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- **BALANCED BUDGET WITH LESS FEDERAL MONEY**
- **REPEAL THE IDAHO OBAMACARE EXCHANGE**
- **GENUINE ECONOMIC GROWTH—LOWER TAXES**
- **ELIMINATE CRONYISM FROM GOVERNMENT**
- **RESPONSIBLE MANAGEMENT OF OUR LANDS**
- **MONEY FOR BETTER LOCAL RUN EDUCATION**
- **REPEAL THE GROCERY TAX**
- **PRO 2ND. AMENDMENT RIGHTS & PRO LIFE**



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- **SECURE OUR BORDERS**
- **LOCAL EDUCATION NOT GOVERNMENT IMPOSED**
- **WISE USE OF OUR NATURAL RESOURCES**
- **STOP VOTER FRAUD**

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- STAND AND PROTECT IDAHO'S CITIZENS
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- LIMITED GOVERNMENT
- LAND BOARD REFORM
- MORE TRANSPARENCY IN GOVERNMENT
- GET GOVERNMENT OUT OF PRIVATE BUSINESS
- HARNESS OUR NATURAL RESOURCES
- DEFENDS THE 2ND AMENDMENT - PRO LIFE
- LESS BUSINESS REGULATIONS
- NO FEDERALLY MANDATED EDUCATION
- FREE MARKET SOLUTIONS NOT GOVERNMENT



JOHN EYNON - SUPT. OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

Common Sense NOT Common Core

- PROMOTES IDAHO SPECIFIC STANDARDS
- RESPECT PARENTS RIGHTS & DATA PRIVACY
- RESTORE LOCAL CONTROL DEFEND HOMESCHOOL
- SUPPORTS TEACHERS AS PROFESSIONALS
- MUST WITHDRAW FROM THE "SBAC" TESTING
- GET D.C. BUREAUCRATS OUT OF OUR SCHOOLS
- A RETIRED NAVY COMMANDER
- OVER A DECADE OF TEACHING IN IDAHO COUNTY

**THESE MEN BROUGHT COMMON CORE TO IDAHO
THIS MEANS MORE FEDERAL RULES IN OUR EDUCATION SYSTEM**

IDAHO'S EDUCATION REFORM TEAM



Supt. Tom Luna & Gov. Butch Otter don't NEED the people!

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COMMON CORE, Capstone of the Progressive, Socialist, Reform Movement

By John Eynon (Candidate for Superintendent of Public Instruction)



The idea of a national, centralized educational system is not a “Johnny Come Lately” idea! One hundred years ago the clash of “world views” concerning American Education and the control of our local school systems was as heated then as it has become today. May Woods Simmons is quoted in 1901 in the International Socialist Review, Vol. I, No. 10 periodical, “to outline some of the features of our present educational system, the revolutionary tendency that is now pervading it, and finally the changes that socialism would bring, for in no department of social activity shall we see a greater or more vital revolution than in the methods and object of education.”(1) [i] She goes on to idolize both Horace Mann and John Dewey as great visionaries in bringing International Socialist ideals and principles to the American Educational system.

The esteemed Princeton Professor, Dr. A.A. Hodge is quoted one hundred years ago in combating the movement towards a Nationalized, and Centralized Educational System in America, and particularly in opposition to the International Socialist ideals of Mann(2)and Dewey(3), “I am as sure as I am of Christ’s reign that a comprehensive and centralized system of national education,...as is now commonly proposed, will prove the most appalling enginery for the propagation of anti-Christian and atheistic unbelief, and of anti-social nihilistic ethics, individual, social and political, which this sin-rent world has ever seen”. (4)

Our world view does in fact shape our perspective regarding who should control the educational system in America. The Humanist, Atheist, Internationalist world view promotes the idea that children are the shared responsibility of the State. The Progressive Socialist Reform school, as promoted by Horace Mann and John Dewey a hundred years ago, and now today by the Albert Shanker Institute, Chester Finn, David Coleman, Linda Darling Hammond, Arne Duncan, and President Obama advances the idea that traditional family values, Christian faith, and shared community morals are biases inherent in every child which need to be overcome in order to advance the ideals of creating a person who holds to the precept of Global Citizenship.

The Progressive, Socialist, Reform champions in our institutions of “higher learning” train our executive level school administrators in the art or process of being “Change Agents” for the Reform movement as taught by Dr. Ron Havelock, University of Chicago professor. Mr. Luna’s right hand man in the Idaho Department of Education, Roger Quarles, BSU professor is co-writer of an educational treatise entitled, “Moving Beyond the Killer B’s, The Role of School Boards in School Accountability and Transformation”, by Lauren Rhim.

The following citations are taken directly from the text.

“Engage local school board members as critical stakeholders positioned to shepherd coherent, effective, and sustainable implementation of federal interventions designed to improve public schools as well as state and district initiatives.” (The authors admit to and encourage a greater role of state and local school district accountability to the Federal Government)

“Traditional school reform initiatives designed to incrementally improve schools in three to five years are incongruous with the urgency driving federal and state policies focused on turning around the lowest performing schools.” (Translation, there is a rush to bring about their “transformation” ideas for our schools under the Obama administration)

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“School boards are agents of the state charged with fulfilling responsibilities related to operating schools delegated to them by the state.” (Consider the ominous portends of “agents of the state”, are school boards not elected and delegated by the voters of the local community?)

“Beginning in the 1960s and building on sentiments embodied in *Brown v. Board of Education* 1954, the federal government began playing a growing role in public education through federal legislation and categorical funding such as the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA) and the Education for all Handicapped Children Act of 1975 (EHCA). Both of these watershed laws were designed to provide resources to students marginalized in existing school systems largely due to policies developed by state and local school boards (e.g., policies that segregated students by race or due to a disability and funding structures that led to substantial inequities). Subsequent reauthorizations of ESEA and EHCA—the No Child Left

Behind Act of 2001 (NCLB) and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act of 1997 (IDEA) respectively—further expanded the role of the federal government. These Acts make funding available to provide additional support for specific groups of students (e.g., students with disabilities and students living in poverty). The particularly influential NCLB and associated regulations target persistently low-performing schools and support initiatives such as the Common Core State Standards aimed at ensuring that all states strive to teach a high level curriculum and administer rigorous assessments.” (This quote alone is an admission that Common Core is in fact a requirement in order for the States to obtain a waiver from the regulations of NCLB imposed by the Federal Government, and is an admission of a direct violation of US Code of Law which prohibits the US Dept. of Education in exercising policy over standards and curriculum of the States)

“School boards’ responsibilities have morphed from administering basic operations to aligning federal, state, and local policies” (Herein lies a significant obstacle to local school boards exercising the right to self-governance and executing educational policy and decisions best for their community schools, the overwhelming burden of having to accommodate Federal mandates)

“Whereas it was rational to elect local citizens to run small public schools to ensure that the schools reflected the community’s values and distinct economy in the 18th century, today’s complex policy context and global economy could arguably benefit from a different structure.” (Interpreted to mean a structure which further removes local control of our schools from parents, and traditional values)

The Progressive Socialist Reform architects advance the idea that local schools need to fall under greater laws of accountability to State and Federal control. For the freedom loving Idaho Patriot, of course that idea is anathema to the principles of a Constitutional Republic where government is by the consent of the people, and not the other way around.

One need look no further than the Educational System of Nazi Germany, or the Communist Socialist school system of the former USSR to see the similarities of the top down, agenda driven, national standards proposed today as Common Core!

