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SYRINGA GATE: WHEN WILL THE SCANDALS STOP?

By Bob Neugebauer



THANK YOU REPRESENTATIVE JUDY BOYLE FOR STANDING UP FOR THE CITIZENS OF IDAHO.



Only one of Idaho's legislators had the courage to stand up and tell it like it is. Representative Judy Boyle has been trying to get the word out about the corruption and political cronyism involved in awarding the contract for the Idaho Education Network. The contract awarded to Syringa, ENA and Quest (now Century Link) back in 2009 was changed by Mike Gwartney, then the Director of Administration, to exclude Syringa. Gwartney was appointed to his position by Governor Otter and is a known business associate of the governor's. **Representative Boyle stated that a conflict arose between then Syringa's CEO Greg Lowe and Gwartney after Lowe suggested a way to save the state millions of dollars.** Here we have a CEO of a company trying to save our state millions of dollars, and they get cut out of the contract. Idaho's taxpayers

are so far on the hook for \$11.4 million to cover funds that were withheld by the FCC, almost \$1 million in legal fees to defend the state, an undetermined amount in legal fees and possible damages to Syringa and \$13 million which must be returned to the feds.

Our question is why haven't any of our other 104 legislators stepped forward to complain about this atrocity of blatant cronyism. The simple fact that this scandal was kept from the public until after the election reeks of the good old boys syndrome that has plagued our state government for the past 8 years or more. It's just one scandal after another. Just last month we found out about the deal to let Corrections Corporation of America off with a \$1 million fine without waiting for the conclusion of an investigation by the FBI. A deal that our Governor said he had nothing to do with. When you get elected to the highest office in state government, you should know everything that goes on when it comes to multi-million dollar contracts awarded by the state.

The accountability for these costly mistakes lies squarely on Governor Otter's shoulders. Why isn't he taking responsibility for these problems, and why are the rest of our legislators remaining silent about this scandal and not demanding accountability from the governor? Do we have a bunch of wimps for legislators?

So far by our count the citizens are going to be tagged for over \$25 million and that number could climb a lot higher when all is said and done. The question is WHY isn't anyone being held responsible???

READ REPRESENTATIVE BOYLE'S GUEST OPINION IN THE IDAHO STATESMAN BY CLICKING THE LINK BELOW

<http://www.idahostatesman.com/2014/11/28/3512300/broadband-contract-shows-cronyism.html?sp=%2F99%2F106%2F>



Debunking the Global Warming Myth

By Tony Olson, Author of *Spin Game*



Joseph Goebbels once said, "If you repeat a lie often enough, people will believe it." There has been no bigger lie perpetrated on the people of the world than that of man-made global warming. While I agree there have been, and always will be, periods of warming and cooling, evidence shows unequivocally that man's impact on climate is almost non-existent. The claim of a human-caused climate change is based upon speculative theories, contrived data, and faulty modeling predictions. No man-made warming has yet been detected that is distinct from naturally-occurring warming patterns.

The earth's temperature has fluctuated for thousands of years. Our current temperature is below the average temperature in the past 3000 years. The warmest period in recent recorded history was the Medieval Warm Period (800-1200 A.D), when average temperatures were seven to nine degrees warmer than today, the results of which were positive.

The "evidence" for human-caused climate change cited by the alarmists is based on General Circulation Models, i.e. climate models. The problem with climate models is that they've all been wrong, and will likely continue to be wrong in the future. Global climate models can only produce meaningful results if we already know exactly how the global climate works, which we do not. They are not designed to produce predictions of future climate, only "what if" scenarios based on arbitrarily selected variables. Not one of the thousands of climate models created so far has accurately predicted our current seventeen-year span of zero temperature increase. Not one.

The integrity of climate research has been compromised by ideological, financial, and political interests. The supposed "evidence" of man-made climate impact continues to change as it is proven false, yet the climate alarmists continue to invoke visions of impending environmental catastrophe. If factual scientific data had been reported by the media two decades ago, the subject of man-made global warming would not even be an issue today. Unfortunately, the bulk of the mainstream media has been conditioned to promote a liberal agenda.

The global warming narrative offers an excuse for governments to increase taxes and create taxpayer-funded green energy projects. The greater the fear of a climate catastrophe, the more amenable people will be to accepting higher taxes and higher energy costs, which will ultimately be the result of limiting the use of fossil fuels.

There many aspects of climate change that I address in my book, but there are four areas of climate change that I get asked about the most; the "consensus" among scientists, the melting ice caps, extreme weather resulting from climate change, and the role of carbon dioxide. Here is a brief summation of each.

What Consensus?

Those who champion the global warming narrative tell us there is a "consensus" among scientists that human-caused climate change is real. The stated "consensus" amounts to nothing more than a handful of climate models that reached a consensus based on contrived data, and a handful of scientists who parroted the narrative rather than risk losing research funding. The larger consensus is those who don't support the theory of man-made global warming. Here are some examples.

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In 1992, more than 4,000 scientists from 106 countries, including seventy-two Nobel Prize Winners, signed a petition informing the world of the false global warming narrative being portrayed by politicians and the media. If that information had been reported by the media at that time, the subject of man-made global warming would not exist today.

In 1997, a similar petition was signed by more than 15,000 scientists, most with advanced degrees, which stated that the notion of man-made global warming was based on flawed ideas and was contrary to their research.

Nobel Prize winning physicist Ivan Giaever resigned from the American Physical Society over their position that evidence for global warming was “incontrovertible.” A subsequent editorial in the *Wall Street Journal*, signed by sixteen prominent scientists, supported Giaever’s position and sharply criticized the “incontrovertible” claim.

In 2010, Marc Morano, Founder of ClimateDepot.com, released a list of more than 1000 scientists who challenged man-made global warming claims. The Nongovernmental International Panel on Climate Change (NIPCC) also aggregated thousands of peer-reviewed scientific journal articles that do not support man-made climate change.

Finally, in 2014, Greenpeace co-founder Patrick Moore, during testimony before the Senate Environmental and Public Works Committee in, stated, “There is no scientific proof that human emissions of carbon dioxide are the dominant cause of the minor warming of the earth’s atmosphere over the past 100 years.”

Simply put, for every one scientist you show me that believes in man-made global warming, I will show you ten that do not. So much for the “consensus” claim.

Is The Ice Really Melting?

Before you start building that ark, let me assure you that we need not worry about an apocalyptic rise in ocean levels from melting ice caps. If Noah would have had the foresight, when loading two of everything onto the ark, to leave off the two liberals . . . we would not likely be having this discussion.

Regardless of what the media would like you to believe, the ice is doing just fine.

On September 20th of this year, sea ice in Antarctica reached a record 7.78 million square miles, which was 550,000 square miles above the prior 30-year average. Last December, Antarctica set the record for the coldest temperature ever recorded at minus 135.8 degrees Fahrenheit. I am still waiting for a liberal explanation of how sea ice, which has a freezing temperature of plus twenty-eight degrees, can experience massive melting in an environment with an average temperature of fifty-six degrees below zero. Apparently, that is a phenomenon that can only be explained by one of their sophisticated computer models.

OK. But what about all of the recent reports of severe continuing ice melt in the Arctic, whose ice coverage was at its sixth lowest level on record? Aren’t the endangered polar bears losing their habitat?

The record they speak of is based on satellite data, which only goes back to 1979. So, it’s the sixth lowest in the last thirty-five years. What the alarmists aren’t telling you is the ice coverage in the Arctic is at almost the same level as it was in 2013 (1.97 million square miles), which was an increase of 650,000 square miles over 2012.

For comparison, the state of Texas is about 268,000 square miles. And just for the record, the polar bear population is up more than 500 percent since the mid-sixties. There’s so many, they can’t get an accurate count.

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Extreme Weather?

Global cooling didn't pan out. Neither has global warming. So now the argument of choice is extreme weather caused by climate change. Several times each week, I read a story or see a TV clip that tries desperately to convince me that we are experiencing extreme and dangerous weather. Really? Are you people paying attention? Let me give you some numbers.

In 2011, there were a total of 1894 tornadoes in the United States, and in 2004 there were 1820 tornadoes. The average is between 1400-1500 tornadoes per year. In 2013, there were 771 and this year there has only been 720, according to the National Weather Service. Of those, only fourteen and twelve respectively, were "killer" tornadoes. The prior three-year average is thirty-three "killer" tornadoes per year. Forty-two people were killed by tornadoes in 2014 and fifty-five people were killed in 2013. The prior three-year average is 227 per year. In 2011, a total of 553 people were killed by tornadoes.

There has not been a hurricane in the U.S. stronger than a category two since 2005. That is the longest period without a category three or stronger hurricane since the Civil War.

In 2013, the U.S. set the record for the lowest number of 100-degree days.

The number of wild fires in 2013 (40,306) and 2014 (45,468 YTD) were down from 2012 (67,774) and 2011 (74,126), and were at their lowest in over a decade. Only 3.4 million acres have been burned in 2014, well below the ten year average of 6.6 million acres.

Extreme weather? Yep . . . extremely nice.

Carbon Dioxide Explained

The primary focus in the scientific debate on man-made climate change is the sensitivity of our climate to increasing levels of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere.

The theory of global warming is based on the premise that carbon dioxide emissions should be directly and indirectly trapping a certain amount of heat in the earth's atmosphere and preventing it from escaping into space (the Greenhouse Effect), which then causes global warming. What they fail to mention is that CO2 is a "trace gas" in the atmosphere and is measured in parts per million (ppm). Two-hundred-million years ago, when dinosaurs roamed the earth, carbon dioxide concentration in the atmosphere was 1800 ppm—five times higher than today. The result was lush tropical forests virtually from pole to pole. The most abundant greenhouse gas is actually water vapor, which accounts for ninety-five percent of the greenhouse effects. The remaining five percent is made up of CO2, methane, nitrous oxide, and minute portions of numerous other gases. When water vapor is included, the human-caused carbon dioxide footprint is reduced to about one-tenth of one percent of the total greenhouse effect.

If carbon dioxide was a major player in the global warming discussion, it would do more to debunk the alarmist theory than to prove it. Carbon dioxide levels increase and decrease as a result of temperature variances in our atmosphere. The computer models used by the alarmists claim increases in carbon dioxide levels are the cause of global warming. However, nine-hundred-thousand years of ice-core data and CO2 content records show that carbon dioxide increases follow warming periods, which is logical since oceans are the primary source of carbon dioxide. As the global climate cools, the oceans absorb more carbon dioxide. As the [climate warms, the oceans release carbon dioxide. Simply put, carbon dioxide does not cause](#) global warming, it is *the result of* global warming. Thus, the alarmist claims that increasing CO2 levels *cause* global warming is totally false.

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Even Greenpeace Co-founder Patrick Moore admitted, “CO2 is lower now than it has been through most of the history of life on earth, and so is the temperature.”

