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Police are taught that there are three categories of people: "Yes people," "No people," and "Maybe people." These distinctions suggest the obvious — that officers cannot talk everyone into handcuffs.

"Yes people" are compliant to a uniformed police presence. "No people" are fighters, runners or both. "Maybe people" can go either way. It is the last category where there are the most variables effecting the direction of a police contact.

Certainly the conduct and abilities of the officer are among the many variables. Each officer has a different background, intelligence, communication skills, command presence, temperament, education and limitations; they all perform differently. Yes, they all go through the same standardized basic training, but competence and character differ from officer to officer.

Some have athletic prowess and played contact sports growing up. Some come to the ranks with a frame of reference for physical confrontation limited to wedgies suffered during childhood. All, however, take the same oath. They must respond to 911 calls with different tools in the toolbox – outcomes will vary. A fit, 6'3", 220 pound officer might use a control hold to subdue a "no person" instantly. Given the same circumstance a 5'3", 135 pound, soft officer might necessarily use a Taser or deadly force.

In light of the controversy in Ferguson, Missouri surrounding the August 9, 2014 shooting death of an eighteen year old, unarmed black male, Michael Brown, by white police officer, Darren Wilson, there are three facts to consider: First, every fight an officer is in involves at least one gun; the one he/she is wearing and must defend. Second, most eighteen-year-old males can out last and ultimately overpower the average thirtyyear-old man; this is in part why eighteen-year-old males are subject to the draft. Lastly, the premise launched by the media of an open season on young, black males by white police officers is outrageous. This myth is dispelled by DOJ reports on law enforcement officers killed and attacked (LEOKA studies), combined with year-to-year violent offender demographic information.

Public trust is a fragile treasure. Officers know that any use of force places their safety, career, and agency's reputation in jeopardy. Still, unnecessary escalation by police does happen. With that said, it is the least frequent of the variables in play leading to use of force.

Police walk a tightrope of laws, policies and moreover *public opinion*. Despite earnest recruiting efforts to increase diversity in the ranks over the last four decades, 86% of America's peace officers are white; most are male. Conversely, despite racial preferences and generational economic and educational assistance from tax-payers in the trillions of dollars earmarked for non-Asian minorities — the fact remains: the overwhelming amount of violent crime in America year after year is committed by (young) black and Hispanic males (Sources: DOJ uniform crime reporting and The Color of Crime; Race, Crime and Justice in America: Second, Expanded Edition, New Century Foundation 2005).

The reality of who makes up the majority of police and who makes up the majority of violent offenders is used by the incredulous media to construct a false conclusion that modern law enforcement is nothing more than the Klan in blue. Notwithstanding the small number of bad apple exceptions in the ranks, this is irresponsible. It is an insult to a noble profession. In 2014 the issue is not white vs. black, but police vs. criminal.

Certainly, there are cases of police brutality on minorities — just as there are on whites. In the interest of public trust, all of these incidents should come to light. Excessive use of force under the color of authority (perceived or real) always gets traction in the media when the victim is non-white; not so when the roles are reversed: On August 11, 2014 (just two days after the death of Michael Brown) a black Salt Lake City police officer shot and killed an unarmed twenty-year old, white man, <u>Dillon Taylor</u>. There was no media blitz and to-date the DOJ has not descended on Salt Lake.

The Obama administration works with race hustlers the likes of Al Sharpton, Jesse Jackson and an agendadriven media to promote selective outrage thereby dividing the population along racial lines and convicting police in the court of public opinion — before the facts are in. Thomas Sowell recently opined on why we spend so much money on a criminal justice system if we are holding court in the media with the mob as jury. When black people are killed or harmed at the hands of whites the media feed us 24/7 spin the likes of which we saw in the Trayvon Martin case and the police shooting death of Michael Brown. There is no objectivity.

When Eric Holder came to St. Louis in the wake of Michael Brown's death, he said, "I am the Attorney General of the United States. But I am also a black man." Like President Obama's comments on Trayvon Martin and the Cambridge, Massachusetts (Brandeis University) case before, the knee-jerk, racially biased assumptions by this duo echoed from their pulpits of stature is divisive. Their positions afford them credibility by the ignorant — dividing the country racially without regard for the truth. Obama and Holder are washed in racial bias and social justice ideology. Their irresponsible commentary injected into local issues usurps the Rule of Law and Due Process they took an oath to defend.

Cameras are wielded like swords pushing police administrators back on their heels. An intimidated police administration creates timid cops. Timid cops make minority communities less safe. Police learn that being reactive pays the same with half the risk to limb and livelihood. Rather than be proactive and work to prevent violent crime in these neighborhoods, some demoralized officers elect to drive in circles with blinders on. They show up after the fact to draw a chalk line around another tragic victim of black-on-black crime.