The opposing world view, which I pray is still held by the majority of Idaho citizens, as promoted by our founding fathers regarding the God given, inalienable rights of sovereign citizens, is that government is a necessary evil which continually needs to be kept in check by a well informed and educated citizenry.

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The preamble to the Idaho Republican Party Platform plainly states, “the most effective government is the one closest to the people...and that government is best which governs least”. Local control of our schools by the parents within the community is the governing body which should bear the responsibility for holding school administrators and teachers accountable for exercising effective educational practices. The idea that local schools need to be held accountable by state or federal bureaucrats, as already stated, runs contrary to the sound principles of our Idaho State and US Constitutions.

The citizens of Idaho overwhelming voted down “Students Come First” and Propositions 1,2,&3. Yet our Governor, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, and the Governor’s education task force have chosen to blatantly disregard the voice of the people. Our Governor and Superintendent made assurances to the Federal Government to apply for stimulus money and “Race to the Top” grant money. These assurances obligated the educational system in Idaho to comply with Federal mandates. Common Core was but one assurance made, along with high stakes testing, teacher annual evaluations tied to student achievement results on an untested and unproven assessment test. The task force recommendations embrace all of the elements of Propositions 1,2,&3 to which the voters of Idaho gave a resounding “no”.

All is not lost in the clash of “world views”. For the most part Americans still hold to the fundamental precepts of the US Constitution, the Bill of Rights, and the belief that government should be held accountable to the people. Most patriotic Americans have grown weary of the 100 year experiment known as the “Progressive, Socialist, Reform movement” in education.

I believe most Americans still hold to a Theistic world view, and adhere to the concept promoted by the founders of our nation, that we will all one day be held accountable for our actions in this life to God, our Creator. The socialists have worked tirelessly, and patiently to eradicate all vestiges of family values, Christian principles, and Nationalism from our schools. They have produced educational standards, and curriculum “guidelines,” which have gone far in implementing their ideals. What is the fruit of their labor? They have contributed greatly to the societal ills which plague our schools today. They would promote the idea that it has been the failure of parents, school boards, local schools to bring about improvement in student achievement. But, I would submit to the reader that it has been their godless, humanistic, socialist ideals which have led to the decline in the educational system of America.

In conclusion, here is a quote from a recent article: “The Common Core has been applauded by education leaders and promoted by the Obama administration as a way to replace a hodgepodge of state standards with one set of rigorous learning goals. Though 45 states and the District of Columbia have signed on to them since 2010, resistance came quickly, mostly from right-leaning states, where some leaders and political action groups have protested what they see as a federal takeover of local classrooms.

But the newest chorus of complaints is coming from one of the most liberal states, and one of the earliest champions of the standards: New York. And that is causing supporters of the Common Core to shudder. Carol Burris, an acclaimed high school principal on Long Island, calls the Common Core a “disaster.”

“We see kids,” she said, “they don’t want to go to school anymore.”

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Leaders of both parties in the New York Legislature want to rethink how the state uses the Common Core. The statewide teachers' union withdrew its support for the standards last month until "major course corrections" took place."^[ii]

When the voices of credible and informed education professionals representing an opposing view towards broad and sweeping change in State and National educational policy are ignored or dismissed, unbiased and ethical debate of the issue is forsaken. In Idaho at least, the voices of Charlotte Iserbyt, Diane Ravitch, Sandra Stotsky, James Milgram, and our own Dr. Geoffrey Thomas of the Madison School District were never given heed when the red flag was run up concerning the loss of local control of schools to the mandates of the Federal Government over the national standards and national assessment testing issue. I am left asking are there any other school administrators left in Idaho with the personal integrity to raise a voice of concern regarding the manner in which Common Core, and high stakes testing were rolled out in our State?

1. Simmons, Mary Wood, "Education and Socialism", The International Socialist Review, Vol. 1 No. 10, p 600 (Charles H Kerr & Company, Chicago, 1900-1991)
2. Mann's Six Principles of Education At this time he also developed his hugely influential, although at the time controversial, main principles regarding public education and its troubles: (1) Citizens cannot maintain both ignorance and freedom; (2) This education should be paid for, controlled, and maintained by the public;
3. Dewey's educational theories were presented in My Pedagogic Creed (1897), The School and Society (1900), The Child and the Curriculum (1902), Democracy and Education (1916) and Experience and Education (1938). Throughout these writings, several recurrent themes ring true; Dewey continually argues that education and learning are social and interactive processes, and thus the school itself is a social institution through which social reform can and should take place.
4. Hodge, A. A., "The Kingly Office of Christ", Popular Lecture on Theological Themes, p. 259 (Presbyterian Board of Publications, Philadelphia, 1887)
5. The New York Times, Feb 16, 2014

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http://www.dailymotion.com/video/x1fmy8_john-eynon-speaks-to-retired-teachers-in-post-falls-idaho-state-superintendent-2014_news.

WHAT YOU DON'T KNOW ABOUT NDAA

By Jason Casella



Main stream news is owned by 6 major corporations and the NDAA made propaganda legal. Inside the 2013 NDAA was an addition to the amendments section that negates the Smith-Mundt Act of 1948 (SMA) and the Foreign Relations Authorization Act of 1987.

These laws made propaganda used to influence foreigners and US citizens illegal. Without these laws, disinformation could run rampant throughout our information junkets.

This addition to the NDAA passed and became part of the approved legislation.

SMA defines the prohibition of domestic access to influence information through a variety of means, from broadcast to publishing of books, media, and online sources by restricting the State Department.

The Broadcasting Board of Governors was created from SMA. This agency claims to “inform, engage, and connect people around the world in support of freedom and democracy”. They omit that their specialty is making sure propaganda is added to the informational flow we all depend on.

The amendment sanctions the US government, without restriction, the use of any mode of message to control how we perceive our world.

The Smith-Mundt Modernization Act (2012) reads:

Sec. 501. (a) The Secretary and the Broadcasting Board of Governors are authorized to use funds appropriated or otherwise made available for public diplomacy information programs to provide for the preparation, dissemination, and use of information intended for foreign audiences abroad about the United States, its people, and its policies, through press, publications, radio, motion pictures, the Internet, and other information media, including social media, and through information centers, instructors, and other direct or indirect means of communication.

(b)(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), the Secretary and the Broadcasting Board of Governors may, upon request and reimbursement of the reasonable costs incurred in fulfilling such a request, make available, in the United States, motion pictures, films, video, audio, and other materials prepared for dissemination abroad or disseminated abroad.

According to Michael Hastings : “The new law would give sweeping powers to the State Department and Pentagon to push television, radio, newspaper, and social media onto the U.S. public. It removes the protection for Americans. It removes oversight from the people who want to put out this information. There are no checks and balances. No one knows if the information is accurate, partially accurate, or entirely false.”

In Liberty,

Jason

THE THAYN DOCTRINE

By Senator Steven Thayn

The natural progress of things is for liberty to yield and government to gain ground.

I believe there is a peaceful solution to our economic and social problems that seem to be getting more serious with each passing year. This solution requires a strategic decrease in the dependency on, and size of, government as well as and a corresponding **increase in the power of the citizens.**

The Thayn Doctrine says:

As government grows, by taking choices and resources from the people, the cost of government goes up and social problems worsen.

As the people regain power and/or are empowered with choices and resources, the cost of government goes down and social problems improve.

The people cannot regain power without the cooperation of government. The government must be an active partner in empowering the people by relinquishing the power that it took, unjustly and unwisely, that it never should have taken, and give this power back to the people by empowering the people with choices and resources.

