn less than 100 percent of poverty yet do not qualify for ACA subsidies.
- It does so with \$60 million rather than the \$1,000 million needed if Medicaid were expanded.
- It creates individual accountability missing from the current Medicaid system.
- It reduces the overall cost of medical care to everyone; not just those on Medicaid.
- It begins to create a culture of productivity where those receiving benefits are expected to contribute
- It creates a feeling of community

Medicaid operates under federal rules that are inflexible, drive up costs, and does not require accountable behavior.

Medicaid is expensive for providers to administer and underpays providers.

Step 1: Eliminate the CAT fund (\$40 million state funds + \$26 million county funds). Only \$60 million is needed so there would be a savings of \$6 million.

Step 2: Provide a Direct Primary Care contract (DPC) for each of the 70,000 adults. The cost would be about \$49 million or \$948 per person per year or about \$79 per person per month. A Direct Primary Care provider (DPC) provides basic medical care for a monthly fee. Two main purposes of a DPC contract would be to provide a medical home and to create a wellness plan.

Step 3: Take the remaining \$11 million and create a fund (Medical Procedures Fund) to pay for medical procedures that could not be done in the doctor's office under a DPC contract. The fund would pay for supplies, drugs, and medical hardware. Donated labor would be sought by establishing a network of doctors and dentists who would donate a procedure or two per month. It is likely that donated services will not fulfill all needs.

Access to this fund (Medical Procedures Fund or MPF) would be gained on a priority/first-come basis as follows or as adjusted as further input is obtained and the program is improved:

The patient that needs a medical procedure needs to be following their wellness plan. If they are not meeting the goals of the plan, they do not qualify.

If the procedure helps the person return to work, the person has a higher priority to receive care.

Remember, this proposal is for uninsured adults. Children are already covered.

1. Not all of the 70,000 individuals would sign up. This would pay for over 51,000 individuals.
2. A medical home is where a patient receives their primary care usually a primary physician.

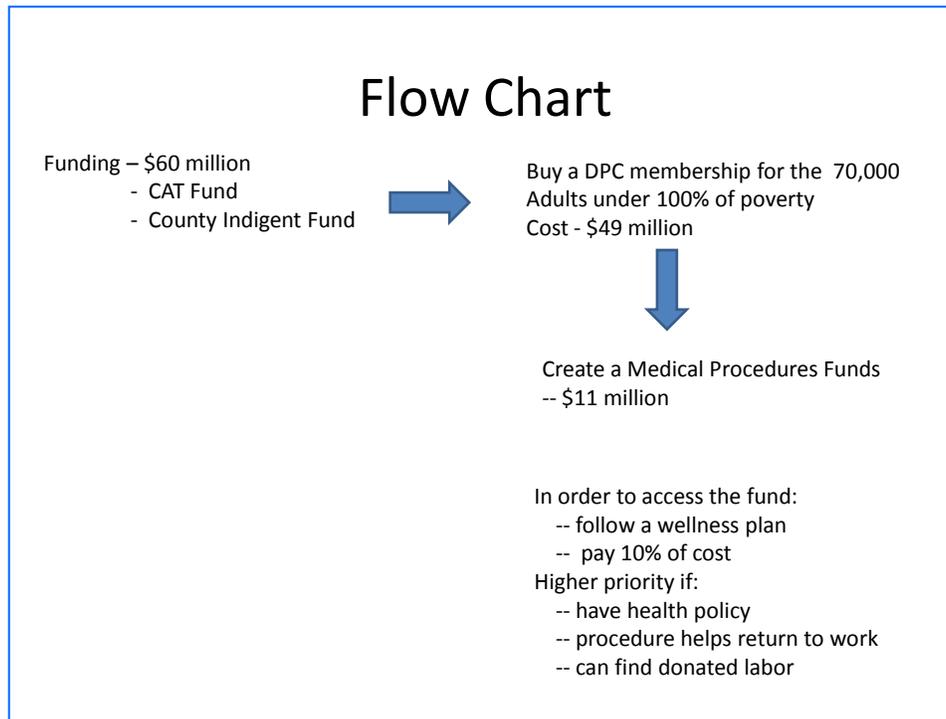
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The person needs to raise at least 10 percent of the funds needed for the procedure. The person could provide their own funds or ask friends, neighbors, or communities groups. This is important to re-create a feeling of community.

If a person with the DPC wellness program is able to find a doctor willing to donate his or her labor, this person will have a higher priority.