Today police are under a microscope like no other time in American history. This is not altogether undeserved or an entirely bad thing. Surely, police misconduct does happen. Someone needs to police the police. A responsible media could help, but they – like the DOJ – have lost all objectivity.

In this climate an officer's mind is distracted by worry of job loss and civil or criminal federal charges, retarding reaction time. While the suspect is deciding between fight-or-flight, the officer may be under-reacting due to analysis-paralysis.

When it comes to making an arrest or a detention the bottom line is this: the suspect has an obligation to submit, and the officer has a duty to apprehend.

There is no nice way to take a "no person" into custody. Even a peaceful protester using only passive resistance in the form of deadweight requires some level of force to arrest. It can look bad to a passerby particularly when the suspect is animated. The next level of resistance is a term coined, "egressive resistance" where a suspect is not trying to overpower an officer, but is trying to break free and escape. On the opposite end of the resistance spectrum is the "active aggressor" who attacks the officer to overpower and harm him.

Tragically, officers are murdered with their own guns when active aggressors overpower and disarm them. How many police murdered by minorities are in some part the result of a paralyzing amount of worry implanted into the officer's psyche by their administration, giving the advantage to the attacker during a life and death struggle?

All of this begs the question: What kind of police culture do you want? Do you want a double-minded police administration that reins in the real cops preferring armed report takers who never get a complaint, look the part, but can't deliver? Do you want Sheriffs and Chiefs to genuflect to external forces like the ACLU, the Southern Poverty Law Center, Al Sharpton, media spin and self-serving special interest groups?

- I imagine that you want a culture of professional, competent, courageous and constitutional-minded officers.
- I imagine that you want officers whose actions are motivated by a sense of duty balanced by the golden rule.
- I imagine that you want officers armed with discretion, grace and mercy selected on meaningful criteria that hold the line on our quality of life.
- I imagine that you want officers who seek out real criminals as opposed to criminalizing harmless behavior by being overzealous with no thought given to the spirit of the law, only the letter.
- I imagine that you want officers whose performance is not graded by the number of tickets they write.
- I imagine that you want officers with a sense of duty so strong that their oath trumps their prejudices.
- I imagine that you want officers who although they know not all people contribute the same value to society, treat every human being as an equally precious life.

How is that kind of culture made? Not by Sheriffs, and Chiefs genuflecting to external forces and allowing their oath to be reshaped by the hammer of political correctness over the anvil of ignorance.

It comes from bold leadership rooted in truth. It comes from coaching a culture. It comes from hiring officers with a servant's heart. It comes from holding cops and criminals accountable without regard to political forces undermining truth and the Rule of Law. And, it comes from holding on jealously to local control. Consider the conduct of BLM agents in Clark County, Nevada in 2014.

Forget whether or not the Bundys' argument was right or wrong. The use of force by armed federal bureaucrats playing cop was excessive. The late entry of the Sheriff on-scene prolonged the abuse. Where is the accountability? For the Sheriff it is in the hands of the voters. For the feds it sits in the in-box of a senior bureaucrat across the country in D.C.

I have many concerns about the changing police culture in America; including the line between local and federal being blurred.

Irrespective of my concerns, local police — in their traditional role — deserve the benefit of doubt when they meet physical resistance doing a job most citizens would not entertain the thought of doing. The public should beware of media spin, hasty conclusions and false witnesses. They should suspend judgment until all of the facts are in. These brave men and women deserve that much consideration.

Editors Note: We would like to thank Mr. Traubel for his excellent contribution to our newsletter but would like to thank him even more for being a Constitutional Sheriff. This man actually understands the meaning of the term.



#### **ABOUT THE AUTHOR**

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Doug graduated from The San Diego County Sheriff's Academy. On the first day of the academy he attended a lecture from Sheriff John Duffy on the history and unique authority of the Constitutional Office of Sheriff. It was then that he developed a reverence for the Office and an understanding of the necessary and substantive differences between Sheriffs and Chiefs of police.

Doug graduated from San Diego State University with a BA in political science (emphasis on constitutional law) and a minor in the Spanish language. In 1993 Doug was awarded the Medal of Valor for his actions related to engaging three armed subjects in an alley while on undercover foot patrol with his partner in a high-crime, housing complex.

Disgusted with the infiltration of Marxist philosophy in the California criminal justice system and its near paralyzing impact on effective police work Doug moved to Idaho in 1994. The seed planted by Sheriff John Duffy determined his course; Doug became a Deputy Sheriff. His assignments included patrol, juvenile crimes detective (High School Resource Officer), and gang detective. In 1998 he was awarded the Field Services Director's Award for his work with troubled youth. He continues to serve as a senior criminal investigator, supervisor and firearms instructor.