The Thayn Doctrine raises several important issues including:

- How government obtains funds

- How can the relative balance of power between government and the people be measured and what is an appropriate level

- How government gains power

- How to transfer power back to the people

- Why government must be involved in changing its own policies so that the people can become re-empowered.

Government raises funds through taxation. Every year the government must go to the people, who create wealth in the first place, and receive its annual subsidy from the people. The people are the source of government's resources. Some, mistakenly, believe that government can create funding simply by increasing the money supply. This is erroneous for two reasons. First, deficit spending is another form of taxation by diluting the value of the money already in circulation. Second, deficit spending has a short lifespan of utility. It can't go on forever without destroying the economy.

The productive capacity of the people is the source of government funding.

The balance of power between the government and the people can be measured by the percent of the GDP (gross domestic product) which government controls and the percent the people control. Right now, according to the American for Tax Reform, government controls 63 percent of the GDP when taxes at all levels of government, regulatory costs, and deficit spending are included. This means that the people only control about 37 percent of the wealth they create. To show how serious this problem is, in 1905, all levels of government (federal, state, and local), controlled only 8 percent of the GDP while the people controlled 92 percent.

The appropriate level of government versus spending by the people is a debatable point. It is less than the current 63 – 37 split. The level should be at least 50 – 50 and probably closer to 20 - 80.

Cost of Government Day, 2010 Report by Americans for Tax Reform Foundation; federal taxes 28.5 percent, state and local taxes 14.2 percent, regulatory cost 20.2 percent of GDP plus deficit spending

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Freedom requires both choices and access to resources. As government controls a greater percent of the resources, the people control less and the people's freedom of choice is limited.

Government gains power by taking responsibility to address a problem. For example, the federal government decided, under Obama, to take the responsibility to fix the medical industry. The act of being responsible to solve a problem gives government the 'right' to write regulations, tax the people, and make choices that are imposed on the people. This is the simple process of government growth.

The people can only be empowered by a two step process. The government must change its policies to allow citizens to assume the power and responsibility. I call this process optionality. Let those that want to be responsible to opt out of government programs. The government must give the option to citizens to take responsibility. An example of this is home schooling. The government, at one time, outlawed home schooling. Now, parents may choose to take the responsibility to teach their own children at home. It is not required, it is allowed.

Notice that as parents assume responsibility to educate their own children, costs drop for other taxpayers. It costs taxpayers \$7,000 per student per year to educate a child in Idaho in public schools. However, it costs taxpayers zero, zip, nada if parents educate at home. This is in accordance to the Thayn Doctrine. As the people regain power and/or are empowered with choices and resources, the cost of government goes down and social problems improve.

Government must be actively engaged in reducing its own power for several reasons. Government has the power. Politicians must begin the process of relinquishing this power. If the people take it by force, it will cause violence.

This gets at the heart of the political debate. Liberals believe that government must take the lead and act. They say the people and the free market are incapable, leaving only government as a legitimate solution.

Conservatives, on the other hand, believe that government should not be involved in solving problems. Conservatives argue that problems will be solved if government does nothing: the party of 'no'.

Liberals talk about the value of government; conservatives talk about the problems with government. One sees the potential while the other sees the danger. The reality is they are both partially right and both partially wrong. They both ignore the most important factor in establishing a peaceful, prosperous society and that is **the role of the people**. This is a major omission. In America, the government derives its power from the people, yet politicians treat the American people as subjects rather than as master. The strength of a nation is measured by the productive capacity of its citizens; not by the size of its government.

The key to creating a stable, peaceful, and prosperous nation is by empowering the people. There is no other way.

The Thayn Doctrine suggests that conservatives should use the power of government to transfer the power of government, which it never should have taken, back to the people using concrete programs, policies, and laws that give the people control over resources and choices.

I will share a few examples in the coming days and respond to comments.

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Thanks Governor CL “Butch” Otter

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THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN FEDERAL & STATE EXCHANGE? YOUR MONEY

By Brent Regan

The upcoming primary election has stimulated much debate about the Idaho State Health Insurance Exchange. Proponents of the state exchange are fond of saying that ‘Obamacare is the law of the land’. This begs the question: What does ‘law of the land’ mean? To answer that you need to understand the relationship between the citizen, the State government and the Federal government.

The US Constitution contains a “Supremacy Clause” (Article 6, Clause 2) that establishes that federal law is the “supreme law of the land”. This clause is often quoted by federal authorities to position themselves as superior in all matters. However the supremacy of federal law ONLY applies to laws passed in accordance with (pursuant to) constitutionally authorized powers. The Federal government cannot legally compel the states, or you, to do anything unless the power is specifically granted in the Constitution. Furthermore, the federal government cannot force or coerce states into implementing or enforcing federal acts or regulations, even if they are constitutional. This principle is known as the anti-commandeering doctrine and rests on four Supreme Court cases dating back to 1842. According to the anti-commandeering doctrine:

"The Federal Government may neither issue directives requiring the States to address particular problems, nor command the States' officers, or those of their political subdivisions, to administer or enforce a federal regulatory program...such commands are fundamentally incompatible with our constitutional system of dual sovereignty." This makes perfect sense when you appreciate that the federal government is a creation of the states and therefore inferior to them.

An example of the federal government’s inability to command a state to enforce a federal regulatory program happened in 1974 when Congress passed the National Maximum Speed Law which prohibited speed limits higher than 55 MPH. The Federal Government could not command states to adopt and enforce this new speed limit so instead they bribed the states into compliance with funds for highway maintenance. In contrast, the Supreme Court determined that the Medicaid expansion portion of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA), where states would lose all Medicaid monies if they did not expand coverage, was coercive’ and therefore unconstitutional. The Federal Government could only make the additional funds contingent on the desired behavior. Blandishments and bribes are constitutionally acceptable forms of persuasion but coercion, the use of force or threats is not, at least for the relationship between the Federal Government and the states.

This reveals the schizophrenic nature of the 2011 SCOTUS PPACA decision which says the Federal Government cannot coerce a state into an act but, in the same decision, it says that the Federal Government can coerce an individual into an act through selective taxation.

The effect of the Obamacare “law of the land” is to create a Federal Health Care Exchange which is a national bureaucratic chimera; part insurance agent, part insurance underwriter and part welfare office. PPACA also sets in place a myriad of requirements on all insurance providers.

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To the average citizen, the PPACA ‘law of the land’ mandates that we acquire insurance that meets the PPACA requirements or be penalized. You can (theoretically) do this through the national exchange, a state exchange (if available) through an independent insurance agent or through your employer.

The authors of Obamacare understood that a national exchange would be a massive undertaking to administer and to enforce. The problem is data, as there is a huge database behind the website to determine who is eligible and what kind of subsidy they will receive. Tax files, Medicaid rolls, immigration status, occupation status and much more on disparate state database systems must be merged into a single system. Eliminating the “pre-existing condition” aspect was a technical necessity as digital medical records were simply not available.

To help with the enormous data problem PPACA has a provision for the states to create their “own” exchange. While monetary grants were offered as blandishments to create the exchanges, the real impetus was generated by frightening the insurance companies into thinking they would be shut out of the federal exchange and their only salvation was a state exchange. The Idaho “Blues” spent millions on lobbyists and direct political contributions to insure their market share. For their effort, Blue Cross of Idaho’s cash reserve has risen to over \$600 million dollars.