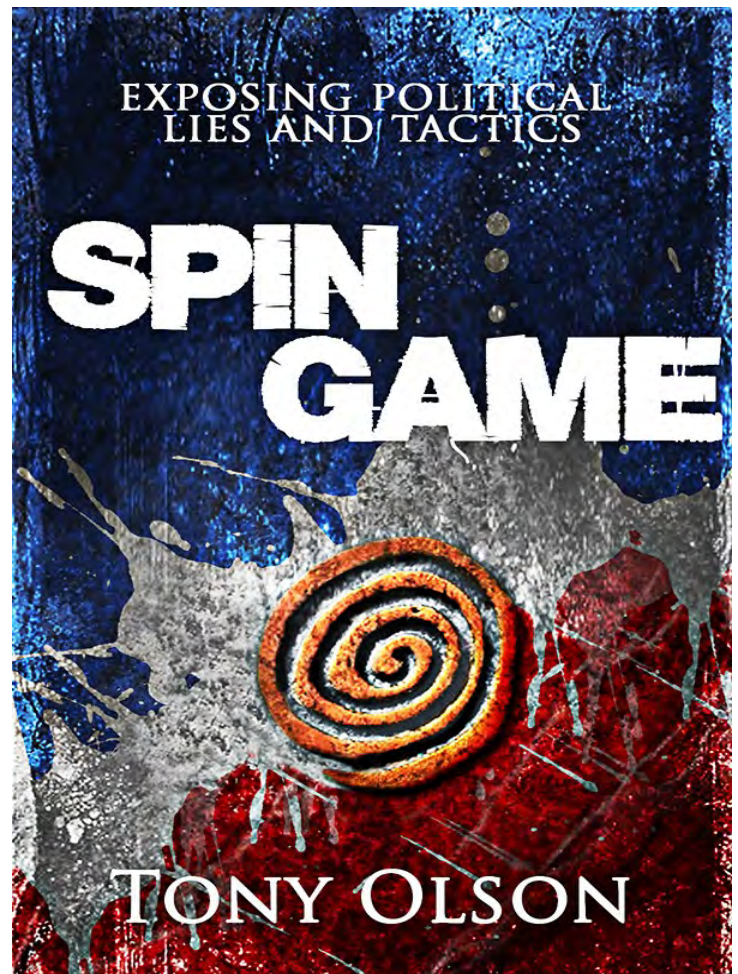
Conclusion

There are mountains of solid evidence available that easily debunk the myth of human-caused climate change. As the so-called “evidence” for man-made climate change evaporates, solutions for dealing with natural climate variances are becoming increasingly clear. Rather than trying to mitigate a threat that will likely never happen, governments are turning more frequently to adaptation, a far less expensive alternative. At present, the costs of reducing carbon emissions vastly exceed the benefits. The annual cost per U.S. household is estimated at \$3900.00, and there would be extensive job losses. Unfortunately, even as the majority of people become educated to the facts of true climate science, there will always be a core group of alarmists whose financial or political agendas get in the way of common sense.

Every political candidate should support rational measures to protect and improve the environment, but it does not make sense to back expensive programs that divert resources from proven needs. Climate science should not be contaminated by political agendas. Taxpayers should be outraged when they see billions of dollars per year devoted to research based on the imaginary consequences of a hypothetical problem, while other needs are ignored.

We need to take a rational scientific approach, not an emotional approach, to the study of climate change within the context of known natural climate history. Those of us who provide sound, factual climate data shouldn't continue to be blacklisted by leftist politicians and the media. And we, as a country, cannot continue to accept the lies, the fear-mongering, and the bullying tactics that continue to drive up our cost of living and diminish our quality of life.

You can read more about climate change and other hot button political topics in my book *SPIN GAME*.





BE ALL THAT YOU CAN BE

By Jim Chmelik Idaho County Commissioner



How do you see the world? Because it is only when we confront the truth of the situation before us and not lose hope that we will succeed, and it also determines how you live your life.

The political ideology of today's thought is to present a world of danger, trepidation, and uncertainty; creating an illusion of fear within our culture, a world where your success cannot possibly be based on your own abilities to solve the challenges before you and your community. Is it any wonder they wish to destroy the idea that you were created for greatness that there is a God, a God who has designed in you unique abilities to which the world is

just waiting for you to shine the light of these talents.

You see my friends this political ideology has a dream. However, for this dream to become a reality they must remove from you the idea that you can dream. They are doing their best to convince you that you were not created for greatness, and you are simply destined for a world of disorder and chaos unless they provide the solutions.

They are selling their ideas, and they are doing a great job. Through a century long marketing campaign utilizing the media, entertainment and the non-stop pulsing of retail advertising, they have drawn us into a world where we have begun to operate out of three philosophies. Minimalism, what is the least I can do? Individualism what is in it for me, or hedonism, if it feels good do it. We are being told this is a pathway to happiness when in reality this has been a recipe for disaster.

I would propose there is an alternative path, one we have moved away from and can easily move back to. This will only happen if you the individual with all your creative talent, energy, and genius demand it.

I believe God created you for greatness, and you were called to that greatness when you were conceived in your mother's womb, "before I formed you in the womb I knew you." God wants you to dream and he wants you to share that dream not only with the world but also him, His desire for you is to be the best person you can be. It is only when we are on this path that we come to understand the unique gifts each of us has. It is when we share these gifts with the world to serve and not be served that we will stop living in fear and start becoming what each one of us was created to be. So what are your gifts and are you sharing these gifts with those around you.

The world does not need another Ronald Reagan, or Mother Theresa, the world needs you. How do you see the world?

I would like to credit Matthew Kelly and Steve Bollman for providing the inspiration for this article. Jim Chmelik is a county commissioner in Idaho County, the father of 8 and has been married to his wife Colleen for 26 years. Jim is an accomplished speaker and has been published in numerous papers through out the northwest. If you would like to speak to Jim about addressing your organization or church please contact him at jim.chmelik@gmail.com or call him directly at [208-983-8133](tel:208-983-8133)

WILL WE GET TOO “LITTLE” TOO SOON AS OUR GOVERNOR?

By Tea Party Bob



Many of you may remember that we were predicting as much as a year and a half ago that if Butch Otter won a third term he would abdicate the state throne and usher in his protégé Lt. Governor Brad Little into his seat. Well if you read Saturday's Idaho Statesman, you will find an interesting article with the headlines:

“Little says he's ready to step up”

http://www.idahostatesman.com/welcome_page/?shf=/2014/11/29/3514246_little-says-hes-ready-to-step.html

If this actually happens and Otter steps down, we believe it will probably happen sooner than later even though Little says he expects Otter to serve out his term. Does anyone remember when Little was interviewed at the Republican party election night when he was asked if there was a deal between him and Otter to turn over the governor's seat before Otter's term was up? He said in so many words that I don't have any idea what you are talking about. This would be nothing more than a transfer of power to another establishment crony who will be decidedly more moderate than Butch. He did vote against Idaho's constitutional amendment prohibiting same sex marriage, but eventually voted for it in the final version.

According to the Statesman, Little agrees with Otter 95% of the time. Guess that means same old, same old cronyism and good old boy attitude if he should take over. He is quoted as saying “The original reason we did a contract with (Corrections Corporation of America) is nobody wanted to raise taxes to take money away from education to pay for corrections. What's not noble about that?”

How noble was it that Corrections Corporation of America was able to allegedly scam millions of dollars from the state by putting in fake hours worked. We still haven't gotten a full accounting of how much it really cost the taxpayers. As far as taking money away from education to pay for corrections, what about the scandal with the Idaho Education Network and how will the administration figure out how to fill in that gaping hole left by the FCC funding pulling out of paying 75% for the network because of the cancelled contract? So far this scandal has an estimated cost to date of over \$25 million which will pretty well drain the Governor's rainy day fund.

The taxpayers of Idaho are going to get shafted again and all because it appears another of the governor's appointees took advantage in a contract that was properly bid and then changed because the CEO of Syringa wanted to save the state millions of dollars. Can you imagine that Syringa was trying to save the state money, and they were cut from the contract?

Has everyone forgotten about Tom Luna's controversial contract with Tennessee contract ENA and how they were given a 15 year contract to install WIFI into Idaho schools. Did everyone forget that there were competing bids from Idaho companies that were capable of doing the job and had lower bids, but were passed over in favor of ENA who has a history of making campaign contributions? Luna received \$6,000 for his 2010 campaign and Governor Otter received \$4,250, not to mention 42 other legislators who received campaign contributions from \$250 to \$1,250. According to Kevin Richert's article of July 24th 2013 ENA contributed \$38,750 in the 2010 and 2012 election cycles. \ Continued on page 10

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Our question is why do our state officials always pick companies from outside of our own state who essentially charged us more money for the same service. We know it couldn't be the campaign contributions, don't we? Cronyism is running rampant in our state house, and it needs to be stopped.

When will the voting public see how badly they are getting ripped off and vote for the other guy? If Lt. Governor Little does eventually take the helm, we can only hope that he will change the way our state is run; however, we don't see much hope for change since Little has admitted there is little difference in his thinking and the Governor's. The crime of this whole matter is that we had an opportunity to elect someone like Russ Fulcher and came up just a little short even though it was the smallest percentage margin that a sitting governor has ever received in an Idaho primary. Alas, a loss is still a loss, and we can only hope that if Russ decides to run again in 2018 that the people of Idaho will see that he is the right choice to run this state. Maybe we need to suffer some more pain under the current administration before people will wake up.

We have to start doing a little more thinking when we go to the polls and start making some changes. Many of our legislators have not been voting as conservatives, and it's time the people of Idaho held their feet to the fire and called them down on their voting record. Twenty Six Republican Legislators received scores of minus 40 or lower on the Idaho Freedom Index which would put them into the liberal category in the opinion of this newsletter. You can see all of the legislators scores by going to www.idahofreedomindex.com

Only 35% of Idahoans who were eligible voted in November's election. That is a very poor showing for such a conservative state. Our Forefathers gave their blood, sweat and tears to get us the right to vote so why are we disappointing them and not doing our civic duty? Believe it or not there are more important things than football games and reality shows, and if you want good legislators we need to take the time to find out what they are all about and not just go to the polls and vote for the same people election cycle after election cycle.

We have been receiving e-mail from readers asking why their particular legislator had received such a low score on the Idaho Freedom Index since we first published the list of candidates running for election and the scores they received. We are sure there are many uninformed voters who have no idea how their legislators rank. We would suggest that you do some homework and find out for yourselves just who you have been voting for and electing to represent you.



Reply from the Rabid Tea Party

By Darr Moon



Dear Patriots,

Many of you probably didn't get a chance to read the recent **Twin Falls Times News editorial** from their editorial board "**Time to Represent All of Idaho**". It was a typical hit piece against the Tea Party with all the hysteria they could muster to foment fear and prejudice against those of us who work to restore the individual element of liberty to our government long lost in pages of regulation and misdirection. I've attached a link to the editorial but looks like you'd have to subscribe to read most of it.

http://magicvalley.com/news/opinion/editorial/our-view-time-to-represent-all-of-idaho/article_a52614bd-f9bb-5359-9af1-f821817b71ec.html

Dear Our View editors,

Your recent critique imploring Republicans to represent all of Idaho rather than the rabid minority tea party exposes the narrow corridors of your political analysis.