#### Constitutional Carry for Idaho 2015 By Greg Pruett

The ISAA has had a number of victories from our Preemption Project over the last six months. Idaho Preemption prohibits cities/counties from enacting ordinances that regulate almost every aspect of firearms. Our Preemption Project has helped overturn a dozen ordinances that were in violation of state law. We are working with another 37 municipalities to help them correct their ordinances. We have also been successful in getting several cities to take down signs that banned firearms in public places such as parks. While we are pleased with the progress we have made so far, there is one victory that has eluded us the last several years, getting Idaho citizens Constitutional Carry.

For those who may not be familiar, Constitutional Carry (sometimes called permitless carry) means that any law abiding citizen who is not currently prohibited from owning or purchasing a firearm can carry their firearm concealed without a permit. You have a God given right to defend yourself. You do not need the government's permission to exercise that right. The Founding Fathers even enshrined that right for us in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment when they said that it "shall not be infringed." Yet citizens have allowed the government, at many levels, to infringe on that right. It is time to take it back.

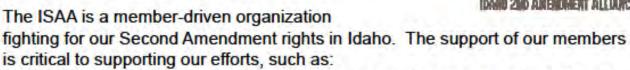
Five states currently have Constitutional Carry. Those states are Vermont, Alaska, Arizona, Wyoming, Oklahoma and Arkansas. You are going to hear a lot of fear mongering and lying about what Constitutional Carry will do when it is passed in Idaho. If our argument here doesn't convince you that it is all wrong, then I challenge you to research Constitutional Carry in the five states that have it. Try to find any stories about how common citizens will go crazy and start shooting each other because they do not have a plastic card in their wallet. It is not happening in those states because the law abiding citizens who are carrying now and not randomly shooting people will continue to do so when they do not have a permit. In fact Vermont has never required a permit from its citizens and there are no shootouts and mass killings by law abiding gun owners. The Teton County Sheriff in Wyoming recently told us that he actually opposed Constitutional Carry in his state because he feared his deputies might be in greater danger. However, he now admits that there are no issues with it and none of his fears came true. Good people will be good people still and bad people will be bad people still. A little card in your wallet will not change that.

The ISAA has posted a video on Youtube which you can find at <a href="www.idahosaa.org">www.idahosaa.org</a> which explain a little more about Constitutional Carry. We tackle many of the myths surrounding it. Please watch the video and share it with your family and friends so they can understand.

More importantly, we will be holding a rally on February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015 for Constitutional Carry. The details of that rally can be found on the ISAA website as well as our Facebook page. We need thousands of Idaho citizens to attend the rally so they can see how serious we are about wanting Constitutional Carry.

### Join the Idaho Second Amendment Alliance

Your membership makes a difference!



- the Preemption Project to remove illegal "no guns" signs and illegal city and county ordinances that penalize law abiding gun owners, and
- Constitutional Carry legislation being introduced in the 2015 state legislature.

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Sign up online at idahosaa.org/membership/



Come join us to support our Constitutional Carry (permittess carry) legislation. This bill allows everyone who is not prohibited by state or federal law to carry openly or concealed without a permit.

We will meet at the Center on the Grove at 3:30pm and march to the capitol building for a short rally

## Dispelling Constitutional Carry Myths By Alexandria Kincaid

Concealed carry laws are governed by each individual state. The result is that the laws can vary widely between states, and travelers must be wary and knowledgeable of the laws in the jurisdiction to which they are traveling. This, of course, poses a hardship for law-abiding gun owners who do not wish to be prosecuted for committing a crime simply because they were confused about the law in a certain location.

Some United States senators have proposed that concealed carry permits should be afforded the same recognition as driver's licenses in each state, but such proposed legislation has routinely failed to pass in Congress. You can read more about these failed bills in my prior blog "In Support of HR 822".

Another option to address the complexity created by 50 states with 50 different versions of carry laws would be to pass legislation allowing law abiding gun owners to not only *own* a gun, but to *carry* their firearm without obtaining additional governmental permission. This type of law is referred to as "constitutional carry".

Constitutional carry reflects the view that the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution permits no restrictions or other regulations on gun ownership for law-abiding citizens. In other words, if a person is not prohibited from *possessing* a gun, they should be allowed to *carry* the gun where they wish to carry it without first obtaining additional, special governmental permission. After all, the United States Supreme Court has held that our right to keep and bear arms is a right for self-defense purposes. It does no good to own a gun if you can't take it with you to defend yourself. Constitutional carry legislation allowing gun owners to carry firearms openly or concealed and without an applicable permit or license is a growing trend. Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, Vermont, Wyoming, and Oklahoma allow law abiding gun owners to carry their firearms without special licensing. A few states allow open carry without special licensing, and at least 17 additional states have proposed legislation that would allow constitutional carry, although some of those bills have already failed.

Currently, Idaho continues to require concealed carry permits, but open carry is legal without a permit. A bill to allow constitutional carry was introduced in Idaho in 2011, but failed to pass. Another bill is set to be introduced in Idaho in the 2015 legislative session, but it recently came to light how misguided some politicians and some of the public are about what constitutional carry really means.