Proponents of the state exchange claimed that if Idaho did not set up a state exchange then the Federal Government would come into Idaho to setup and run a state exchange. This is untrue. According to the official Obamacare fact website: “The official health insurance marketplace for State's not running their own exchange is [www. Healthcare.gov](http://www.Healthcare.gov)”. There is no such thing as a federally run state exchange. There is only the federal exchange.

So if the federal exchange is available in all states, why did the PPACA authors want state exchanges? Access and enforcement; the states have direct access to their citizens and they have police powers that the federal government does not. When our legislators embraced Obamacare by agreeing to create a state exchange they elevated PPACA from the law of Washington DC to the law of Idaho.

What did we get for Idaho’s complicity? Idaho’s state exchange is simply a portal; a facade, which directs Idahoans to the federal exchange. The state exchange is nothing, because it never was the real goal. The real goal was for the federal government to penetrate Idaho’s sovereignty, which is a necessary step in the stated larger objective of creating a socialized single payer national health care bureaucracy.

During the state exchange debate a committee of doctors, legislators, hospital administrators and insurance professionals drafted a report that detailed how a free market health care solution could save the average Idaho family \$10,000 per year; allow them to accrue over \$160,000 in a health savings account and provide for the poor and indigent. This report was presented to various committees, legislatures and the governor but it did not have the support of the insurance lobby. Perhaps this was because some of the savings to Idaho families would have come out of their profits.

In the coming primary election, you will have a clear choice between candidates that will follow the path to socialized healthcare and those who would turn to the free market. Remember to vote on May 20th.

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The BIG Fork In The Road by Rich Loudenback

'A Clarion Wake Up Call'

Looming in the shadows under almost utter secrecy is another comfortable sounding issue that doesn't by name sound that threatening to our republic but will literally hasten our demise almost immediately if enacted. We truly are at a fork in the road: A really BIG fork with a choice that would ultimately end America as a free and sovereign nation. **Nothing is more important than creating a permanent impassible roadblock on the 'wrong fork.'**

One fork leads to America's continuance. **The other fork takes us into a progression of partnerships that leads us ultimately into a labyrinth stripped of our sovereignty and run by un-elected global elitists.**

Heard of the European Union (EU)? Paid attention to how poorly that's worked out for member nations, economically, arbitrarily, militarily or strategically? Do you know that we have had Presidents and their minions working toward our being part of a North American Union (NAU) for some time? Its roots and its courts (which circumvent our courts) are already in place under the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA).

Some US Losses Due to NAFTA: 750,000 vehicles annually now made in Mexico, our trade deficits annually with Canada & Mexico now totals around \$150 Billion and 720,000 U.S. jobs were certified as lost as of 2010 to Canada and Mexico as a direct result of NAFTA.

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 it's 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).

Trust Can Be Fatal

*William F Jasper, Senior Editor of The New American magazine states, "The fact is that the EU began as an economic and trade pact that, over the course of six decades, morphed into a full-blown supranational government that is now in the process of wiping out the few remaining vestiges of national sovereignty of its member states. And what is important to note is the blatant lying and deception that has been essential to each advance of the EU project along these lines. **At each crucial step, when critics objected that a new set of EU powers would lead to destruction of national sovereignty and independence, the EU prop-agandists would assure the contrary and insist that "economic integration," "harmonization," and "convergence" posed no threat to national sovereignty, tradition, and local rule. Those assurances have now been proven completely false."***

*Vladimir Bukovsky, the famous Russian dissident, author, neurophysiologist, and survivor of Soviet prisons, psychiatric prisons, and labor camps states: **"It is no accident that the European Parliament, for example, reminds me of the Supreme Soviet."***

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Mr. Jasper also reports: “The TPP and TTIP should be of special concern to Americans, since.... the authors and promoters of these agreements admit that they deal with far more than trade and have been designed to drag the United States into “regional governance” on a host of issues. The architects of the TPP and TTIP are virtually unanimous in their head-over-heels praise of, and support for, the political and economic merger taking place in the European Union (EU). **The once-sovereign nations of Europe have been tricked, bribed, and browbeaten into yielding control over almost every aspect of their lives to globalist banking and corporate elites and their bureaucratic servitors in Brussels. The national governments, legislatures, and courts in the European Union are becoming mere administrative units of the unaccountable rulers of the increasingly tyrannical EU central government.**

Because the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership is an agreement with an already existing transnational super state — the EU — and because most of the key TTIP promoters have already enthusiastically embraced the EU ideas of integration, harmonization, and convergence, it is probably the more dangerous of the two agreements, although the Trans-Pacific Partnership may be coming up earlier for a vote in the U.S. Congress.”

Currently 12 nations including Canada and Mexico (think NAFTA/NAU) are in TPP negotiations and **they are demanding they be exempt from our environmental and financial regulations and intend to dramatically change U.S. Copyright and Intellectual Property Laws. As is if that isn’t enough, Obama is negotiating a trade pact that would constitute a judicial authority higher than even the U.S. Supreme Court that can overrule U.S. law on behalf of foreign companies.** Talk about being unconstitutional!

Utter Secrecy With the Wrong Bedfellows

This is going to really tick you off! *U.S. Senator Sherrod Brown (D-Ohio)* issued a statement criticizing the Obama administration for the lack of oversight into an agreement with devastating potential: “After more than a decade of broken promises from NAFTA, CAFTA, and normalized trade relations with China, we can now add a credibility deficit to the trade deficits we’ve seen. The leaked documents surfacing today only underscore the secrecy surrounding TPP negotiations and confirm worst suspicions about the direction trade negotiations are heading. **It’s telling that it is easier for the CEO of a major corporation to access information about the negotiations than the American people’s elected representatives**

And There Are Strange Bedfellows

There’s nothing partisan about this fight. This is an American fight. Quite surprisingly, **many democrats are alarmed at the blatant undertakings of the FTA’s as well as the secrecy.** Other prominent democrats include Senator Ron Wyden (OR). And Representatives Rosa DeLauro (CT) and George Miller (CA) as well as 149 others in the House told Obama they will not support Fast Track for the TPP. Quoting from the House Democrats’ letter to Obama on the subject, “For some time, members of Congress have urged your administration to engage in broader and deeper consultations with members of the full range of committees of Congress whose jurisdiction touches on the numerous issues being negotiated. Many have raised concerns relating to reports about the agreement’s proposed content... Such opportunity for input from Congress is critical as the TPP FTA will include binding obligations that touch upon a wide swath of policy matters under the authority of Congress.

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Beyond traditional tariff issues, these include policies related to labor, patent and copyright, land use, food, agriculture and product standards, natural resources, the environment, professional licensing, competition, state-owned enterprises and government procurement policies, as well as financial, healthcare, energy, e-commerce, telecommunications and other service sector regulations.

Twentieth Century 'Fast Track' is simply not appropriate for 21st Century agreements and must be replaced. The United States cannot afford another trade agreement that replicates the mistakes of the past. We can and must do better"

'Da' Media

Of course, the 'dumbing down' media moguls are directing their newsrooms away from exposing this Trojan Horse endeavor cloaked in such an innocently beneficial sounding name as 'FREE Trade.' When really what's clandestinely being crafted by our poker faced 'leader' and his 'operators,' who continually act with virtual impunity, is extremely harmful to our continued future as a Capitalist society as well as contributing to our demise as a free sovereign nation.