You might remember the dust up at the Republican convention earlier this year. It was not the zealot right that called question to the established Republican dogma of speak one thing and enact another. It was liberty minded Republicans who stood against everything that had trickled down from Washington; ObamaCare, Common Core and Medicaid Expansion. Surprised you didn't vote Republican as they embraced as whole cloth Big Government legislation you seem to support. You must have forgotten it was Tea Party's opposition to the status quo in the lead up to the primary election. The Tea Party saw little benefit after the primary which ensconced the same old same old to enact further unproven and uneconomic solutions for Idaho's unique and growing problems. It was the Tea Party with new ideas to old problems that confronted establishment Republicans asking them to look to our roots empowering individual liberties with free markets. You might be surprised to learn that it was not the Republican "right wing zealot Tea Party" that put Ms. Yabbarra in office. Most of the Tea Party campaigned and voted for Jana Jones in the Superintendent race as she at least had concerns about SBAC testing, a key component to Common Core. You won't find the Tea Party looking to tap your phone, promote foreign conflict and centralize all manner of social and economic processes. Get your facts straight!

Please provide foundation to your argument that the "right-wing won't accept any idea birthed from the White House", are we not lock step with them on every front? And your argument to break the tax cut addiction conjures an image of a heroin addict rummaging for any amount of fix left in the empty syringe. Please, your rhetoric has worn thin as years of government program failures have brought millions to poverty and government dependency. Is your attack on the wealthy really the issue or are you pandering for additional opportunity to master over those too stupid to care for themselves?

Your analysis of minority players also suggests that only by legislation or judicial verdict do Americans have rights. The cleverly pigeonholed minority argument is a guise to implement more government, more law and less freedom for all. Is that truth not self-evident? What about those of us in the tea party minority that want limited, well defined government?

With all the seeming disparity between the rabid tea party and your editorial board it would be nice if you could focus a moment on those issues that bring Americans together. I haven't seen one of you at a Tea Party meeting even though we are neighbors, yet you unabashedly cast us as kooks without insight. Are you afraid to open the aperture of political thought and discuss the difficult issues? We do, every second Thursday of the month at the Burley City Council Chambers. You're cordially invited, promise no foaming at the mouth.

Finally I'm afraid to report the newspaper industry is dying in a wave of creative destruction which obviously must contribute to your concern about raising the minimum wage. Unfortunately your tired rhetoric and one dimensional journalistic analysis will likely only merit a mere \$7.25/ hour in the coming new age of on-line reporting. Expand your journalistic horizons.

Darr Moon
Mini-Cassia Tea Party
Custer County Tea Party Patriots

IMMIGRATIONS TRANSFORMATION IN AMERICA SINCE 1974

By Darr Moon

Dear Patriots,

[My historical recollection regarding the evolution of immigration transformation in America since 1974.](#)

I hope you enjoy the irony of the spoof written in letter form addressed each twenty years from a large labor facilitator to the self interested parties who've sold the idea of American exceptionalism and legal immigration down the drain. We are left with a country without American culture, open borders and multiple languages that divide our commonality. The overwhelming cultural and social influences are felt today from seeds sown by those who saw economic benefit from those less fortunate. The swarm of illegal immigrants has swamped the boat that supported the idea of fair labor in a free market. The last time we exploited cheap labor in America 600,000 died in the battle to undo the wrong. Can we ever learn from our past?

These days are full of lessons not learned from our past. In fact it seems as nothing can slow the brush fires that burn the ideals of our nation's founding. So many fires that in fact it is difficult to determine which inferno is most detrimental to our future. This is a part of the plan to divide and conquer while we are separated stomping out brush fires that threaten. I mention this to report a smoldering fire in Cassia County that has not yet sparked the passion of those of you who may be interested. You don't know of this potential conflagration because most of us can't be at all places and at all times to hear the news that comes from the Cassia County Commissioners. We are fortunate though to have a veteran patriot who persists to show attendance at their most difficult to attend meetings and to relay this information to you. Please allow me to invoke your curiosity about these Public Lands that are planned to become off limits to your travels as consequence of a proposal to obliterate 191 miles of roadways and trails in the Cassia County's outback around the South Hills and Alamo Park areas.

You can obtain a copy of the Minidoka Ranger District which has an update of their plan to lock you out of your Public lands by consequence of dubious pseudoscience concerns dreamed up by environmental whackos surly at monumental cost to tax payers. I bring this to your attention in hopes that you might join our lone wolf at the next Cassia County Commissioner's meeting to voice your concern and opinions of such. As we must all choose those brush fires of consequence to us please consider this one a priority. Ask yourself are they really your public lands if you're not allowed to access? Can wildfires be fought without access? Can the Cassia County Sheriff rescue a lone hiker lost in these hills without access? Consider these and broader implications to this lock down and act. Please forward to interested parties.

In Liberty,

Darr

Recollections of 40 years of Immigration Transformation

November 20, 1974

Dear Employers,

I have a business proposition for you. I have a large population of skilled workers anxious to perform almost any task at a cost far less than nominal wages. I can transport these people to any location in the United States at no cost to you and you will not be required to pay benefit packages that normally include insurance, vacation time or retirement contributions.

Few of these people speak English but those that do can easily communicate to their peers your every labor need. You don't need to sign a contract for their labor for any length of time and don't worry they will not form a labor union and demand higher wages. If at any time you do not wish to continue their employment you may fire them with no severance pay or further financial obligation.

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IMMIGRATIONS TRANSFORMATION IN AMERICA SINCE 1974

By Darr Moon

I have about 30 million laborers available at every location you may have labor needs. Many are very skilled and eager to work. The menial wage you pay is really very good pay where they come from so you don't need to feel concerned that you may be insulting them. Many return home to live like Kings.

There really isn't much need to continue paying high labor costs to your employees who can find work elsewhere. Many of your current employees can go on unemployment insurance benefits they have earned while under your employ. When their benefits run out there are in place adequate safety nets for them to avail themselves providing food stamps, housing credits, educational opportunities and many other social welfare programs.

You will find your new less costly employees will work long hours with little complaint. Those that do cause trouble are easily removed as they do not like to be involved with law enforcement agencies (their legal status is questionable in some cases) so the mere mention of police sets them scurrying. Only a few are ever incarcerated.

They send most of their money back home to their families and only need basic amenities. Food is about all they spend their money on.

Please let me know how many workers you might need.

Sincerely,

I.C. Bigbucks
National Labor Advocacy

November 20, 1994

Dear Employers,

Thank you so much for contacting me with all your employment needs. I have placed almost 20 million laborers saving you billions of dollars in wages and further billions in reduced costs for employee benefits. Without my inexpensive work force your country's production capacity would be greatly reduced and all those jobs that most Americans won't do are continuing to get done. What a wonderful boon to the economy with added benefits of plentiful agriculture products, lower cost for construction projects and a vibrant service sector community.

As I mentioned just twenty years ago those displaced by my cheap labor have now settled in with lives unencumbered by the stress of manual labor of days gone by. Now most receive benefits they earned long ago. Your country's ability to absorb the additional population of comfortably poor is truly amazing.

I know some of you have complained about the rising crime rate in your area but please know again that you pay taxes to support many programs that help those unfortunates with counseling, drug rehabilitation and child education programs. We are very involved in organizing English as a second language for many of the schools in your town and hope to soon be able to provide childcare for your employee families that have now come to join them in America. All these employee benefits at no cost to you! What a country!

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IMMIGRATIONS TRANSFORMATION IN AMERICA SINCE 1974

By Darr Moon

Remember you are doing America a favor lowering labor costs and providing essential services that most people will no longer do. I hope you will tune in to see me on “Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous” scheduled to air this season. I suspect many of you will be able to join me with all the money you are saving.

Sincerely,

I.M. Bigbucks
Democratic Peoples Fund
The Free Labor Commission

November 20, 2014

Dear Employer Friends,

It has been 40 years since my grandfather first introduced to you the best cheap labor deal you could have ever imagined. Now I'm pleased to let you know that many of those employees you hired are now eligible to gain full emancipated status and become American citizens too. Please know that you will now have to pay them at least minimum wages and provide benefits with this new deal but don't worry, I have many, many more laborers still looking to get a piece of the American labor action. I've been working with Administration Officials to bring a new crop of young, eager to please laborers to employment in America with our new youth -jump-the-fence program.

I'm so proud to report that we have added more programs to compensate the more than 46 million underprivileged on food stamps. Even though some consider the escalating national debt now at almost \$18 trillion a drag on the economy we still firmly believe our cheap labor will help bridge that gap. Remember the low cost of employment makes possible the dream of millions who wish to come to America. Think of the freedom you continue to offer millions of souls who can now vote in a free society, something not possible where most came from.

I can also report that we are helping to fund many police, emergency response and teacher positions who are now fluent with your population's languages and cultures. Your children are no longer burdened with learning English and have every opportunity to enjoy the benefits of those whose jobs they'll replace in future. The increase in prison population due to cultural, social and drug related problems have actually been a remarkable opportunity for many in the higher social economic classes to find employment. The legal field has acute needs for additional defense attorneys, legal aid counselors, police enforcement professionals and prison guards. The spinoff benefits have also increased the need for welfare benefit processors, head start teachers, bi-lingual educators and interpreters. The increased legal proceedings have also helped greatly fill lower end wage earning positions from clerk positions all the way to jail janitors. What a wonderful transformative country open to all, culturally diverse and multilingual.

With greatest compassion,

Dr. U.R. Skrood, Chairman Immigrant Studies, Higher Education Task Force
Chief Council to the Presidents Labor Relations Board
President People First Foundation
2014 “I have a Dream” recipient



The Political Question of the Time

By Pastor Phil



The political question of the time is—is the government going to overwhelm the people with its strength, size and intrusiveness. That is the question because the government is half the economy now, or more, and it intrudes into places thought both private and sacred, and it proclaims itself responsible for everything good we have.

I would like to remind all of us why the Declaration of Independence came into being. The King of England said, in essence, “you are only colonists and I can do with you as I please; I can take your houses or anything else I choose to take.” The Kings claim was,

Your rights come from me.

The Declaration begins universally with the rights everyone has. Its claim is that all people have certain inalienable rights that cannot be violated and those rights are established in the Laws of Nature and Nature’s God. That’s what today modern intellectuals, and progressives say don’t exist. They needed something like that because they were throwing off the law and needed some guide to establish a new law.

The Declaration mentions God four times, and names Him in all three branches of government. God is mentioned as the Maker of the Laws of Nature and Natures God, the Supreme Judge of the World, and as Divine Providence.

So the point is—all the powers of government must never be combined in any human hands. The Declaration says something to every living human being, at every time, in every place. It says: In your nature is written your rights and no one may govern you except by your express consent—you own the government and it may not do anything to you except what you agree that it may do AND there are agreements you can make with it that would sacrifice your rights and you would be in the wrong to make those agreements.

Some time ago we chose to live according to the Declaration. What’s so very troubling is why we’re choosing no longer to live that way.