### Advantages

The Idaho BetterCare proposal is fairly simple. Now, let's look at some of the advantages of this system.

FiscalRight now in Idaho, the total cost of medical care for all 1.6 million Idahoans is about \$10 billion. According to the Milliman Report, if Medicaid is expanded there will annual cost inflation of between 7.5 percent and 10 percent for the next 10 years which means total cost of medical care will be nearly \$22 billion in the year 2024.

Under the Idaho BetterCare proposal with DPCs and encouragement of the use of Health Savings Accounts cost inflation will be much less or about \$15 billion in the year 2024. This is an annual savings of \$7 billion in 2024; a total cumulative savings of over \$70 billion over 10 years if the Idaho BetterCare approach is implemented.

3. The 10%, for example, may be raised by various 501c3 organizations. In other words, a person may submit need to a group, which group having already raised the funds for general public use may approve. But it requires some action, and perhaps some other commitment on the patient through the nonprofit.

4. Health Savings accounts are to be used for those with private insurance; not those covered by the Idaho Better Car Plan

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If Medicaid is expanded, the Milliman Report says the state will save a paltry \$176.4 million over this same 10 year period. The taxes on the \$70 billion saved and injected into the economy at 5 percent would generate \$3.5 billion in tax revenue or 20 times more positive impact on the state budget than Medicaid expansion.

Fiscal continued: Medicaid expansion will bring into Idaho \$1 billion annually of federal money. By the year 2024, the state must pay 10 percent of this amount or \$100 million per year. The alternative proposal, because it operates outside of federal rules, will only cost \$60 million. This is another \$40 million savings.

Also, Medicaid expansion is funded with borrowed money. This means that each year the Idaho BetterCare Plan will save the federal treasury nearly \$1 billion that will not be passed on to our grandchildren.

### Culturally

America grew and became a powerful nation when the cultural driving force was productivity. Each citizen was expected to contribute and produce. Since the Great Depression and the implementation of federal welfare and entitlement programs, the culture has been changing to one of dependency and consumption where many citizens feel no obligation to work. Many are living off the labors of others. They work the system rather than learn to produce.

A stable prosperous nation requires production. Production requires labor applied to natural resources. In a stable prosperous nation, each citizen produces to his or her capacity as a means of attaining the material goods and services they require. Under an entitlement system, a growing number of citizens view work with disdain and it becomes culturally accepted to attain the material goods and services required by learning how to access government programs.

Medicaid expansion, as presented to the Governor's Medicaid Task Force, continues and reinforces the feeling of entitlement by giving to 70,000 individuals medical care paid for by the federal government (fellow taxpaying citizens). There are no co-pays, no wellness program, and no expectation to get off the program, to work, to produce and to help others in need.

The alternative, on the other hand, provides access to care while having an expectation of action. The Idaho BetterCare plan requires accountability with consequence. If the patient does not follow their wellness program, he does not qualify for help under the Medical Procedures Fund.

There are two ways of being productive. The first is to work and produce. The second way is to reduce expenses and costs. When a person follows a wellness plan, that person reduces costs to others by taking actions that are proven to reduce the overall cost of medical care. The Idaho BetterCare plan instills accountability, consequence, and production back into the social safety net system.

Simply expanding Medicaid does neither.

If we can start changing the entitlement culture in this one area, the possibility exists to apply these same principles to other entitlement programs and America could eventually return to productivity and a feeling of individual accountability.

Finally, requiring the patient on the Idaho BetterCare plan to pay 10 percent of the cost of a procedure creates a feeling of community that expansion of Medicaid does not. The person may not be able to pay 10 percent of the cost of a procedure out of pocket and will need to go to family, church, friend, and community to raise the funds. This requirement creates a feeling of mutual dependency on the community. It creates a feeling of gratitude. The person understands that there are real flesh and blood people that are sacrificing to help them. Unlike with Medicaid expansion where individuals who receive medical care think that the "government" is giving them the care.

### Impact on the Delivery of Medical Care

The Idaho BetterCare plan begins to change medical delivery. It requires the establishment of a system of Direct Primary Care (DPC) where doctors receive income by keeping patients healthy rather

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than pay for procedures of those that are sick. Moving away from fee-for-service to paying for prevention has long been the goal of many medical reformers. This has not happened under the current system. The Idaho BetterCare plan pays doctors about \$700 per year per patient to keep them healthy.