We Need Lots of Paul Reveres

This real story needs to get out! FTA's need understanding, exposing, and acted upon before it's too late. FTA's and subsequent unions might be accomplished in an on-going gradual secretive process and might even be accomplished almost overnight due to the effective machinations of the extreme left. Most people probably don't believe this really can happen. Really!!! They're either too relaxed and trusting or asleep at the switch.

Who's to say that we will not wake up someday and realize that our Constitution has dissolved away and been replaced by international rules created literally by un-elected global elitist masters who have a new 'dictate' we need to trust. You already heard about it...you know.... **REAL** HOPE AND CHANGE....all the way!

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IT PAYS TO BE A VIGILANT PATRIOT

By Jan Montano Gem County Tea Party Leader

Just when you think you can't make a difference in the world something happens that renews your faith and gives you strength to keep going. In our town of Emmett Idaho we have someone who regularly attends the City Council meetings even though they do not live in the City of Emmett proper.

Jason Casella of PANDA, along with a coalition of liberty minded people, were able to bring a Resolution Against the NDAA to the Emmett City Council and the Gem County Commissioners with positive results earlier this year. Jason was attending a city council meeting earlier this month, he stepped outside to take a phone call and upon returning heard the words Smart Growth. The City council had applied for a grant from Smart Growth and they were discussing it. Jason was able to convince the council to table the motion to approve this grant until the next meeting so he could have someone bring important information to the City Council about Smart Growth and how it is tied to Agenda 21.

The delay of two weeks gave Jason time to organize. He called Wayne and I, since we are the leaders of the Gem Count Tea Party and asked us to rally the troops. We sent out emails asking everyone who could to please come to the next meeting. Jason also organized his group and between us we had about 50 of us came and showed our support against the Smart Growth Grant.

Prior to the meeting Karen Schumacher sent information to the council on this subject. She also gave a great presentation on Smart Growth. She explained how it gets its tentacles into a town and imposes more and more regulation all coming from Agenda 21 which is a United Nations initiative..

The Emmett City Planner spoke in favor of the grant as did Councilman Williams, who for his day job is a City Planner with the City of Eagle. Needless to say the issue became contentious with Councilman Williams. He worked hard to convince the Mayor and council that the Smart Growth Grant was a good idea..

\He read a letter that the Mayor had sent when requesting the grant: His comment after reading the letter to the room was "Mr. Mayor you said we wanted this and you thought it was great to work with them." Mayor Butticci said: " Well, we did not know that this grant was tied to Agenda 21at that time." We have given you and the City Planner and opportunity to express your opinions along with experts on Agenda 21.

Councilman Williams said Well, I am not sure they are the right experts. I think we should open this up to the people of the city for comment. The Mayor said fine if that is what you want to do go for it. Finally Councilwoman Henderson made a motion to not accept the Smart Growth Grant. Councilman Petrie seconded it. Council members who voted not to accept were Henderson, Hodges, and Petrie. The council members who voted to accept the grant were Welch and Williams. Councilman Frey, (who voted against the NDAA Resolution) was absent. A 3-2 vote stopped Smart Growth.

Our Mayor, Bill Butticci, is running for Gem County Commissioner and I think he will win. He showed a lot of patience and back bone against what he had thought would have been a good thing for Emmett and on reflection it would not have been. Congratulations to Mayor Butticci, Council members Henderson, Petrie and Hodges for doing the right thing for the City of Emmett. Thank you Jason for bringing this to our attention and keeping Smart Growth out of our City..

We can make a difference in the world even if it is a small difference. We can work together for the same goals. We can effect change. Knowledge is power. Silence is consent. This won't be the last battle, but it is one that we were able to stop. On to the next one because there will always be another battle. You can count on it.

STEALING YOUR PROPERTY/STEALING YOUR FREEDOM

By Bob Neugebauer

No matter how they explain it when you take something that does not rightfully belong to you it is theft. Government has been taking property from citizens for as far back in history as anyone can remember. The Romans did it, the Monarchs of Europe did it, we Americans did it to the Indians etc. There hasn't been much change even in the last two centuries. Most governments take what they want from private citizens by enacting laws like eminent domain. This way they only have to pay a fraction of the value of the property they are taking. It really goes a lot further than that, and we have seen the government most recently use its heavy handed measures to rustle Cliven Bundy's cattle from his ranch. The BLM had no right to take the cattle, but thought they could get away with it up until the time the press and a group of militia showed up to confront them. Had they not shown up when they did, you can bet your bottom dollar that those cattle would be off to the slaughter house by now.

We have seen the heavy hand of government when they took over General Motors during the last recession. Here you had a pre-packaged bankruptcy set up by the Federal Government so they could basically steal from the bondholders of GM. We all know how close the Obama administration was to the auto unions which wound up with just about everything they wanted. However, when it came to the people that owned the actual debt of General Motors, they only received 30 cents on the dollar. The bondholders were entitled to their money, but President Obama thought they should only get 30% and so that's what they settled for. This was a total violation of contract law and the "Rule of Law". This was a taking of private property without due process.

Today we have a similar situation with Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac where the government said one thing and did another. In 2008 the Treasury rescued Fannie and Freddie by putting them into conservatorship instead of receivership. This meant that the shareholders were still entitled to payment of dividends after the debt to the Treasury of \$189 billion had been paid back. A funny thing happened on the way to the bank. The Treasury decided that it believed that Congress gave them the authority to cut the shareholders out of any future dividends in 2010. In this memo it states that two entities were rescued by the taxpayers in 2008, and the memo referred to **"the administration's commitment to ensure existing common equity holders will not have access to any positive earnings from the G.S.E.'s in the future."** Problem is that they never disclosed the administrations desires not to pay the shareholders, thereby causing a problem of nondisclosure of material fact which could affect the stocks value. By September 30 of last year the government had received \$185 Billion in profits from the two GSE's. Instead of applying that money toward the repayment of the loan, they put it right into the general fund. This was the beginning of the theft of shareholders property and their future dividends with no real accounting of where the money went. There are thousands of shareholders of both Fannie and Freddie who are not just individuals but mutual funds, IRA's and pension funds.

It's interesting to note that now our own Senator Crapo is proposing a bill to take both Fannie and Freddie back to the semi-private sector. Fannie and Freddie should never have been created in the first place as the government has no place in the private sector mortgage market. It was the liberal bureaucrats that wanted to continually expand the GSE's to allow lower income individuals an opportunity for the American dream, to own their piece of America. Problem is that no one wanted to take responsibility for those loans when they were not paid back, so they played a game of chicken with the GSE's and they lost. What happened to Fannie and Freddie was an Obamanation, and trying to bring this to the private sector without compensation to the prior shareholders would be like trying to put the genie back in the bottle. Who in their right mind would ever invest again after seeing what happened to the previous investors

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Senator Crapo has an interesting idea, but it does not address the shareholders claim to their rightful dividends. It would be outright theft for the government not to address this issue of compensation, but it would not surprise me if they didn't. We have seen that our government has no room for individual property rights in their agenda. Whether it is the EPA, eminent domain, condemnation or outright theft like the Bundy's cattle rustling event by the BLM.

The federal government had no right to change the rule of law or for that matter contract law, but they do it every day and steal from hard working honest tax paying American citizens. While we standby and allow internal revenue workers make willful understatements of tax liabilities over multiple tax years, have late payment of tax liabilities, underreport their income and just plain do not pay their taxes.