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Dealing with Obamacare's Rising Costs, While Making Idaho's Health Exchange Unnecessary By Steve Ackerman



According to HealthPocket.com – a private technology company that allows shoppers to compare health plans across the country – average premiums on health plans continue to go up. Specifically, HealthPocket.com found premium increases in at least 35 states. These increases ranged from 5-10% overall. In other analyses, individuals were paying 30, 40, or 50% more in premiums.

Those who like Obamacare argue that the increases are “less than they have been in the past.” This is a strange argument. That argument would not work at the gas pump or the grocery store. It should not work with health plan products, at least, if those products were bought and sold in a free market arrangement.

Another problem has been the dramatic rise in deductibles. If one were to go to Your Health Idaho, one would find many more health plans with deductibles at \$5,000-\$6,300 than deductibles of less than \$500-\$600.

Why the increases in premiums, deductibles, and out-of-pocket expenses? One large reason is the mandate that all health plans sold through a state or federal health exchange must include 10 Essential Health Benefits (EHBs) set by the federal Department of Health & Human Services. With very few exceptions, these EHBs must be included in every health plan sold through a health exchange. As I have argued for the past two years, if you mandate that certain benefits must be part of health plans, then you will raise the costs of those health plans. The EHBs, as listed by the federal Department of Health & Human Services are as follows:

- Outpatient Care (Type a person obtains “without being admitted to a hospital”)
- Emergency Room Care
- Inpatient Care
- Maternity Care (Type a person obtains for their baby “before and after he/she is born”)
- Mental health and Substance Use Disorder Services (Includes “behavioral health treatment, counseling, and psychotherapy”)
- Prescription Drugs
- Services and Devices if injured, have a disability, or have a chronic condition (Includes physical & occupational therapy, speech-language pathology, psychiatric rehabilitation, etc.)
- Lab Tests
- Preventive Services (Includes counseling, screenings & vaccinations for managing chronic diseases)
- Pediatric Services (Includes dental care and vision care for children)

The first cost driver is the fact that health plans must include these services. The second cost driver is the lack of any “scope” or boundary for each of them. For example, “services and devices if injured, have a disability, or have a chronic condition.” Which exact “services” and what specific “devices” are included? Does it count if the “disability” is long-term or temporary? Is it only “chronic conditions” as defined by Health & Human Services and currently recognized by insurance providers, or could it be something new? For instance, certain forms of Diabetes were not considered a “chronic condition” until several years ago. So, how is an insurance company, the doctor, or the patient to know? This was the problem Hobby Lobby faced when HHS woke up and just said contraceptives are covered under “maternity care.” This problem is a cost problem.

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An open-ended AND mandated set of EHBs is a big reason why one finds 250% more health plans with deductibles of \$5,000 or higher on Idaho's health exchange than health plans with deductibles of less than \$500. (Note: This was for a healthy 40-year old adult living in the Boise area.) But the results on Idaho's exchange are only slightly better than the 34 exchanges around the country HealthPocket.com checked out. In their examination of 34 federal and state exchanges, HealthPocket.com found that many more Platinum-level Metal plans have \$0 deductibles than Bronze-level Metal plans. Specifically, they discovered that 0% Bronze Metal plans had a \$0 deductible, while more than 41% of Platinum Metal plans had \$0 deductibles. In other words, if you are working poor and can only afford a Bronze-level Metal plan, then you have no choice but to buy a health plan with a deductible that's going to cost money. If you are working rich and can afford a Platinum-level Metal plan, you have choices of health plans with deductibles that cost you nothing.

It also takes the power of insurance away from the insurance companies, doctors, and patients, and puts it into the hands of unelected federal bureaucrats. From a federalism angle, Idaho's legislature and Department of Insurance are both bypassed. By accepting the health exchange, Idaho accepted the Essential Health Benefits in return for promised subsidies. That meant allowing the federal Department of Health & Human Services to tell Idahoans the kind of insurance they must purchase, while accepting federal subsidies to deal with premiums that would have to rise when health plans are mandated to offer certain benefits. Yet, state officials never addressed the rise in deductibles problem, let alone things like increases in out-of-pocket expenses. Nor, did they address the fact that old policies would have to be cancelled, creating uncertainty and distrust among average Idahoans – some 105,000 of them – along with a loss of coverage. Such a "Faustian Bargain" was doomed to failure.

Recommendation 1: Remove Essential Health Benefits from Obamacare

In January, Republicans will be the majority in both the House and the Senate. So far, Republicans have voted to "repeal" Obamacare. While their actions are well-intentioned, we all know President Obama will veto any bill of this type. However, it will be much harder for him to argue that people shouldn't be able to choose the kind of health insurance to meet their needs. It would go far in bringing choice and cutting costs. It would also force a bit of competition into what is a very uncompetitive market.

Idaho has four federal officers – all of whom have close ties to Idaho's state legislature and governor. I see no reason why our state leaders in both elected branches can't ask our federal officers to try and amend the Affordable Care Act to provide relief for working Idahoans who can't afford \$6,300 deductibles and several thousands in out-of-pocket expenses.

And if state officials are concerned about whether there needs to be some kind of minimum requirement for health plans at the state level, I am fully confident our state legislature could come up with an adequate solution. Frankly, such an exercise would be a great way to bring together Democrats (both more liberal and more centrist) and Republicans (both more conservative and more centrist).

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Recommendation 2: Repeal Idaho's Health Exchange

If Idaho's federally elected officials got rid of the Essential Health Benefits requirement, enforced the Idaho Healthcare Freedom Act to allow people to buy off the exchange (through any certified broker or agent) if competition for insurance was opened up, and if Idaho applied the several other exemptions in the Affordable Care Act (note Senator Thayn's Direct Primary Care model for example, or my use of a private exchange for small businesses to purchase as a "franchise") the health exchange would no longer be necessary. Remember, the Idaho health exchange is costing some \$70 million and not one dime is going for healthcare.

The first response to supporters of the health exchange would be that working poor would lose their subsidies, causing them to see higher premiums. However, they don't look at the drop in premiums that would occur if people could pick and choose their services (like they do goods at the store) if competition for health plans was opened up, if Obamacare's exemptions were implemented, or if ideas like mine that show a savings of \$1.43 to \$3.27 for every dollar spent on healthcare. We should leverage technology, our growing healthcare industry, and proven programs around prevention and disease management. With the potential for a rising premium, utilization would shift from "I go when I have a problem" to "let me behave better to prevent a problem from occurring." In short, people would be incentivized to behave in a healthier manner; and, as any economist would not, incentives are key to the success of any endeavor. Thank you.

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A MESSAGE FROM SENATOR THAYN REGARDING OBAMACARE & Christian Share Ministries

Better have a look at this when you get your rising insurance premium arrives.

Dear Friends: I just got an email from a friend of mine that I want to share. This person combines two components of ObamaCare; DPC and Christian Share Ministries. Thought you should know.

Just a note, I am now no longer on Obamacare in any way. I know DPC works and the free market has a chance. I have Dr. Gunther as my DPC physician and I use a Christian Share program to cover all of my catastrophic health issues. So I can be used as an example that I get great healthcare at an affordable price for my family. My son, husband and I get all of our healthcare at a price of \$120 for DPC and \$405 for the (Share) catastrophic care. Totaling \$525/mo for everything, no deductibles, no co-pays and any out of pocket is wholesale through my DPC for tests (80% discount) and prescriptions (avg \$2.00 per month/prescription). So there you have it. I try to be an example so I can say, hey, if it works for me, why not you!?!
Senator Thayn



THE NEHEMIAH MODEL

By Lynn House



*Guardians of the Republic
...Honor your Oath.
Join Us.*



The Old Testament character of Nehemiah provides a great model for Oath Keepers and Constitutional Patriots in Nehemiah Chapter 4. After a secretive recon trip to appraise the broken walls of Jerusalem, Nehemiah began marshalling the people for the task ahead. Three major elements come out of Chapter 4, mission, security and communications.

The mission was to rebuild the wall of Jerusalem. The condition of the capitol city and its protecting walls and gates were a disgrace. The current occupants mocked Nehemiah and the returning Jews that they would consider rebuilding this foundational structure. Oath Keepers and Constitutional Patriots have a similar challenge. Our foundational structure of the Constitution is in big trouble, disrespected, neglected and in shambles. Worse yet, most of those who are sworn to uphold this foundation are the worst offenders and even mock those of us who work to restore the founding principles.

There is an axiom penned by Mark Alexander of the Patriot Post, “**Principium Imprimis -- Restoring First Principles**” *"In disquisitions of every kind there are certain primary truths, or first principles, upon which all subsequent reasoning must depend."* --Alexander Hamilton “If we are to bequeath to our posterity the Liberty that our Founders envisioned, then we must return to *principium imprimis*, or First Principles. Our freedoms cannot long endure unless we, the People, reaffirm what was well understood by our Founders: that our Creator is the only eternal assurance of Liberty.”

So Nehemiah began rebuilding the wall and gates. At first there was mockery by the alien occupiers and then as work began to take shape, the mockery turned into threats. Nehemiah 4:4-6 *“Hear, O our God, for we are despised....Do not cover their guilt, and let not their sin be blotted out from your sight, for they have provoked you to anger in the presence of the builders. So we built the wall. And all the wall was joined together to half its height, for the people had a mind to work.”* Nehemiah 4:14 *And I looked and arose and said to the nobles and to the officials and to the rest of the people, "Do not be afraid of them. Remember the Lord, who is great and awesome, and fight for your brothers, your sons, your daughters, your wives, and your homes.”*

Nehemiah has a security problem. The solution was likely the first Combat Engineers. Word backed and maintained by force if necessary. Sound familiar? <http://patriotpost.us/alexander/3514>

Nehemiah 4:16, *“From that day on, half of my servants worked on construction, and half held the spears, shields, bows, and coats of mail. And the leaders stood behind the whole house of Judah, who were building on the wall. Those who carried burdens were loaded in such a way that each labored on the work with one hand and held his weapon with the other.”*

Those crazy old founders....where would they ever get the notion of the importance of the 2nd Amendment? *“Guard with jealous attention the public liberty. Suspect everyone who approaches that jewel. Unfortunately, nothing will preserve it but downright force. Whenever you give up that force, you are inevitably ruined.”* And to see the first statement not come true Patrick Henry said *“The great object is that every man be armed.”* In our Nehemiah narrative, word and action prevailed to get the job done, but only after it was underwritten with a show and threat of force. Human nature has not changed and our founders were masters of its understanding.