The Idaho BetterCare plan will have up to 70,000 people enrolled in a DPC model of care. This would create a network of providers (primary care doctors, community health clinics, etc.) that would also be available to any Idahoan. The benefit of belonging to a DPC practice is that the person does not have to buy an ObamaCare qualifying policy. This network would be available to small businessman and the self-employed or even those in large insurance groups.

The cost of an ObamaCare qualifying policy is between \$700 and \$1,200 per month or between \$8,400 and \$14,000 per year. The cost of a DPC fee is between \$700 and \$1,200 per year. A DPC system would reduce medical costs by 50 percent or more which would make medical care more affordable to more Idahoans.

The plan to expand Medicaid does not open up the possibility to create a DPC system. The plan to expand Medicaid does not reduce medical costs nor help those not on Medicaid. The Idaho BetterCare plan does.

#### Compare and Contrast

Issue	Idaho BetterCare Plan	Medicaid Expansion
Cost	\$60 million per year	\$1,000 million per year
Personal Accountability	Yes	No
Enforceable Co-pays	Yes	No
Feeling of Community	Yes	No
Creates a DPC system	Yes	No
Who writes the regulations	State	Federal Government
Encourages production	Yes	No
Reduces overall costs	Yes	No
Wellness Plan	Yes	No
Creates Dependency	No	Yes
Total Medical Costs in 2024	\$15 billion	\$22 billion
Reforms Medical Delivery	Yes	No
Empowers the people	Yes	No
Empowers Hospitals	No	Yes
Empowers the bureaucracy	No	Yes
Program run by the county	Yes	No
Program run by the feds	No	Yes
Grows the Tax Base	Yes	No
Reduces National Debt	Yes	No
Strengthens Idaho	Yes	No
Reduces paperwork costs	Yes	No
Impact on insurance agents	Positive	Negative

# DON'T LIE FOR THE OTHER GUY

By Alexandria Kincaid



## Understanding the Straw Purchase Doctrine

Gun owners, dealers, and manufacturers are hard-pressed to learn and keep up with the ever-evolving world of gun laws. Interpretations of the law by our Supreme Court can make it even tougher for law-abiding citizens who want to do the right thing to figure out what “the right thing” is.

Common sense does not always prevail. You might think that it would be ok for one legal gun owner to buy a gun for another legal gun owner from a licensed dealer. Neither person is a criminal, so what's the harm? Well, according to ATF and now the Supreme Court, if you buy the gun as a gift, your purchase is legal. But if you have been given money to make the purchase for the other person, you will commit a federal offense punishable by up to 10 years in federal prison.

The reason is that you have made a "straw purchase". You may have heard about straw purchases and the NSSF's "Don't Lie for the Other Guy" campaign. If not, you can check it out at <http://www.dontlie.org>.

Taking the straw purchase doctrine to the extreme, the United States Supreme Court in *Abramski v. United States*, [http://www.supremecourt.gov/opinions/13pdf/12-1493\\_k5g1.pdf](http://www.supremecourt.gov/opinions/13pdf/12-1493_k5g1.pdf) recently turned a former law enforcement officer into a criminal after he purchased a Glock 19 for his uncle. Both the former cop and his uncle are law abiding citizens who could legally possess a firearm. Well, at least they were before the Court decided this case.

As most gun owners know, when someone purchases a firearm from a licensed dealer, the buyer must complete “Form 4473”, where Question 11.a. asks:

“Are you the actual transferee/buyer of the firearm(s) listed on this form? Warning: You are not the actual buyer if you are acquiring the firearm(s) on behalf of another person. If you are not the actual buyer, the dealer cannot transfer the firearm(s) to you.”

Form 4473 also includes an instruction about the question which states:

“Question 11.a. Actual Transferee/Buyer: For purposes of this form, you are the actual transferee/ buyer if you are purchasing the firearm for yourself or otherwise acquiring the firearm for yourself. . . . You are also the actual transferee/buyer if you are legitimately purchasing the firearm as a gift for a third party. ACTUAL TRANSFEREE/BUYER EXAMPLES: Mr. Smith asks Mr. Jones to purchase a firearm for Mr. Smith. Mr. Smith gives Mr. Jones the money for the firearm. Mr. Jones is NOT THE ACTUAL TRANSFEREE/BUYER of the firearm and must answer “NO” to question 11.a.”

It is important to note that the above "instruction" was created by ATF – it is not written in any law, and the Gun Control Act does not state that a straw purchase is illegal. What the Gun Control Act makes illegal is the transfer of a firearm to a prohibited person, such as a felon or illegal alien.