Constitutional carry means that people who can legally possess a firearm under state and federal laws can also carry their firearms concealed without jumping through additional hoops. Constitutional Carry will not override the federal Gun Control Act and allow criminals to possess firearms. In other words, all the "bad people" who are prohibited from possessing a gun still cannot carry a gun even if constitutional carry is implemented.

Coming from a law enforcement background, I am all about getting the bad guys off the street. Allowing responsible and law abiding gun owners to carry their firearms concealed for self-defense purposes does not inhibit law enforcement from investigating or arresting criminals. Possessing or carrying a gun is not a crime for law abiding citizens. If someone is on probation or has been convicted of a felony, is a drug user, is engaging in criminal behavior, or falls into a host of other "prohibited person" categories, then we already have ample laws that prohibit that person from possessing firearms, and constitutional carry will not override those laws. The concern that constitutional carry would expand the ability of criminals to possess guns is therefore misplaced.

Idaho and other states will again propose constitutional carry legislation in 2015. Please help dispel the myths about constitutional carry. Law abiding gun owners should not have to maneuver through government bureaucracy to exercise their right to carry for self-defense purposes. Greg Pruett has offered a video on the Idaho Second Amendment Alliance's website. Greg's <u>video</u> is worth a watch. Please share the video and this blog and help educate others before the next legislative session.

## Protecting The Land: Open Carry for Israel. By Tom Brennan

The upsurge in violence by auto, knife and sudden attack has shaken Israel. Recently it has been moved forward that the firearms permit processes be changed. What about open carry? If there is one common denominator in the most recent attacks by extremist murderers in Israel it is that the victims were selected because they were considered the most vulnerable. People waiting for a train, a young woman, rabbis in morning prayer were targeted. The attacks were sudden, violent and the attackers were shot by brave, quick reacting police and security personnel. Many photos on the web from Israel often show IDF men and women automatic rifles slung within reach, walking around city-scapes and roads. Still, the attacks were planned to kill vulnerable people in places where attacks were considered unlikely. Can these areas be protected more efficiently and securely? More troops? More security and police officers? Please indulge an old cowboy's suggestion.

I live in the Western US, Idaho to be exact. There are some medium-sized cities in the southwest region, along the interstate. Most of the landscape is occupied by ranches and farms, beef and dairy cattle far outnumber the people. Cities have police departments, other areas have sheriffs. On ranches and farms you are the law enforcement, not to mention repair man, electrician and water system specialist, vet, and much, much more. Needless to say crime is not so much an issue here, everyone is armed or has close access to something for defense and property protection. We also have very large coyotes and much larger wolves so not having a workable firearm is considered irresponsible out here. The iconic pickup with a rifle rack is everyday life here; nobody notices. The person in the checkout line at the grocery store is likely to have a semi-auto on his hip as well.

Crime statistics show that where citizens are armed, violent crime is limited. Many citizens openly carry a pistol here. State law asserts that right. Several neighboring states have had mass shootings, none here. Someone planning a mass shooting or terrorist attack is more than likely to be confronted and stopped by an armed and well practiced person who intervenes. The police admit there's at least 15 minutes from the 911 emergency call to an officer arriving, too much can go wrong in that window of violent opportunity.

Israel has a series of permitting laws that have kept violent crime to a minimum. But the rapidly escalating violence from Muslim terrorists has changed the odds. Permitting regulations cover such details as to which zones are considered high incidence areas where a weapon should be allowed, how a weapon can be carried, where it must be stored when not in the possession of the holder and other security measures. Israel requires that everyone from 18 on-wards serve in some function in the IDF's services. Perhaps permitting could be expanded to allow each active duty and reservist to carry a handgun, openly if possible for visibility. The presence of an armed, trained IDF reservist would make any terrorist reconsider whether martyrdom is an option that day.

Our world has changed with lone wolf jihadists, cell terrorists, planned attacks and other violent acts aimed at innocent men, women and babies. IDF soldiers are ranked as the world's best, no questions here. Perhaps these are the best line of defense against the murderers and their masters and manipulators. Until common sense becomes more common among the Palestinian Authorities, there needs to be a new sheriff in town. Perhaps a visible deterrent, carried by the best military in the world can provide more security. Israel is a civilized society surrounded by uncivilized groups bent on its destruction. We can expect responsible behavior from its citizens when carrying arms in public. Deterrence can take on many forms, this is one workable possibility.

### **GRANDMA KNEW By Lance Earl**

Republicans took back congress largely on the promise that they will stop this lawless president. Speaker of the House, John Boehner, once spoke with strength and conviction, now he cowers and crumples. Likely, moderate and progressive Republicans will turn their backs on constitutional principle and shrink from this fight.