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The third emphasis of Nehemiah continues in 4:18, “ *And each of the builders had his sword strapped at his side while he built. The man who sounded the trumpet was beside me. And I said to the nobles and to the officials and to the rest of the people, "The work is great and widely spread, and we are separated on the wall, far from one another. In the place where you hear the sound of the trumpet, rally to us there. Our God will fight for us."* “ Communications, Comms, ahCommunication, how many ways can you say it? *"The work is great and widely spread, and we are separated on the wall, far from one another."* Nehemiah had his trumpet, we have alternative media since the major news media in this country are no longer a force for liberty, but a propaganda instrument. So how is our trumpet doing in alternative media? It must be working because there is plenty of incoming fire. What was a major force in Colonial America in alternative media....they were called ‘pamphleteers’. People like Thomas Paine, Ben Franklin and Samuel Adams had great influence over events of their day. What are our modern day local ‘pamphlets’ of influence working to get the truth across? To name a few, ‘The Gem State Patriot’, ‘The Patriots Companion by the ‘912’ group, and the new ‘The Voice of Idaho’ (<http://www.tvoinews.com/>). Locally the District III Oath Keepers host a ham radio net (VHF) weekly as a true ‘alternative comms’ practice that covers the entire Treasure Valley. Additionally we have a local (VHF) AmRRON ham radio net that reaches local, state, regional and national in the HF frequencies. (<http://www.amrron.com>) *"The work is great and widely spread, and we are separated on the wall, far from one another."* Have your bugle ready!

The conclusion of this event unfolds in Nehemiah Chapter 8:1, *And all the people gathered as one man into the square before the Water Gate. And they told Ezra the scribe to bring the Book of the Law of Moses that the LORD had commanded Israel. So Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could understand what they heard... vs 8, They read from the book, from the Law of God, clearly, and they gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.,*

vs 9 And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept as they heard the words of the Law." There was clearly remorse for their lost heritage that they had been cut-off from for a whole generation of 70 years of exile. As Oath Keepers and Constitutional Patriots we are in grief for our vanishing heritage and the liberty bought and paid for in the blood of patriots. We are being tested. Will we fight to maintain this gift for our posterity? **“Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same, or one day we will spend our sunset years telling our children and our children's children what it was once like in the United States where men were free”.** – Ronald Reagan

So how did Nehemiah conclude the national meeting? Nehemiah 10:28 *"The rest of the people, the priests, the Levites, the gatekeepers, the singers, the temple servants, and all who have separated themselves from the peoples of the lands to the Law of God, their wives, their sons, their daughters, all who have knowledge and understanding, join with their brothers, their nobles, and enter into a curse and an oath to walk in God's Law that was given by Moses the servant of God, and to observe and do all the commandments of the LORD our Lord and his rules and his statutes."*

Oath Keepers, we’ve been around for a while.

Lynn House, Director Idaho Dist III



The Deceitful Free Trade Agenda (FTA's) By Rich Loudenback



America Loses Sovereignty - Becomes Member State of World Government'

That's the plan, if you have any doubt, you must read on!

In my opinion, one of the vilest people I've ever heard speak, the extreme far lefty named Alan Grayson, U.S. Congressman (D-Fla.), is one of the few members of Congress given limited access to the TPP negotiation documents, and he told the [Huffington Post](http://HuffingtonPost.com), **"Having seen what I've seen, I would characterize this as a gross abrogation of American sovereignty."** If even he gets it, what is wrong with the rest of our legislators?

Free trade agreements have been sold as the means for increasing trade between countries and maximizing economic opportunities. However, the actual results show something entirely different.

Have you paid attention to how poorly the European Union (EU) has been working out for its 28 member nations? Our planned first version of the same type of union, The North American Union's (NAU's) precursor roots and its courts (which circumvent our courts) are already in place under the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA). **(Every nation that has been added to the EU has lost its independence without a vote of the people. Also, their very own constitution subordinates every member state to the United Nations.)**

MANY PATRIOTS ARE NOT GOING TO LIKE THIS Senator Rand Paul came out last week and said he is in favor of Free Trade Agreements and furthermore shocked a lot of people by appointing Richard Burt, a member of the globalist Council On Foreign Relations, as one of his top advisors. It has been said that Rand Paul is completely different from his father when it comes to pragmatism.

Mitch McConnell announced he is ready to support Rand Paul for president and McConnell further stated, **"I've got a lot of members who believe that international trade agreements are a winner for America and the president and I discussed that right before I came over here."**

And worse yet, our very own U.S. Senator James Risch has stated repeatedly that he supports the Free Trade Agenda. Senator Risch for the most part has done a fine job representing us here in Idaho. But what has happened to his mind on this most important issue? Has he just not studied the reality of it all, is he under someone's influence **or worse does he understand it so well that he is part of the problem?** **We should all be contacting our U.S. senators and representatives offices demanding they oppose FTA's. It can be a matter of us remaining the USA or being a member state of a global government run by unaccountable, unelected global power elitist subjugating us to the corrupt UN. Believe it! Keep reading if you have doubt.**

This is the big issue that is very bi-partisan. On the free trade from NAFTA onward, what the Democrats have done, is usually come out against the free trade agreement, and then they'll say 'unless we get strong environmental controls and strong labor controls and things put into it.' And then, a critical number of them cave on it.

As Art Thompson, CEO of The John Birch Society says, **"Our Nation's Constitution, our Bill of Rights — those historic ten Amendments which set forth the great unstoppable reservoir of ultimate sovereignty which is reserved to our States and to our people — are being sacrificed, and to a dream-world presumptively governed by "universal law."**

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FACTS THAT CANNOT BE DENIED

NAFTA proponent Gary Hufbauer member of the Council on Foreign Relations and 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 exported around 225,000 cars annually to 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.

The late, 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 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).

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.

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The following is so important I'm repeating from one of my former articles:

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."**

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 superstate — 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 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.**

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The Deceitful Free Trade Agenda (FTA's) By Rich Loudenback



AND THERE ARE STRANGE BEDFELLOWS There's nothing partisan about this fight. This is an American fight. Out of curiosity I googled 'democrats opposing FTA's' and quite surprisingly, I found **many democrats are alarmed at the blatant undertakings of the FTA's as well as the secrecy.** 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 U.S. 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.**

"Beyond traditional tariff issues, these include policies related to labour, 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, health-care, 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 REPLI-CATES THE MISTAKES OF THE PAST. WE CAN AND MUST DO BETTER.**" Fast Track today is called 'Trade-Promotion Authority' (TPA).

'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 with serious blocking action legislation, if necessary, before it's too late. FTA's and subsequent 'national 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; and inattention, lack of concern or mis-guided trust on the right. Most people probably don't believe this really can happen. Really!!! They're either too trusting or asleep at the switch.

American sovereignty will be dissolved if the two giant FTA's transition us to fruition as intended. Then freedom loving Americans will be told by a world government run by unaccountable, unelected global power elitist what's best for us and how we must conduct all aspects of our lives with unfathomable rules about everything that makes our current big government maladies appear like we're just in training for the 'big hurt' (my expression) and all the while subordinating our new member state to the United Nations.

In light of the clandestine 'real agenda' of FTA's, who's to say that we will not wake up someday and realize that our Constitution has been replaced by international rules created literally by unaccountable, unelected 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!**

Good Fats, Bad Fats and Does .GOV Know Best?

By Mila Wood (Mother and Common Core warrior from Middleton, Idaho)

Helping my kid with homework after school, and he says that he needs to go on this website and fill out his food intake for a few days so they can study in class about calories, exercise and things like body mass index. So, we log on at home, as he is not allowed to log into the schools "free-mandatory" device because our district would not give me a statement in writing that his personal info would only be used in our district. The right to privacy is a high priority at our house. Moving on..

Here is the site: MyPlate.gov.....yep, I said .GOV....there is even a little white house logo on their home page. How sweet.

The White House

**** ChooseMyPlate.gov <http://choosemyplate.gov/>

Now, we looked at the assignment, and discussed, again, as we do frequently, why the government has no business in this area. Don't get me wrong, I do think that a nutrition class is not a bad idea, but the reporting straight to the .GOV site is just too creepy. I think if the teacher is qualified, there is no harm in doing a class assignment or two on food, exercise and nutrition. The problem aside from directly funneling information into .GOV, is the false impression that the government knows MORE, and KNOWS better, and is the ultimate authority on things such as health and food. Just look up Monsanto. Or turn your TV on to see how many drugs and surgical devices have been recalled and deemed unsafe, after they were used on the masses. I am happy that the USDA is around to do their job at making sure my bacon doesn't have Trichinosis--but creating a website that tracks and gathers data on my child's and family's eating habits is NOT their job, and I would argue illegal. Yes, it is illegal for OUR federal government to have a national data base to keep track of its citizens....they are just really good at renaming things like data bases, to well, things like Myplate.gov. It sounds so friendly, and innocent AND it is for your protection.

After we got on the site, I wanted to see what exactly the .GOV said about nutrition, to see if maybe I was being too harsh on my first reaction that they may not be the ultimate source on nutrition. So I went first to the "OILS" section. Oil, sounds so much more friendly than fat. here is their list, copied and pasted; Notice their very first oil.....more on that below.

Some commonly eaten oils include:
canola oil
corn oil
cottonseed oil
olive oil
safflower oil
soybean oil
sunflower oil



At our house, we eat quite well, mostly home cooked, organic vegetables, healthy snacks, and FATS...FATS, as general rule are good, as long as they are good fats. They help in brain development,

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.GOV site.....hmmnnnn. I wonder if my son will fail the assessment? Will he be tagged for food-intervention? Remember, if there is a health standard, he will be tested. Just for the record, my son is well within the range of healthy BMI, but there were some that were not. More on that later. Below is just one article to maybe make you think twice before ingesting Canola oil...there are many. It is also not the only oil on the list that is suspicious, and would NEVER pass the lips of anyone in my family if I have the choice. (I am also willing to bet that it is NOT actually used in the white house-much like Common Core is great for my child but NOT theirs) Do your own research, but look at the site just to see what .GOV is peddling.

Canola Oil is a Classic Example of Food Fraud - [NaturalNews.com](http://www.naturalnews.com/029516_canola_oil_fraud.html)

http://www.naturalnews.com/029516_canola_oil_fraud.html

Why You Should Avoid Soybean Oil | [StopKillingMyKids.com](http://www.stopkillingmykids.com/why-you-should-avoid-soybean-oil/)

<http://www.stopkillingmykids.com/why-you-should-avoid-soybean-oil/>

6 Reasons Why Vegetable Oils Are Toxic

<http://authoritynutrition.com/6-reasons-why-vegetable-oils-are-toxic/>

The class had to, of course, discuss their own BMI percentages openly in class, out loud.....(just pause here, and think of yourself as 10th grade girl...remember back to that time...were you fully confident? care free as to be judged by others? happy to discuss your weight in class?) and of course, NOT all the girls/boys were within the .GOV BMI index. BUT, unfortunately for her, no matter how far outside the graph you are, is still OUTSIDE the graph. Therefore, you are...labeled overweight, in front of the whole class. In her mind, probably forever. UGH. My son said that he felt really bad, in particular for one girl that even cried. I am not sure this is how a healthy, confidence building, discussion about food is supposed to go- Maybe she will just have to use GRIT to get through it. I wonder what her intervention will be if she doesn't grit through it, and become BMI compliant longitudinally?