Mr. Abramski, however, answered yes to Question 11.a even though his uncle had already paid him to buy the firearm for him. He did this because of his status as a former law enforcement officer, which allowed him a discount if he made the actual purchase.

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Unfortunately, the discount was not worth what happened next: He was charged with two federal crimes for violating the provisions of the Gun Control Act for making a false statement “material to the lawfulness of the sale,” in violation of §922(a)(6), and making a false statement “with respect to information required by [the Act] to be kept” by the dealer, in violation of §924(a)(1)(A).

Keep in mind that according to the court and the ATF created instruction on Form 4473, if Abramski had not been paid for the purchase by his uncle, he could have legally purchased the gun for him as a gift. Under current federal law, Abramski could also buy a gun for himself and then resell to his uncle at a later date. He could also buy the gun and then raffle it off as a prize.

But because he received money ahead of time and intended to transfer the gun to another person at the time he bought it, the court is calling the transaction a “straw purchase” and upholding his conviction for violating the Gun Control Act.

In his dissenting opinion, Justice Scalia pointed out the Court’s mistake in its majority opinion:

“That false statement was not ‘material to the lawfulness of the sale’ since the truth – that Abramski was buying the gun for his uncle with his uncle’s money – would not have made the sale unlawful”. In other words, there was no illegal conduct here, just two law abiding citizens in possession of a gun.

This ruling not only affects gun owners, but how licensed dealers will conduct their business in the future. In an upcoming Gun Law Podcast I will speak with one of our local dealers to discuss how this case will affect his business practices.

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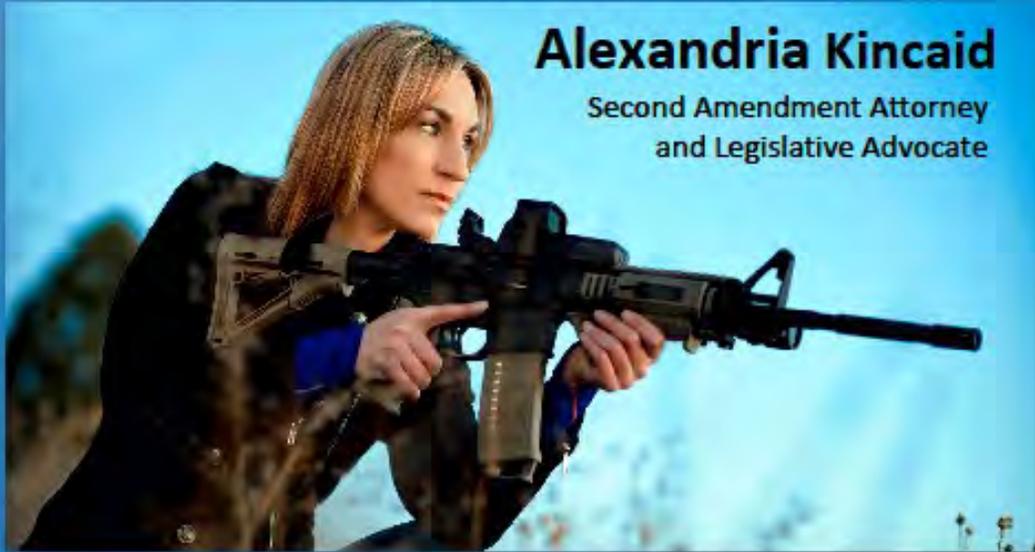
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## Schedule of Events

Friday day - Constitution Class with KrisAnne Hall

Friday evening—Reception/Dinner

Saturday—Regaining control and title to/of all of Idaho's lands.

Doyel Shamley - Jurisdiction (How Apache County, AZ gained control of the lands within its borders.)

Matt Shea - An update on the Bundy Ranch situation

Cornel Rasor—Why Idaho should be on an equal footing with the original states as promised in the Constitution.

Steve Ackerman—The financial side of regaining our lands

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September 26 will be an all day Constitution Class.

September 27, will be guest speakers and a buffet lunch. For further information please contact Pam Stout at [pamwbst@aol.com](mailto:pamwbst@aol.com) .

The RLC's Liberty Expo and Spirit of 76 awards Banquet will be on Saturday October 25th at the Riverside Hotel. We do not yet have a schedule of events or a complete list of speakers but people can look at the [IdahoLibertyExpo.com](http://IdahoLibertyExpo.com) website for example discussion panel topics from last year's expo

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