How did we get here? I am reminded of an episode of the Waltons. The family was suffering in the throws of the Depression when FDR announced the "New Deal". With all of the suffering of those dark days, this seemed like manna from heaven. In reality, the New Deal boiled up from the depths of hell. Only Grandma Walton saw it for what it really was. It was something for nothing, government intrusion, wealth redistribution, federal debt and a new way to enslave Americans. John Boy, and the rest of the family, largely socialist and completely ignorant of constitutional truth, berated her while failing to see what she saw clearly.

The seemingly insignificant constitutional violation of FDR opened the door for future administrations to wade deeper into the swamp of crime. So they added welfare and Social Security because it seemed like a good idea and because we were too ignorant to see the truth. Then, since the poor got government handouts, why not the farmer and the dairyman and the corporations, and cities and towns and even colleges so the we can do a multi-million dollar study to discover why tomatoes can't smile.

Fifty million are in poverty. Fifty million are on food stamps. The people are divided and angry. Racism and terrorism are on the rise. Federal debt climbs. America weakens on the world stage. We are concerned, feel hopeless, we worry for our children and grandchildren... and yet we do nothing.

Each administration before and after FDR have done the same thing. Each president has taken strength and gained support from acts of lawlessness by previous presidents. And so, they take the next logical step. This last lawless act by the criminal Obama, is the worst of all. Even thought he is constitutionally obligated to enforce the laws of the land, even though he is constitutionally prohibited from creating new law, even though Congress is the only body that can constitutionally write immigration law, Obama violated all.

Now in the wake of Ferguson, this crime boss is talking about an executive order to force standardized retraining of all police. Here we go again! The Constitution and the Tenth Amendment clearly give the states total control over all police agencies. Criminals do not care about the law and so Obama steps further into the darkness.

Obama has taken up a huge black indelible marker and he is coloring outside of the lines. He has colored over the rule of law. He has colored over the faces of the founders and every American who paid a price for freedom, even the ultimate price. He has colored over the faces of business men who will fail in this, the land of opportunity. He has colored over the faces of graduates who can't find work, over parents who worry for their children, and over children who cannot see a future. Most of all, he has colored over the faces of our black American brothers who are trapped in inner cities with little hope of escape.

The most frightening thing is that the office of president is now the office of a dictator. Future dictators will take courage from Obama and erase or write any law they choose.

The founders clearly anticipated this and gave us a pattern to stop such abuses. Thomas Jefferson authored the Declaration of Independence. James Madison authored the first draft of the Constitution. If anyone understood the intent of these documents, these boys did. It is to them that we must turn. Failure to do so is a certain path to national suicide.

Next time we I will discuss the "rightful remedy" that Jefferson and Madison provided. We will look at their words in contrast with the founding documents. We will discover truth that Grandma Walton understands. Now, if Grandma knows these truths to be self evident and you don't, what is your excuse?

## Expanding the Base: Using Practical Arguments to Advance Conservative and Pro-Liberty Positions By Steve Ackerman

At a recent Christmas gathering at the home of Bob and Judy the publisher and editor of this newsletter, I had the pleasure of chatting with Kathy Harris (Payette County Tea Party) and Darryl Ford, (Canyon County Tea Party) among several others. Two points came out of the conversations with Kathy and Darryl: 1) We need to focus on specific issues and put the effort behind them; and 2) Meetings need to offer specific strategies to win on the issues we choose.

At this stage, lobbying for my favorite issue and describing some new political tactic on how to win might be what you would expect. But that is not where I am going. Instead, I want to offer a way to think about how we get more people – especially young people – to support and advocate conservative and pro-liberty positions.

It comes from popularizing these positions. Too often, we talk to people expecting them to have the U.S. Constitution at the top of their minds, when most of them haven't studied the document since high school. We barely begin to describe some problem to people, like Medicaid expansion, before we make them feel as if they must support some "founding principles" argument, instead of discussing the benefits of our position to their daily lives.

People are pragmatic; they deal with real problems on a daily basis. We need to appreciate that their pragmatism is still rooted in free market impulses like choice, opportunity, incentive, and contracts. We need to show people why our policies help them in their daily lives. Consider the following examples from Ronald Reagan's days as Governor of California:

When Reagan talked about federal control of land, he compared it to how much better the state government and the private sector managed land. He compared the environmental quality and healthcare of the land under each, showing people how a free market or at least a government close to them does better than a government far away.

When Reagan sought to balance California's budget, he did so partly through a hiring freeze of government workers. Later, as president, he would fire 11,000 federal air traffic control workers for violating their contracts. One can take the anti-union philosophical argument, but people supported it based on the contract violation.

In both cases, Reagan connected conservative and pro-liberty principles with pragmatic arguments. Today, in Idaho, we see plenty of examples of where we can use pragmatic arguments to make conservative and pro-liberty gains. Consider some of the following:

What 18- or 20-year old would want LESS choice over healthcare when they get MORE choice on the Web or with smartphones?