In my humble opinion, this is NOT the job of the government. I believe that people are smart. I do believe that they may not make the best choices as far as food and exercise goes, BUT that is not the governments concern to monitor or judge.....It is not the proper role of government to tell the public what to eat, and how much exercise to get. Maybe instead of worrying about what my kid eats, the feds should really be refocusing on DEFENSE, maybe the borders, maybe Ebola, maybe protecting our consulates (remember Benghazi?) maybe getting ALL the important people to WH briefings, so that they do not have to learn about catastrophic events by way of the TV news....ya, maybe that should be their focus. If the WH does find extra, spare time on their hands, maybe they could blog about something they DO KNOW about, perhaps a nice top 10 things to do on vacation in Hawaii, or how to stuff an unbelievable amount of time on the golf course, into a busy schedule. Lastly, how to golf with a horrible swing and still LOVE it! Yes, those blogs would be useful.

Please be informed as to what your kids are doing in school, and find out where their information is going. Anything that is collected at school on a device issued by the school, is considered educational data-which is NO longer protected by FERPA. This is stranger danger on steroids! The ONLY children that are exempt, are the ones who's parents are also exempt from programs like ACA because they are elected officials. Isn't it time for some REAL equality, for OUR children?



Idaho Education Goes Global

By Valerie Candelaria



A person doesn't need to be directly engaged in the fight against Common Core education reforms to recognize the all too familiar standard talking points routinely used by advocates everywhere. Many of us can easily recite the singular stated objective in all of this innovation and change. That is of course, to ensure that every American student graduates high school "ready to succeed in college and beyond" so that the United States can once again compete with our global counterparts in the world economy. This is done by creating a learning environment where our students can master such vital deep learning skills as critical thinking, creativity, collaboration and communication. All with the underlying purpose of being prepared to solve *real world* problems. A thin veneer of educational purpose is retained by ushering in these social changes and increased data mining under the limited guise of math and English language arts standards. If you're like me, you have to wonder what all of this gobbledy gook has to do with academics. As it turns out, not much.

In an [article](#) that appeared in Idaho Education News back in October 2013, we've learned that Idaho has been selected to participate in something called the [Global Partnership](#) for education. Only the states of Idaho and Washington have received the dubious honor of volunteering 100 U.S. schools that will participate in a pilot project of 10 countries and 1,000 schools. Idaho's 63 volunteer schools come from some of the [districts participating](#) in the Idaho Leads Project. Check the list (linked above) and see if your district is in one of those listed. If so, ask if your child's school is part of this project. The state of Washington volunteered the remaining 37 schools. Ex Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction, Roger Quarles, was selected to act as the U.S. representative in this effort saying...

"We now have common standards in place through the Idaho Core and we are making progress in our ability to effectively assess student learning as part of the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium." Quarles said. "Now we need to focus on the impact on instruction and what happens in the learning environment between teachers and students to really prepare them for success in the 21st Century. The Global Partnership project will be an excellent opportunity to engage with others around the world also working on improving teaching and learning."

Idaho Leads co-director, Lisa Kinnaman, will assume this role now that Quarles has taken a position with the Albertson's Foundation. It was through exploring the Global Partnership and the opinions of founder, Michael Fullan of Canada, that I found the definition of [deeper learning](#) and began to recognize its strong correlation to Common Core. As it turns out, the deeper learning skills required to succeed in the 21st century as promoted by the Global Partnership are the same 4 C's that we associate with Common Core as mentioned above, plus two additional C's... character development and citizenship. Not surprisingly, we see the same reform players involved in this pilot initiative as those that have been involved in promoting Common Core in the states... Microsoft, Intel, Promethean, Gates Foundation, Pearson Education, etc.

The theory being promoted by this new approach to education reform is that we have a new crisis within the education system itself that stems from boredom and frustration. Boredom on the part of students, who feel unchallenged and disinterested and frustration for teachers who have become discouraged by increasingly disengaged students. (It seems that no consideration whatsoever is given to the possibility that the increased emphasis on high stakes testing may have brought the same result.) The solution they propose for *whole system change* is based on what is clearly a constructivist approach to teaching where students are encouraged to discover meaningful content on their own through advances in technology, and where teachers join them as *learning partners* rather than instructors who impart knowledge.

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It seems that their vision of effective public education must move away from the primary focus of providing strong foundational knowledge that empowers individual success to a system with greater focus on promoting strong personal and interpersonal skills. Their goal is to develop problem solvers and cooperative participants in a system of global citizenship through a shared moral imperative of education for all of humanity.

The Global Partnership is based on a plan called “New Pedagogies for Deep Learning” whose mission was described as follows in a [recent interview](#). See how many of these buzz words you have heard in connection with Common Core...

“New Pedagogies for Deep Learning: A Global Partnership is based on the understanding that no one country, sector or organization has all of the answers. Rather, it is about collective capacity building to identify, apply and measure new and innovative approaches to learning. New Pedagogies for Deep Learning will develop deep learning competencies that go beyond 21st century skills. The goal is to create compassionate global citizens who have the ability to communicate effectively, think critically and collaborate to create knowledge and solve real-world problems in an increasingly complex and connected world.”

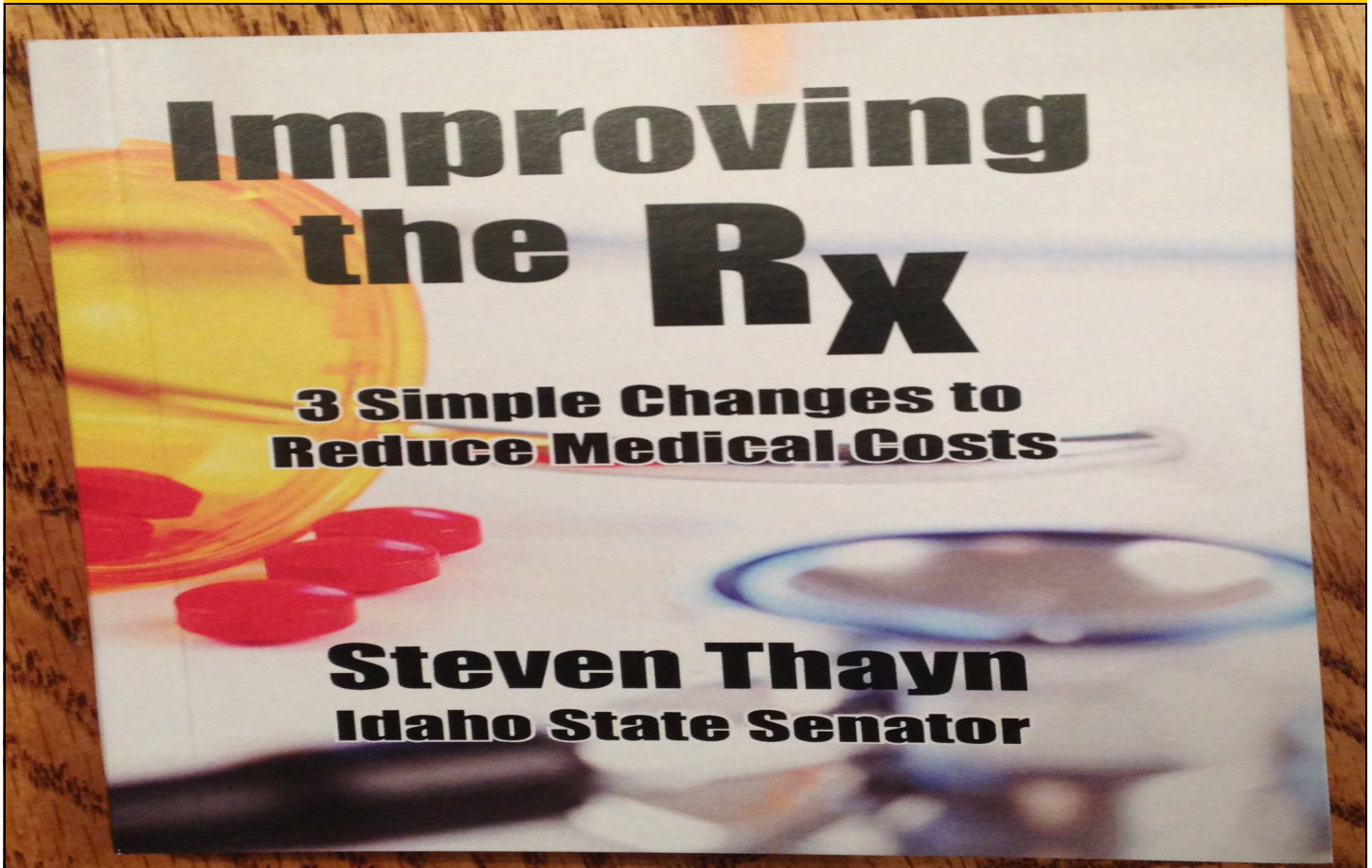
Much of this should sound very familiar if you’ve been paying attention to Common Core at all. So, this causes one to ask... which of these came first? The critical thinking, communication, collaboration, collective capacity building and problem solving skills of the “state-led” Common Core initiative... or the New Pedagogies for Deep Learning that is driving the Global Partnership? The four C’s or the six C’s? Or has the pursuit of 21st century skills just brought everyone to the same natural conclusion?

Among the many “character traits” the Global Partnership wishes to have our students learn are *grit, tenacity, and perseverance*, but they are challenged with finding effective ways of measuring the mastery of these skills. Could there be a correlation between the advancement of these goals and the February 2013 draft report issued by the US Dept. of Education, Office of Education Technology entitled [“Promoting Grit Tenacity and Perseverance”](#)? Once again, if you’ve been paying attention you will recognize this document as the source that first revealed some of the Gates funded college research projects which includes *gaming for tenacity* as well as several devices designed for measuring *physiological responses* within the learning environment.

If we step back and look at all of the changes in the American education system in the last decade or two, it’s clear that the academic balance in our schools has already been squeezed beyond recognition in favor of standardization and high stakes testing by encroaching on subjects such as art, music, etc. The recent trend of increased emphasis on social/emotional development has further diluted our academic focus. If you review some of the materials that I’ve provided links for in this article, you will clearly see that the only thing we have to gain from participation in this Global Partnership is more social engineering and a greater commitment to providing data. I am particularly sensitive to accepting the guidance of an educator from Canada since it was a Canadian school that recently claimed to be engaged in *co-parenting* their students.

As a member of [Idahoans for Local Education](#), I’ve been opposed to the fact that our state leaders invited the feds into our state education system. I am now greatly disturbed by this move to invite foreign influence into our state as well. At what point will incremental changes completely eliminate our ability to influence the education of our own children? The more control our state voluntarily surrenders, the closer we get to this eventual end. Please let your voices be heard during the next legislative session to help us reverse these

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Write him at 5655 Hillview Rd. Emmett Id 83617
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[Here is the text that I sent yesterday asking to change my vote on Medicaid Expansion.](#)
S. Thayn

Dear Committee members:

I read the report and have a few comments. I would like to state that I enjoyed working on the task force and with its members. For the most part, I thought the report was accurate. However, on the Executive Summary page and on page 26 it has this wording:

The workgroup proposed recommending Option 3.5 Managed Care/Private Insurance with an evaluation of the Direct Primary Care option designed within the model.

The workgroup approved the recommendation 12 to 1, with one member absent. I have issue with "evaluation of the Direct Primary Care option designed within the model." This is not what I voted for. I voted for a Direct Primary Care pilot program using state funds to cover 1,200 individuals in three types of setting: DPC practice, a Community Health Center, and a rural hospital. I did not vote for an evaluation of the Direct Primary Care model. I voted for action.