How does our Federal Government treat this misconduct? They give them 2.8 million dollars in bonuses and 27,000 hours in time off awards. It's time to abolish the IRS all together and go to a Fair Tax or a Flat Tax. The Federal government is intruding too much into the lives of Americans. We can't even know if our e-mails are being read or phone calls being listened to any more. Our forefathers created a Republic not a Democracy. The federal government is suppose to be subservient to the states that created it. So how did we get into this mess where they have turned the tables on us? I will give you one of the reasons; it is because we do not pay attention to what is happening and what our legislators are doing in our state and federal congress and senates. We have allowed this intrusion of federal and state rules and regulations to take place in our country, and it is up to the people to take back our sovereign rights. We must vote out these cronies that have been living off of us and getting rich by staying in office long past the time they should. We don't need term limits because it is within the American peoples power by knowing what your candidates stand for and going to the polls and voting out the bad ones and installing the good ones.

We hear the same chant every time we talk about taking our country back by voting out the bad guys. The Elections are fixed! How can we change anything when the system is rigged? Stop making up excuses and take the bull by the horns. Run for precinct committeeman or representative or senator of your state or support someone else that you like and help them get elected. The only reason we have the same incumbents to vote for year after year is because most people will not get themselves engaged to the point where they actually go out and do something. Last week I sent out an e-mail to 3,000 citizens of Idaho asking for help in walking some of the precincts to deliver candidates flyers. Do you know how many responses I received back? "ONE". You wonder why we are in this sad state of affairs, it's because no one wants to get off their dead butts and do something that can actually change this country or this state.

Many of us seem to like the reality shows and they still have pretty good ratings, but let me tell you that you are the reality show. The federal and state government officials are the audience, and they are watching your reaction each and every time they slip a bill by you that will inhibit your rights in one way or another. You can either go to sleep and let them rule your lives, or you can wake up that Silent Majority and make the change that is necessary for the citizens of this great land to prosper without the shadow of the State and Federal Government hanging over you.

GET OUT AND DO SOMETHING TO HELP TAKE BACK YOUR GOVERNMENT

REPORT ON SIMPSON / SMITH DEBATE by Darr Moon

My report from last Friday's debate between Representative Mike Simpson and Bryan Smith in Twin Falls. The attacks have been extreme and vicious on television and radio and the face to face was interjected with the push and pull of an amateur boxing match but the content was very reveling and of which I hope you have opportunity to observe. In all I believe the time has come for the extraction of an abscessed molar by the now notorious personal injury lawyer. The mental image humorous but the consequence real and serious. As this battle plays out over the airwaves keep in mind that substance of principle over political posturing and mud flinging is what counts.

A Tale of Two Candidates

Only half the tickets distributed for last Friday's debate between Representative Mike Simpson and Bryan Smith were seated at the Canyon Ridge High School Auditorium. A sad reminder that either half of those ticket holders weren't interested enough in Idaho's political affairs to brave the rain storm that soaked Twin Falls that evening or worse, swallowed up by partisans content to keep many ignorant of Idaho's representation in Washington. The debate turned out to be a great opportunity to see how good men can fall to the notion that they are more important than the document they swear to protect and defend.

Questions asked of both candidates by the Magic Valley Times News clearly defined each man's stance on consuming questions of the day and clearly offered contrast to their differing opinions. I found several divergent contentions between the two contenders regarding immigration, public lands and America's interests overseas and in domestic affairs. Representative Simpson seemed to be content to work within our difficult socio-economic times to remedy that which ails America while Mr. Smith was more inclined to abolish programs and federal agencies that have directed America's slump. The debate blazed hot several times over Simpson's voting record. At one point Rep. Simpson called Mr. Smith a liar about his record upon which Mr. Smith promptly rebutted the character assassination with voting fact. The tit for tat patter will probably be better suited for future radio sound bites than in distinguishing the true divisions that separated the two men.

When asked if the BLM should raise grazing fees Mr. Simpson said "no" as the economy was difficult for ranchers but thought the fee fair enough to keep the BLM solvent and provide adequately for whatever service they do with their \$1.35 fee per animal unit. Mr. Smith by contrast would do away with the BLM by promoting a policy to transfer federal lands to the States contending that the State could better manage their lands and should do so as prescribed by admission to the Union as all States east of the Mississippi have.

Further in economic conversation Representative Simpson insisted that he was the man who was holding the EPA at bay in the affairs of farmers and other business enterprises. Again his approach is swat at flies while the beast of burden crumples by ever increasing heavy loads placed from out of touch federals. Mr. Smith's approach by contrast would simply promote defunding the rouge agency used primarily as an executive branch weapon to advance their environmental agenda. Rep. Simpson cried that Smith lives in a fantasy world if he thinks he could successfully defund the EPA. No better concession speech than to suffer the consequence of an all-consuming beast by offering no Constitutional resistance.

Most alarming to me though was Rep. Simpson's reliance upon the need to further intelligence gathering capabilities in light of global terrorism and to accommodate for advances in recent technology. Mr. Smith responded that the new Homeland Security agency and the NDAA clearly overstep the Fourth Amendment. Simpson reported that at times national interests were more important than a hard line approach to the practical application of the Fourth Amendment. His words were reminiscent of President Bush's explanation of the economic crisis of 2008 by stating "I've abandoned free market principles to save the free market system." We seem to still be suffering those very same economic woes and are now only \$7 trillion more dollars in debt since his auspicious pronouncement in 2008.

The argument veered into the expensive and human cost of wars against terrorism and the Constitutional role for Congress to declare such actions. Mr. Smith pointed to America's dismal record as acting world policeman without aid of such declarations. Representative Simpson concurred and then confided that with the recent Middle Eastern wars Congress had been given poor intelligence. Intelligence provided by those very agencies that Mr. Simpson promoted and relied upon by his votes in favor of Homeland Security and the NDAA.

In all the debate came down to following two very divergent points of view. One based upon the established methods of governance via a mighty centralized authority with unlimited power and context and another based upon the notion that government was instituted by the governed, limited and well defined, from wisdom of founder's who lived through tyranny and fought to free themselves and their posterity from it. To me, the choice for 2nd Congressional District Representative was much simplified.

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WHAT DOES A PRECINCT COMMITTEEMAN DO?

By Christopher A. Pentico

I could say I support constitutional rights, fiscal accountability, and believe in transparency in government, but I would rather tell you what I have done to protect your rights and interests as a precinct committeeman. I do feel a little awkward on discussing my past, but I do think it is necessary. I will have to use some harsh words for some elected officials as well.

2nd Amendment rights

Governor Otter is not as “pro-gun” as he would like you to believe. With respect to S1254 (guns on campus), Governor Butch Otter was probably not happy undercutting the State Board of Education; he selected each and every member that sits on that board. In December 2011, I presented to the State Board of Education what they and the universities were doing was “unconstitutional.” The State Board of Education reaction was “no action and no discussion.” The major defect in all of Idaho's public college policies is a lack of reference to state law 19-202A, the legal jeopardy, self-defense, and defense of others part of state code. The part of state code involving our grade schools through high schools (18-3302D), includes a reference to state law 19-202A. While the part of state code that allows regulation on college campuses (18-3302J), does not. It is the discretion of your locally elected school boards on what are appropriate security procedures and policies. This means our public college and university officials lied about “local control” in the S1254 debate. It would also mean a non-elected bureaucrat would be imposing an illegal policy upon an elected school board when public colleges rent high school properties. In fact, Mr. Tom Luna at another venue did not wish to comment on the part of state law where the regular Concealed Carry Weapons permit acknowledges training from colleges and universities. I will ask hard questions.