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At the same time we see MORE competition in information and entertainment: DVDs, Netflix, Cable, DirectTV, Satellite, GoogleTV, Hulu, and on and on, we see FEWER health insurance companies offering LESS choice in Idaho.

Despite decades of technology revolutions in several places around the country, Idaho still relies on a few big players – like HP and Micron – as our main contributors to technology. The Tech Mall and other initiatives are trying to get off the ground, yet we're not graduating enough STEM-related people to build the labor base. What is the incentive for a student to follow a STEM path with so few job opportunities in our state?

Idaho is surrounded by states like Nevada and Wyoming that don't have a state income tax or states like Montana and Oregon that don't have sales taxes. Set the state government subsidy argument aside, and ask yourself why would a company locate here when neighboring states have lower taxes and a more developed tech sector?

Speaking of Montana and Oregon, we have two neighboring states not charging sales tax on people, and yet Idaho can't even get rid of the tax on groceries? Cutting taxes means more money in people's pockets. That translates to greater saving and spending, i.e., relief for people struggling to make ends meet. Yes, there is a philosophical argument for low taxes and limited government, but in the daily lives of ordinary people, having a few more dollars in one's pocket matters more.

Showing people how conservative and pro-liberty positions will make them better off is not an abandonment of the philosophical foundation of these policies. Indeed, it helps people understand how important the philosophical basis of a free market operating in a free society truly is. Thank you.

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#### The CON-CON Con or By Any-Other-Name Con By Rich Loudenback

It is really amazing that many state representatives and senators can be so naïve or gullible on the conjob of proposing a Constitutional Convention (Con-Con), et al Convention of the States (COS), Assembly of State Legislators (ASL), Compact for America (CFA), Restoring Freedom.Org, Wolf PAC, Single Subject Amendment PAC, etc.

As Joe A. Wolverton II, J.D. of The New American magazine states, "Many otherwise well-meaning state legislators are falling for their common line that such a convention is the only way to save the Republic." And there is not a single word in Article V that connotes a limited or single issue restrictive ability.

#### **REALITY**

In the first place why would anyone of sound mind believe that Congress and the Executive branch of our national government would adhere to any new amendment(s) any more than they do current laws? These people are thinking about the wrong thing! Originators of these various Con-Con calls know this very well. Clandestine real motives are to open the Con-Con door and then have their way with our Constitution and invoke all the rest of the fundamental changes that would take us into becoming a member state of a globalist government run by un-accountable, un-elected global power elitist who know best for us in coordination with their bedfellows at the corrupt UN.

#### **SOME CLARITY**

In the second place do legislators not understand that once called by 2/3 of the state legislatures (34 states) a Con-Con takes on a life of its own and cannot be dictated to about issues, numbers of issues or even a dramatic alteration of our Constitution all the way to even its abolishment? That's precisely what our one and only other Constitutional Convention did when it convened to re-write the Articles of Confederation and wound up scrapping it for the adoption of our wonderful Constitution that has brought us so far making us the envy of the world. Compared to our incredibly sage founders, it's a frightening scenario to consider the caliber of today's elected representatives' tinkering with our Constitution.

Quoting the late Twin Falls, ID former assistant attorney general for the state of Idaho and practicing attorney, George Detweiler: "United States Supreme Court Justices and the nation's leading legal scholars have written privately that these single subject limitations cannot be enforced, that if a convention is called it will be free to propose any kind and number of Amendments to the same effect as if the limitations in the applications did not exist. In other words, although the applications are effective, all such limitations must be ignored."

The late Gerald Gunther, Professor of Law at Stanford University, wrote: 'The fear that a Constitutional Convention could become a 'runaway' convention and propose wholesale changes in our Constitution is by no means unfounded. Rather, this broad view of the authority of a convention reflects the consensus of most constitutional scholars who have commented on the issue.'"

Former Chief Justice of the United States, the late Warren Berger wrote: "I have also repeatedly given my opinion that there is no effective way to limit or muzzle the actions of a Constitutional Convention. The convention could make its own rules and set its own agenda. Congress might try to limit the convention to one amendment or to one issue, but there is no way to assure that the convention would obey. After a convention is convened it will be too late to stop the convention if we don't like its agenda.

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"Whatever gain might be hoped for from a new Constitutional Convention could not be worth the risk involved. A new convention could plunge our Nation into constitutional confusion and confrontation at every turn, with no assurance that focus would be on the subject needing attention. I have discouraged the idea of a Constitutional Convention, and I am glad to see states rescinding their previous resolutions requesting a convention. In these Bicentennial years, we should be celebrating its long life, not challenging its very existence."

#### THE REALLY BIG CON-JOB

And thirdly, the ratification process which I keep saying is the really <u>big</u> con-job: Paraphrasing Mark Levin in his much touted book *The Liberty Amendments*, "... not to worry because the results of a Constitutional Convention must be ratified by ¾ of the <u>state legislatures</u> (38 states)." And he could also like you to invest in his new exclusive unicorn breeding ranch.