With the way the report is now written, I cannot support the recommendation and request that the vote show that there were two votes against the recommendation.

Senator Steven Thayn

HOW MANY GAS WELLS WILL IT TAKE TO FILL IDAHO'S STATE COFFERS?

By Joe Morton

I am a citizen of Gem County and have been actively pushing against the “good ole boy” system regarding the Regulatory Taking and State Mandate requiring citizens to give up their mineral rights for the sake of economic interest. **How many GAS wells will it take to fill Idaho State coffers?**

Alta Mesa, a Texas based corporation, continues to exploit the citizens of New Plymouth Idaho and their natural gas in the name of “LEGAL PLUNDER”. This term is defined by economist Frédéric Bastiat as a State-constituted vast machine that is purposely designed to take the property of some people without their consent, and to transfer it to other people. But the term acquires its full meaning when the stripping is done to the detriment of the majority of citizens in favor of the elites.

According to the Idaho Tax Commissions report dated 9-30-2014 distribution from State #1-17 Gas Well was \$57.20 for Oil & Gas Local Economic Development, \$200.18 for Oil & Gas -Cities & Counties and \$100.09 for the Public Schools Fund during the combined fiscal years of 2014 and 2015. This represents a paltry \$357.47 - for whom?

Legal plunder can be considered a form of income redistribution from the poor to the wealthy conducted by the State of Idaho legislators when they enacted law forcing its citizens to give up their natural resources for the sake of Idaho's “best economic interest”.

In 2012 our legislatures passed legislation and made law 47-315. PUBLIC INTEREST:

“It is declared to be in the public interest to ... promote ... oil and gas in the state of Idaho in such a manner ... to encourage... operations in order that the greatest possible economic recovery of oil and gas may be obtained within the state to the end that **... the producers ... may realize and enjoy the greatest possible good from these vital natural resources.**”

And when the citizens of Idaho complained, our legislators came back to the statehouse in 2013 and passed another law limiting local authority to have any say by adding language in section 47-317 by stating:

“The commission shall have and is hereby given jurisdiction and authority over all persons and property, public and private...”

Please come to the Payette County Courthouse on Thursday December 4th – 7:00 pm and witness RUBBER STAMPING and the Regulatory Taking of citizens, by Payette County Zoning Commissioners (many who have leased their mineral rights to the applicant) when considering Alta Mesa's Industrial Hydrocarbon Processing Rail Facility appeal case located less than one mile from New Plymouth High School.

"Make yourselves **sheep** and the **wolves will eat you.**" Benjamin Franklin

Joe Morton – Emmett

UPDATE ON GAS, OIL AND WATER BASELINE TESTING IN GEM COUNTY

By Jan Montano

The Gem County Water Baseline Testing Committee is having their first meeting at 2 PM in the USDA Building in Emmett, Tuesday December 2. The Gas & Oil Ordinance Committee has been instructed by the Gem County Commissioners to continue with their own work and not be concerned with what the Baseline Water Testing Committee does or will do. When the Gas & Oil Ordinance is approved by the County Commissioners gas drilling can begin. It would be great to know what our water baseline is before the drilling starts. Gem County Commissioner, Carlos Bilbao, told a group of citizens that he asked the State Gas & Oil Commission if drilling could be delayed until the water baseline testing is done. He was told no.

Since Alta Mesa has not started seismic testing here it may give us the needed delay as the seismic info has to be collected and evaluated before drilling starts. By the way Industry is not required to get permits to do seismic testing.

At the November 20 ordinance meeting it was decided by the committee to put into the ordinance that anyone who leases to Alta Mesa, or any gas company, can have their water tested by an outside water testing facility to be paid for by the company. If the landowner does not want their water tested they can opt out. The landowner will not be required to have their own water testing.

Then the committee moved on to air quality. One member had called DEQ early in the week, and found out that when the gas company flares a well there are no permits or monitoring required by the state. Washington County has put in their ordinance that the gas wells will be monitored, but it does not say by who or how it will be monitored according to Brad Clark, the Gem County Planner. He also said that the EPA has abdicated to the State of Idaho anything to do with air quality. The committee asked if someone could come to the next meeting and talk to them about air quality. Brad said he would work on that. As of right now the committee does not know how to proceed on air quality for the ordinance.

The chair of the Gem County Gas and Oil Ordinance Committee says that she talks to many Gem County landowners who want the drilling. When asked where they are, because they do not come to these meetings, we are told they will be there when the ordinance is presented to Planning and Zoning and a public hearing is scheduled.

Just a note when Wayne and I attended the Negotiated Rulemaking for Gas and Oil at the Capitol early this year flaring was a contentious issue, but only for the citizens. The rule making committee told us that the company would be flaring and that would be that. We were told over and over any issue with flaring or air quality would have to be referred to DEQ and anything in the rule making that we wanted changed would have to be done legislatively.

In my opinion the negotiated rule making was really for the state and the industry to make things go smoothly for the industry. We, the citizens, got very little changed, taken away, or added to and that is because we can't as we were told over and over again. A county cannot impede Alta Mesa, or any gas company, from doing business in their county. The company can appeal to the Idaho State Gas & Oil Commission and based on what we have seen so far Industry seems to have the upper hand. Thank you to our state representatives for giving us almost no power over what happens in our counties concerning gas and oil drilling.

The next Gem County Gas & Oil Ordinance is Thursday, December 11, 6:30 Gem County Courthouse in Emmett.

**FACTS SUPPORTING GEM COUNTY CONCERNED CITIZENS DENIAL OF AM IDAHO, LLC -
HYDROCARBON TRANSPORTATION & ANCILLARY PROCESSING FACILITY
CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT
Saturday, November 29, 2014 – Edited**

Gem County Concerned Citizens ("GCCC") submit this statement supporting the appeal of the Planning and Zoning Commission's Decision on the AM Idaho, LLC ("AM") application for a Conditional Use Permit to construct a natural gas processing and rail loading facility on the property located at 4920 E. Idaho, New Plymouth. GCCC will also present testimony at the Board's hearing on December 4, 2014. GCCC requests that this statement be included in the record for consideration by the Payette County hearing officer and board.

A. GCCC is timely and its member citizens include aggrieved persons entitled to appeal the Commission's Decision.

LLUPA provides that citizens are entitled to review of a land use decision, the person seeking review being an "affected person aggrieved by a decision." I.C. § 67-6521(l)(d). The statute defines an "affected person" as "one having an interest in real property which may be adversely affected by the issuance or denial of a permit authorizing the development." I.C. § 67-6521(l)(a). Similarly, Payette County § 8-18-1 provides that "Any party aggrieved by the final action of the administrator, commission or board, may appeal in accordance with the appellate procedures herein set forth. Time limits shall be deemed jurisdictional." Payette County Code § 8-18-3 A provides that such a person may appeal a decision of the Commission by filing a notice of appeal with the administrator or with the board within fifteen (15) days of the Commission's adverse action. It then provides: "Notice may be informal, but must be written and conform to the requirements of subsection 8-18-2B of this chapter." Subsection 8-18-2B provides: "Notice of appeal may be informal, but shall be in writing and shall set out reasons why the appealing party is aggrieved and shall state why the appellant believes the planning and zoning administrator or building official committed error."

Thus, for an appeal to be perfected, within fifteen days after the Commission's decision a person must make a filing setting forth (a) why that person is "aggrieved" and (b) why he or she believes the Commission's Decision was in error.

GCCC filed a notice of appeal on September 26, 2014 noting the approval decision violated Federal, State & County Statute. On October 24, 2014 GCCC received the Findings of Fact for the September 11, 2014 AM's CUP to construct a Hydrocarbon and Rail Processing Facility. On November 7, 2014, GCCC filed a document amending its appeal of the Commission's decision. Receipt of our amended appeal was accepted by Payette County P&Z Mark Harvey and confirmed by an email that the Amended Appeal has been received in the Payette County Office of Planning & Zoning November 07, 2014 @ 4:05pm.

GCCC filing on November 7, 2014 also satisfies the requirements of Payette County Code §§ 8-18-2B and §§ 8-18-3A. GCCC's members include property owners directly affected by this decision who "live, work, own property, and recreate in southwestern Idaho, including Payette, Gem and Washington counties. Additionally, the appellants, Pete and Joli Eromenok who are grossly aggrieved by this decision, actively participate with GCCC on matters related to AM's blatant disregard of the intent of the law. Furthermore, the organization "Idaho Concerned Area Residents for the Environment" (or "ICARE") and its members participate in a similar manner.

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AM alleges that GCCC is not an “incorporated association” and therefore has no right to represent aggrieved members by the CUP unlawful decision. This may be argued as to its legal requirements but has no basis for denying GCCC to represent it a group in this appeal. AM’s statement is contradictory in the fact that GCCC should be required to be incorporated when the predatory methods of AM’s “land men” in securing mineral leases within Payette and Gem Counties FAIL to meet any requirements of the state to conduct business. Specifically, it would be arbitrary, capricious and abusive discretion to require GCCC to be an “incorporated association” while allowing AM’s Land Men to operate without filing, registering or obtain a license to conduct business in the State of Idaho. These Land Men also do not disclose anything about Forced Pooling that may directly affect the property rights of those whose signatures they are courting.

This predatory nature is supported in a recent Gas & Oil Commissioners meeting (Integration/ Forced Pooling) on October 1, 2014 when Ken Smith (Commissioner for IDL O&G - representing oil and gas interests) questioned AM’s intent of their Mineral Lease Agreement and concluded the following: AM’s lease is an “open ended lease” and Ken Smith also stated “I don’t think that I would sign your lease”.

The fact that AM wants GCCC to be incorporated while their Land Men are allowed to freely secure mineral rights through devious methods is one example of many which AM uses within the Idaho Statute to exploit property owners.

GCCC represents the interests of all Citizens in Idaho who are aggrieved by such guileful businesses and by responsible agencies which do NOT in actuality protect public health, public safety, public order or prevent harm to public infrastructure or degradation of the value, use and enjoyment of private property.

B. The fact that any Commission member is a lessor under an oil and gas lease does by itself create a conflict of interest, and the Commission acted improperly by NOT disclosing their conflict of interest.

GCCC’s appeal stated that the Commission and governing board has violated Idaho Code § 67-6506 by virtue of the fact that members of the above noted are lessors of oil and gas leases. Idaho Code § 67-6506 provides that a planning and zoning commissioner "shall not participate in any proceeding or action when the member or employee or his employer, business partner, business associate, or any person related to him by affinity or consanguinity within the second degree has an economic interest in the procedure or action." The mere fact that a commissioner has an interest in an oil and gas lease and the potential to benefit from approving AM’s CUP for the gas processing and rail loading facility does create an "economic interest" in AM's intended development. This is so for at least four reasons:

1. Members of the Commission and governing board who have failed to disclose a potential conflict of interest have in fact benefited economically by the mere fact of receiving monies from AM for mineral lease(s).
2. Evidence supports the fact that members of the Commission and governing board own land included in drilling areas established by AM, and have the potential to be drilled. Even if such a public official did not lease mineral rights, s/he might benefit under the rules of Forced Pooling as long as s/he is an owner within an integrated zone. Payette County Recorded Documents note the names and association(s) of Public Officials and appointed commissioner board(s) who have leased their mineral rights to AM and have financially benefited by the lease execution.
3. Evidence supports the fact that members of the Commission and governing board own land in an area that may be included in an area where a well may be drilled by AM in the future.
4. The mere fact that the POTENTIAL of a conflict of interest may exist and that the members of the Commission and governing board did not disclose their potential conflict of interest is ethically wrong *and may well become a violation of* Idaho Code § 67-6506.