A good friend, Peter Humm, requested the police reporting district logs containing Boise State University for 2012; I calculated the 5 minute and 49 second response time for the 911 calls that Tony Snisko of Idaho Carry used to counter what Boise State University President Dr. Bob Kustra presented. He presented a 30 second to two minute claimed response time. I analyzed every public college policy, collected many relevant law review articles and examined many individual court cases.

My analysis showed legislators that Idaho public college policies were “legislative” in nature and usurped their power; this is in direct contrast to when Utah went through these arguments in *Shurtleff v. University of Utah*. Idaho public college policies are suppose to be “contractual” in nature and not include any requirements on the general public. Our public colleges exceeded their authority. The *Shurtleff v. University of Utah* court case also suggested following our own state constitution, just like the Boise County Republican Central Committee and the Idaho Republican State Central Committee asked in Butch Otter's first term. A Boise county central committee member did take Governor Otter to task over this. Since this involved constitutional rights, a rift between the Boise County Republican Central Committee and the Governor occurred.

1st and 5th Amendment rights

In 2005 at the behest of the Department of Administration, I presented to the State Board of Education that Boise State University's lack of willingness to implement state law. BSU did not implement a workplace violence policy as per state law and was dragging their feet. The official response from the State Board of Education was “no action and no discussion.” I expressed to Governor Otter a lack of “Due Process” with our universities and the State Board of Education at our December 2007 Glenns Ferry Capitol for a day. There was no response from his office. Where is their concern for the safety of their employees and their customers, the college students?

If you believe I am hard on just Boise State University, you're wrong. I disagreed with the Idaho State University President dissolving their faculty senate for getting a “vote of no confidence.” This violated their faculty's right to association under the First Amendment

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I was also critical of the treatment of Alex Rowson by the University of Idaho. The University of Idaho violated his due process rights and their own university policies when he expressed views on immigration and exercising his First Amendment rights. Currently, I have asked a few legislators to create “due process” legislation to protect college students.

During the 2008 legislative session, I did go to the capitol to discuss the discrimination of religious student clubs at Boise State University and the reappointment of State Board of Education members. I was opposed to any reappointments. The State Board of Education was already under fire for spending money without appropriations with ISAT testing. They were also being called on the carpet for violating “open” meeting laws, even though they had a Deputy Attorney General (Jeffrey Schrader) present at every meeting. By March 2008, I had worked my way up to the Senate Education Chairman John Goedde. He requested an Attorney General opinion involving the *Rosenberger* U.S. Supreme Court case in regards to the practices of Boise State University. Attorney General Wasden had an opinion come from his office that BSU could continue their discriminatory practice if they never funded these clubs in the first place. I considered that a bad opinion, but I already had documented that Campus Crusade for Christ being denied funding for being religious in 2004 while they were funded in 2003. This Attorney General opinion was forwarded to BSU administrators. In September 2008, I visited the BSU campus to use its library only to see a student group protesting a denial of funds for their religious student club. I told that group I would put the matter in front of Governor Otter. I visited the Homedale Capitol for Day in 2008 to do such. The Governor didn't care. In December 2008, BSU was sued by six college students on this matter. I sent their lawyer a copy of the Attorney General opinion. In February 2009, BSU General Counsel Kevin Satterlee declared what Boise State University was doing was “unconstitutional.” It took till October 2009 for a settlement to be finalized; unfortunately it occurred in bad faith and required legislation in 2013 to remedy that defect.

I paid a high price as well. In February or early March 2008, I asked the Governor for a meeting at a Young Republicans luncheon; he agreed. By mid-March 2008, Clete Edmunson, Governor Otter's Education Adviser, had issued orders to have Idaho State troopers detain and intimidate me. They did not wish for me to contact any legislators. They were banning me from the Capitol Annex (the temporary location of the Legislature during restoration), the State Department of Education, and the third and fourth floors of the Borah Building (the temporary location for the Governor's Office). They did not even want me in the post office on the first floor of the Borah building. They wouldn't even disclose from whom the orders came. In fact, the court records show I was not given any contact information to have this intimidation matter addressed. I did discuss the matter with Representative Nielsen at the next Republican meeting. Representative Nielsen called the Governor's Office and Mr. Edmunson lied to him. Mr. Edmunson claimed there was no order of this nature out there. On April 2, 2008, I went to the Capitol Annex with Laurie Boeckel (of the Idaho PTA) to deliver a complaint letter to Representative Wills. I then went to the Borah building to deliver the same open complaint letter to the Governor's Office. What is not in the court records is that one of the copies was to go to the Head of the Idaho State Police, whose office is located in the Governor's complex. Upon leaving the Borah building, I was detained by a Idaho State Trooper, put into handcuffs, and charged with trespassing. I was escorted by police to deliver my last complaint letter to the Attorney General's Office. After six months, the charges for trespassing at the Capitol Annex were dropped. The charges for trespassing at the Governor's office were altered from a trespass in a posted field to trespass when the owner or an agent of the owner informs a person they are no longer welcome. My lawyer informed me the judge I had did not like jury trials; I was taught early on to keep the men in the black robes happy. This judge also kept out testimony from Representative Nielsen, until I was judged “guilty” and sentencing began. This also lead to a small group of protestors to visit the Governors' Office while he ducked out that day. I was asked by many to have this appealed. The next court date is May 1, 2014.

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WHAT DOES A PRECINCT COMMITTEEMAN DO?

By Christopher A. Pentico

Governor Otter may have a stump speech involving knowing your rights in the First Amendment. He even gave that speech at the Young Republican luncheon, which is ironic. He and his staff do not believe in you practicing the First Amendment any more. The Governor was not subpoenaed in this court case; I believe his current Chief of Staff was the lawyer that argued heavily to not have Governor Otter subpoenaed. Furthermore, the Governor has final say on many judicial appointments.

Fiscal Responsibility and Transparency

I also think the Latah County Central Committee appreciated my sense of humor on what will drain the color out of their University President's face. President Duane Nellis did go white when I said "independent management audit of university research." I also authored the State Republican Central Committee resolution asking for budgets and expense accounts of our public universities and colleges to be posted online, just like our regular school districts.

I had written an earlier resolution to do this for our state government. (Someone else had written the school district resolution, which eventually became state law.) My resolution was passed in the Republican State Central Committee. Todd Hatfield supported this. Controller Donna Jones actively tried to block this. The current Controller Brandon Woolf implemented it.

Land Board Politics

I have also been just as fervent pursuing Land Board policies and watching the executive officers of Idaho violate our constitution. Currently, they are in violation of the State Constitution involving cottage rental properties. They have also put their own self-evaluation into December after the election. I find this Obamaesque and self-serving.

Judith Lords (the Atlanta precinct committeeman) and myself have consulted Bob Forrey, a former legislator, on constructing resolutions to keep Governor Otter, Attorney General Wasden, Secretary of State Ysursa, Superintendent Luna, and Controller Woolf in line with our State Constitution. Our last resolution asked for three things: 1) Don't get into any more commercial properties. This puts government into direct competition with the private sector. 2) Get rid of the lakefront cottage rentals to avoid the potential for lawsuits against the Land Board. 3) Don't throw county commissioners under the bus like what was proposed in Canyon County. By taking commercial lands off the tax rolls, you decrease the bonding authority of a county as well as revenue. Both Representatives Rich Wills and Pete Nielsen helped with later drafts of this resolution.

My challenger, a county commissioner, probably does not know this and doesn't care. My challenger has only shown up to Elmore County Republican Central Committee meetings just around election time and when we specifically invited him due to the Elmore county fires. He is also upset our current central committee does not like it when unelected administrators dictate to elected bodies on what they must do. If he wishes to undercut his own authority and responsibilities, I question his judgment as a commissioner.