All these proponents (con-artists and naïve politicians alike) touting a Con-Con always <u>only</u> mention '3/4 of the state legislators must ratify.' They never mention the '<u>or</u>' part of Article V which is really how the machinating Con-Con-ites would ratify. After all, why take a chance on legislators ratifying when they can follow the other option, the one after the '<u>or</u>' in Article V: <u>or</u> by conventions in three fourths thereof, as the one or the other mode of ratification may be proposed by the Congress; ...

#### Article V of the U.S. Constitution

The Congress, whenever two thirds of both houses shall deem it necessary, shall propose amendments to this Constitution, or, on the application of the legislatures of two thirds of the several states, shall call a convention for proposing amendments, which, in either case, shall be valid to all intents and purposes, as part of this Constitution, when ratified by the legislatures of three fourths of the several states, or by conventions in three fourths thereof, as the one or the other mode of ratification may be proposed by the Congress; as the one or the other mode of ratification may be proposed by the Congress; provided that no amendment which may be made prior to the year one thousand eight hundred and eight shall in any manner affect the first and fourth clauses in the ninth section of the first article; and that no state, without its consent, shall be deprived of its equal suffrage in the Senate.

#### MARK LEVIN: NAÏVE, MIS-INFORMED OR ATTENTION DEPRIVED?

Is Mark Levin a dunderhead? Definitely not! Is it possible that 'Great American,' best intentioned talk show host and author Mark Levin is naïve, mis-informed or too trusting? Or is he too caught up in book sales to pursue full understanding of Article V of our Constitution?

I'm reminded of Chief Justice Roberts of our U.S. Supreme Court who was believed to be not only a good traditionalist American but a staunch Constitutionalist ruling that Obamacare's mandate is a tax instead of a penalty. The Conservative world that understands our Constitution was and remains shocked.

Whereas most of Levin's radio listeners consider him to be a feet-on-the-ground solid American conservative I felt the same kind of shock as I had at Roberts' decision when I read that Mark Levin's answer to most of our problems can be corrected with a Constitutional Convention. We don't have a Constitution problem; we have an adherence and enforcement problem.

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Of course, most conservative traditional-thinking Americans agree with all the issues Mark Levin mentions that are wrong with our government. His enthusiasm for fixing them is to be appreciated. Unfortunately, his fix is flawed. La La Land.

Additionally, in April 2014 I'm sorry to report that George Will and Judge Andrew Napolitano endorsed the Compact for America fiasco. Do they also not get it or are they part of the problem?

There is <u>no guaranty</u> that ¾ of the states' legislators will have a chance to ratify and that such a convention won't be a runaway convention!!!

#### **CONTINUING GEORGE DETWEILER:**

"The point is simply this: the governing Rules of Ratification were totally ignored and disregarded once in our history. Who can say with a straight face that it can never happen again? A new convention could re-write the Rules for Ratification for a New Constitution just as it could re-write or eliminate any other part of the Constitution as we now know it.

"Congress proposed the 21<sup>st</sup> Amendment (repealing Prohibition) and provided that it would be ratified by conventions assembled in the States for that purpose. Congress wrote the rules and created a process for selecting the delegates to Ratifying Conventions in each State in such a way that the delegates' selection process was biased to favor the repeal, so that even in Utah the Amendment was approved. It was all done in accord with Article V Constitutional Procedures. This could happen again if a convention is called today.

"How great is the risk of a convention, either intended or inadvertent? At one point in time, 32 of the required 34 States had applied to call a convention. They had used the unenforceable requirement that only a Balanced Budget Amendment be addressed. Since then, 3 states have rescinded their application.

"Legislators in these rescinding States came to realize that they had applied for a convention only with a vague understanding of the convention process, but with a firm desire to Balance the Federal Budget. They came to realize the dangers inherent in any convention only after the Nation's most imminent legal scholars began to reveal the dangers involved.

"The fact that many State Legislatures have included the unenforceable single-issue limitations in their applications shows a pervasive lack of understanding by Legislators of their role and powers in seeking an Article V Convention.

"So long as any applications remain in effect there is a danger of either an intended or an inadvertent convention. It is for this reason that Former Chief Justice Berger was pleased to States withdrawing their applications." – Unquote, George Detweiler

Actually since Mr. Detweiler's writing years ago many other states have rescinded their Con-Con calls once legislator's studied true motives and the real danger of a Con-Con today. These people pushing for Con-Cons are un-relenting however, still salivating over the big reward they could reap should they ever succeed and so have the actual current count of states now back up to 24.