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Under the related Idaho Ethics in Government Act, a conflict of interest exists if the action of an official in question "would be to the private pecuniary benefit" of the official. See Idaho Code § 59-703(4). As with "economic interest" under Idaho Code § 67-6506, the fact that members of the Commission and governing board have gained a "private pecuniary benefit" by leasing their mineral rights and receiving payment for these rights to AM for the purpose of a future benefit is a conflict; and under § 59-703(4), the fact that it "would be" to their benefit is also a violation.

Furthermore, no other industry or occupation group in Idaho is given such advantages by Idaho Statute which mandates its State overseers have authority over all persons and property, public and private..." (Idaho Code § 47-317) so that "the producers ... may realize and enjoy the greatest possible good from these vital natural resources." (Idaho Code § 47-315)

Additionally, the mere fact that AM has 920 lessors across almost 80,000 acres with the ability to "integrate" or "Force Pool" those who have NOT leased their mineral rights is a direct violation of the Constitution governing citizens' private property rights.

The potential conflict of interest by members of the Commission and governing board constitutes voting in favor of this CUP and is a breach in laws provided to the citizens which allow the public the right to know the facts of any potential economic gain by the officials voting on issues related to personal property rights, public health and safety. By statute, if such is the case, these officials are NOT to participate in such decision-making.

Additionally, the audio recordings for the public meeting held to consider AM's CUP note that the legal counsel hired to represent the citizens interest regarding public health and safety, advised the commission and governing board that they did NOT have to disclose any potential conflict of interest.

State Laws have been violated. Public official moral and ethical standards were breached when the commission and governing board failed to disclose their conflict of interest and therefore AM's CUP must be denied.

C. The Commission granted a permit for a conditionally permissible use without AM submitting any documentation that the application is in conformance with the County's comprehensive plan.

Payette County last updated their comprehensive plan in 2006. The Comprehensive plan (PCCP) is NOT consistent with Payette County's Chapter 20 OIL AND GAS DRILLING Ordinance. The commission has refused to update the PCCP for the purpose of Natural Gas exploration and extraction since 2009 when Bridge Energy came to town and then filed Bankruptcy. The failure to update a comprehensive plan when a new ordinance is passed has already been challenged in upper courts in California as well as the Idaho Supreme Court in a case of Price v. Payette County Board of Commissioners in 1998. The courts have ruled that "A zoning ordinance that is inconsistent with the comprehensive plan at the time it is enacted is "invalid when passed".

Additionally, PCCP § 8.5 states one of the county's objectives is: "Enhance existing job opportunities and create a greater variety of employment opportunities in the county." AM's natural gas development spokes people have provided NO factual evidence that any new economic opportunity will exist. Additionally, the commissioners have failed to request any such documentation to support AM's claim that a benefit will in fact exist. The general construction and specialized construction skilled workers from the county who are being hired by AM and by contractors to AM are temporary and provide no long term employment for Payette County residents. A court ordered subpoena will provide further evidence that the majority of temporary construction jobs for AM's infrastructure and project(s) are contracted to businesses located outside of the state of Idaho. A visit to the Hotels located in Ontario Oregon after working hours noting the inventory of gas and oil equipment and trucks from Texas, Oklahoma, North Dakota and Wyoming will also verify this fact.

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Furthermore any economic benefit to Payette County and cities within the county directly contradict AM's and the State of Idaho's reason for gas extraction... "Best Economic Interest" for the extraction businesses. Evidence of this LACK of benefit to the counties/cities is supported by Idaho Tax Commission's report dated 9-30-2014 noting that distribution from State #1-17 Gas Well located in New Plymouth, Idaho was \$57.20 for Oil & Gas Local Economic Development, \$200.18 for Oil& Gas - Cities & Counties, and \$100.09 for the Public Schools Fund during the combined fiscal years of 2014 and 2015. This represents a paltry \$357.47 - to "offset" what public expenditures? How many conditional use permits will need to be approved before any substantial economic benefit is realized...if ever?

The Commission and governing board is required to consider the economic benefits before approving a CUP. The Commission and governing board has violated the intent and word of the law within the Comprehensive plan, as well as the STANDARDS FOR ISSUANCE OF A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT, by not considering and not requesting such documentation from AM prior to approving this CUP. Therefore the CUP should be denied and/or delayed until this requirement is satisfied.

D. The Commission's Decision violates the STANDARDS FOR ISSUANCE OF A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT.

As defined in Section § 67-6512 Idaho Code, and Chapter 9 of the Payette County Code, "the granting of a conditional or special use is permissive. And that "The burden of establishing that a conditional use permit should be granted is upon the applicant." Specifically...These Payette County legal Standards require the Commission to consider and request of AM prior scheduling a hearing on this matter:

- 1 – Cumulative air impact to Payette and adjoining Counties / Cities downwind,
- 2 – Potential water impact to Payette and adjoining Counties / Cities down gradient,
- 3 – Health and Safety impacts to Payette and neighboring counties,
- 4 – Will this industrial gas facility be harmonious with and in accordance with the general objectives or with any specific objective of the comprehensive plan and the zoning title?
- 5 – Will this industrial gas facility be designed, constructed, operated and maintained to be harmonious and appropriate in appearance with the existing or intended character of the general vicinity, and will such use not change the essential character of the same area?
- 6 – Will this industrial gas facility not be hazardous or disturbing to existing or future neighboring uses?
- 7 – Will this Industrial gas facility be served adequately by essential public facilities and services such as highways, streets, police and fire protection, drainage structures, refuse disposal, water and sewer, and will the persons or agencies responsible for the establishment of the proposed use be able to adequately provide any such services?
- 8 – Will this Industrial gas facility create excessive additional requirements at public cost for public facilities and services and not be detrimental to the economic welfare of the community?
- 9 – Will this Industrial gas facility not involve uses, activities, processes, materials, equipment and conditions of operation that will be detrimental to any persons, property, or the general welfare by reason of excessive production of traffic, noise, smoke, fumes, glare or odors?

AM has failed to provide responses to these requirements in their application for the CUP and the Commission and governing board have failed to request documents supporting this application. Therefore the Commission and governing board are required to delay any decision until these requirements are satisfied.

E. The Commission's Decision violates Idaho Code § 68-6528.

Payette County ignores the clarification in the opinion dated 2011 from Idaho Attorney General Wasden's office for questions asked by your prosecuting attorney, which clearly states:

When local ordinances "IMPOSE higher standards than are required by any other state statute or local ordinance, the provisions of the local ordinances... shall govern". State agencies are directed to "comply with all plans and ordinances adopted under this chapter unless otherwise provided by law" Idaho Code § 68-6528

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Additionally, Idaho Code § 47-317(9), states that the legislature's intent is to "occupy the field of the regulation of oil and gas exploration and production with the limited exception of the exercise of planning and zoning authority granted cities and counties pursuant to chapter 65, title 67, Idaho Code." Also, Section § 47-317(10), Idaho Code, recognizes "the responsibility of local governments to protect the public health, safety and welfare."

Finally, Section § 47-317(10)(b) notes that "...extraction may be subject to reasonable local ordinance provisions, not repugnant to law, which protect public health, public safety, public order or which prevent harm to public infrastructure or degradation of the value, use and enjoyment of private property."

The Commission and governing board have failed to adopt, consider or require any language which authorizes higher standards than are required by any other state statute which protect public health, public safety, public order or which prevent harm to public infrastructure or degradation of the value, use and enjoyment of private property. Therefore this violation constitutes reason to deny or delay any decision on AM's CUP until this requirement is satisfied.

F. The Commission's Decision is a Regulatory Taking.

The Commission and governing board decision constitutes a Regulatory Taking of Pete and Joli Eromenok's property and rights to use & and enjoy their property because no consideration or compensation was given to the Eromenoks. AM only approached the Eromenoks to discuss possible compensation after the CUP was approved. AM used their predatory methods to research public records for the purpose of seeking property value and then used this information to their advantage by suggesting to the Eromenoks that their established professional dog training business consisted of only one deeded parcel located where the Eromenoks now live. AM failed to consider the fact that the Eromenoks have a legal life tenancy lease to the adjoining acreage which is a wetland area for professional bird dog training and hunting, and that the combined land is required for the purpose of conducting and operating their business. Without this adjoined land and kennel(s), the Eromenoks are unable to operate their business, make a living to support their family and enjoy or use their property without suffer or infringement. A Regulatory Taking or Taking can only be legally achieved if there is due process and fair compensation. Neither of these factors was afforded to the Eromenoks by AM or the Commission and governing board.

The adverse impacts of AM's CUP have not been evaluated, considered or compensated as it relates to the degradation of property value and the Eromenoks' business; therefore granting this CUP constitutes a violation of Federal Statute. This in itself constitutes reason enough to deny any favorable decision for AM's CUP.

G. The Commission's Decision is arbitrary, capricious and abuse of discretion. I.C. § 67-5279

The fact that Payette County gives arbitrary, capricious and abusive discretion when approving AM's CUP is prefaced by other examples of this nature. Most recently the commission delayed a CAFO permit because the application was "incomplete". Additionally, the Commission required a siting team of members with IDEQ, ISDA and IDWR, all representing the interests of the "people" or citizens of Idaho when it comes to public health and safety. The Commission, however, failed to require a siting team for AM's CUP. This industrial facility consists of over 1 million gallons of Natural Gas Liquids, many of which are stored in pressurized tanks. This industrial facility, which would significantly change the lives and nature of New Plymouth, will have the capacity for 8 rail tank cars, all with attendant elements of noise, odors, and various risks. Yet the commission did not ask for or require an Idaho State Agency, charged with representing the interests of the "people" or citizens on all matters related to public health and safety to participate in this weightier case.

But the Commission did require a technical review committee, many members of which are lobbyists, engineers and/or consultants retained, paid or employed by the applicant... AM Idaho, LLC.

Many of the technical review committee notes, memorandums, emails and other electronic data were not available to the public for review until November 24, 2014. But yet all of this information was available to members of the commission prior to voting "yes" on September 11, 2014.

The arbitrary, capricious and abusive discretion when approving AM's CUP is unlawful and therefore requires that AM's CUP application must be denied.

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Debby Decker, President of Board, and Sandy Hall, Manager of the kennel, are in the forefront of this new shelter and seem to have matters well in hand at the new Meridian Valley Humane Society. The new shelter has been up and running for about a year, and they are handling between fifteen and twenty dogs at a time.

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