I am sorry for the lengthy and verbose nature of my letter, but I believe a full accounting was necessary. I will fight with a sitting Governor if I believe your rights are being violated; I have already done so. I know some legislators that would be afraid to do that. In good conscience, I cannot vote for Governor Butch Otter. If you believe my challenger will protect your constitutional rights and keep elected officials honest better than me, then please vote for him. Otherwise, I am the clear alternative.

Sincerely,

Christopher A. Pentico

Legislative District 23 Republican Chairman and Mountain Home precinct 9 committeeman

YOU CAN'T DEBATE WITH A BAD RECORD

By Tea Party Bob

It's interesting to note that Governor Otter has only consented to one debate before the May 20th Republican primary election. He has had multiple opportunities to engage Senator Fulcher in front of an audience and has so far declined to do so. We must ask ourselves why the Governor won't engage Senator Fulcher in an honest debate. Is it because he has such a miserable record for the past 7 ½ years in office? Is it because he has no real vision for the future of Idaho or its citizens?

Let the record speak for itself. Idaho has become the Mississippi of the west since Governor Otter took office in 2007.

- We have a State Healthcare Exchange which is really a Federal Exchange that brought a new way for the IRS to tax the citizens of Idaho. Check to see how insurance and healthcare costs have increased in the past few years, you will be surprised.
- The Governor opened Idaho's door to Common Core, allowing intrusion of the federal government into our state and our education system.
- The Governor brags about a balanced budget, but he doesn't talk about the 36% of our state budget that comes from the federal government.
- Since Otter has taken office, the number of food stamp recipients has increased from 80,000 to 220,000.
- He talks about better paying jobs, but we are now the 2nd highest in minimum wage jobs in the country.
- Idaho's medium wage- or the point at which half the workers make more and half make less is \$14.68 an hour now 6th lowest in the country.
- In the preceding 8 years before Otter took office GDP in Idaho grew from 32.76 billion to 50.51 billion a rise of 17.75 billion. Since 2007 when Otter took office we have grown from 54.27 billion to 60.2 billion or 5.93 billion. Quite a difference even with 2014 left to go.
- His radio advertisements say he has cut taxes for Idahoans by 150 million dollars, but what he doesn't tell you are that most of that money went to business and higher income individuals. How about eliminating the grocery tax Governor?

Thanks to our Governor and his administration per student spending is the 2nd lowest in the country. These are the reasons that the Governor does not want to debate. He has a terrible record for his two terms in office. Why would we vote him in for a third term? We need a change in our state. We need a breath of fresh air. We need someone with vision. We need someone who can rebuild our economy by attracting new businesses with good paying salaries. We need someone like Russ Fulcher who will fight to get our land back from the Feds and develop our natural resources.

If the Governor has a vision for Idaho he needs to show it to us because for 7 1/2 years we have seen a decline in every aspect of economic growth except minimum wage jobs. Butch had his turn and served the citizens Idaho for most of his life. It's time for him to hang up his spurs and give someone else a turn.

Remember this article when you vote in the May 20th primary and choose wisely.

SLINGING THE MUD OR HOW LOW CAN YOU GO

Some of the political races have become downright dirty. We might just be going to vote at the pig pen the way mud is being slung around. It's probably time to turn off any commercial TV and radio channels because all you're going to hear are political commercials. Which brings to mind a race in District 15 between Fred Martin and Diego Rodriguez for the Senate seat. This race has become particularly feisty. Dirty tricks and lies seem to be on the menu.

It appears that an unnamed person, allegedly from Rancho Santa Margarita, CA posted the following about Diego. *"Has (Diego) mentioned the fact that he was a cult leader of a church in Fresno, CA?"* Now if you happen to know Diego and his family like I do you would understand that this is nothing but an offensive fabrication made up to try to discredit him.

Diego was a Pastor of an inner-city church for almost 10 years. He gave of himself in an inordinate manner to serve those who were completely dysfunctional and in need. He counseled dozens of people who were victims of abuse, violence, and drug addiction. He has been the sole counselor and father figure to people who had no parents, who witnessed murders, who were sexually assaulted and who had no direction in life. He did it all in charity with no compensation. In fact he personally supported his church financially out of his own pocket. To his own emotional and physical detriment, he served those people for almost a decade because he felt God had called him to do so. Does that sound like a cult leader to you?

A lobbyist or as they now call them (Legislative Advisors) was overheard telling a friend that Diego had a criminal record. Nothing could be farther from the truth. Diego has no criminal record in fact here is a man who was a valedictorian, Rodman Scholar at California State University Fresno and a recipient of the American Legion's Most Valuable Student award. He doesn't smoke, drink, cuss, gamble, cheat or steal. It's hard to find people will to serve in political office with his attributes. He does admit to having a lead foot when driving and has had a few traffic violations which he paid for. If this is criminal behavior then let's have a lot more of it.

Many of this year's races are similar to Diego's with strong conservatives that have solutions to problems challenging left leaning RINO's without solutions to any of Idaho's problems. The only things I can remember Diego's competition Fred Martin for is voting in favor of the State Healthcare Exchange and not voting for a bill that would have banned the abortion pill.

How can Fred Martin say that he is pro life and vote for the State Healthcare Exchange which brings in Planned Parenthood and allows a pill to be sold in Idaho that causes women to have an abortion? It is also interesting to note that Senator Martin who calls himself a conservative scored a minus 61 in the Idaho Freedom Foundations Freedom Index. That is the rating of a RINO not a conservative.

I for one am happy to see strong conservative candidates running in the primary this year against the crony RINOS who only care about winning the title, not about how to dig Idaho out of its economic doldrums or how to improve our education and healthcare system. Give me 50 Diego Rodriguez's and we will find the solutions to our problems, and we will find a better life for the citizens of Idaho.

We will all have a choice on May 20th to let Idaho flounder with weak minded moderates with zero solutions to our problems or ring in a new era by voting in the people who are truly conservatives and are out to help Idahoans not themselves.

Tea Party Bob

Press Release

DICK HELLER 2ND AMENDMENT TOUR OF IDAHO

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Dick Heller of the landmark "District of Columbia v Heller, 554 U.S. 570 (2008)" Supreme Court case is coming to Idaho!

Dick Heller was triumphant as the plaintiff in a gun rights lawsuit that was decided by the United States Supreme Court in 2008. While on duty as a security guard at the federal courthouse in Washington D.C., Mr. Heller carried a gun. But, when his shift was over and Mr. Heller went home he had to leave his gun in his locker at the courthouse because he was not allowed to have a gun at his home. Unhappy with this situation, Mr. Heller attempted to register his gun at City Hall. After being refused the opportunity to register his gun, and unable to keep his gun at home, Mr. Heller sued the city government of the District of Columbia.

Originally Heller's suit had six plaintiffs. Yet Heller was the only one of the six who attempted to register his gun at city hall. The appellate court ruled that because Heller attempted to register his gun, he was the only plaintiff of the six who had standing.

Heller's case, known as District of Columbia v. Heller, 554 U.S. 570 (2008), is said to be the most significant gun-rights suit to be settled by the courts. And in the case, Mr. Heller was successful as the court ruled that Mr. Heller does have an individual right to keep and bear arms.

Mr. Heller will be touring Idaho to tell his story about this litigation that has its seeds dating back as far as 1992.

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