#### **'SMELL THE COFFEE'**

THE JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup> CON-CON 'FULL COURT PRESS' plan was kicked off on the first week of December in Washington D.C. where a herd of 'Trojan Horse' Article V proponent organizations including many of the above named and others met to plan their assault on 10 states needed to meet the 34 state Con-Con application requirement of which Idaho is one of those targeted.

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All the righteous sounding and well-meaning issues being trumpeted as reasons for a Con-Con really do appeal to very frustrated, overwhelmingly bewildered legislators who truly want to accomplish righting our ship. However the true motives behind originators of all this falderal is just to get the Con-Con called. Once called, the real troops will show up and have 'their way' with our ship of fools. Of course, these 'pitchmen' for the many Con-Con proposals are extremely convincing professional salesmen with incredible funding from the likes of George Soros and other world globalists no matter what they might say. Remember it matters not a whit what they say it only matters what they are really about and what they do!

Well-meaning legislators must realize they cannot control the level of patriotic zeal or loyalty of delegates that would be ultimately chosen to convene a Con-Con. Their make-up will undoubtedly be comprised of many soldiers of the 'Trojan Horses' sponsored by corporate lobbyists, clandestine far left PAC's and, most dangerously, ambitious world globalists' politician puppets of the Council of Foreign Relations with their bed partners at the UN. Do some of your own 'real' research and find out who's really behind the mantra of your cafeteria's favourite Con-Con pitch.

There is no 'Quick Fix.' The hard work must be done. Politicians must not trust anyone on issues, they must do their own true researching and make sure all matters fit with our Constitution in the first place. They must then prioritize to get rid of all that's wrong legislatively and know that an awakened citizenry is watching their voting records. Consider also that it could take a year or more, probably more, to actually open a Con-Con due to incredibly time consuming legal and procedural challenges.

Quoting Joe Wolverton again will wrap this up: "Don't forget, a committed, concerned, and constitutionally aware citizenry can balance our budget more quickly than any balanced budget amendment and without the danger of letting the wolves of special interests and their political puppets into the constitutional hen house.

"Important to anyone considering the CFA's proposal is the fact that rather than forcing Congress to adhere to spending money only in those areas specifically permitted by the Constitution in Article I (something the Constitution already does), the Compact for America's Balanced Budget Amendment does nothing to restore the concept of enumerated powers because it allows Congress to spend money on anything, no matter how unconstitutional, so long as the amount does not exceed the limits set in Section 2 of their BBA. Thus, the CFA's BBA does nothing to break Congress of its unconstitutional spending habits.

"The pro-Article V coalition is banging the convention drum so loudly that it is sometimes difficult to hear the arguments against it. That is understandable as there is much that is attractive about the various Article V proposals. The problem is that once you scratch off the enticing conservative coating, you find a very bitter progressive, corporate-funded, and self-serving pill — one that if swallowed, would be fatal to our Republic."

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#### PANDA IDAHO By Jason Casella



#### The World is a Battlefield

Who is PANDA? We are not an institution, we are a people.

We are not an organization, we are a movement.

We are not a group, a tribe, a flock, or a crowd. We are individuals, and city by city, county by county, state by state, and nation by nation, we are taking back our future.

We are People Against the NDAA, and Tyranny. Stops. Here.

The NDAA was actually declared Unconstitutional by Judge Katherine Forrest in Hedges v Obama <a href="http://pandaunite.org/ndaa-category/panda-campaign-updates/page/13/">http://pandaunite.org/ndaa-category/panda-campaign-updates/page/13/</a> Federal Judge Katherine Forrest Ruling the NDAA UnConstitutional . Judge Katherine Forrest was appointed by the Obama administration by the way... The very next day, the Obama administration requested an emergency stay and it was granted by another judge and the NDAA is still in full swing today as a result. This is just another example of how the courts have failed us and it is up to us locally to stop this. Supreme Court Won't Hear the NDAA

Why the NDAA is Un Constitutional NDAA Legal Analysis as Kris Anne Hall explains in her breakdown, it was written so vague by design that it could be applied to anyone. Undefined terms such as "belligerent act" and "associated forces" leaving all doors and windows open for interpretation. Kris Anne Hall's legal analysis of the NDAA

The NDAA violates Article I, Section 9- suspension clause, Article III, Section 2- grand jury indictment, Article III, Section 3- Treason, 1st amendment-free speech, 2nd amendment -right to bear arms, 4th amendment - secure in persons and papers, 5th amendment- due process, 6th amendment- speedy trial, and 8th amendment-cruel and unusual punishment.

We didn't stop the Patriot Act that said they can take our stuff without due process, now we have the NDAA that says they can take us without due process, why we must stop this now. Why We Must Fight Tyranny

The ironic part of all this is with the internet, we have videos out there like this: <u>Hillary Clinton We Created Al Caida</u> and <u>General McInerney Admitting We Helped Build ISIS</u> and now that these draconian laws have been passed under the guise of "brown people in the desert" coming to harm Americans of course. We now see the tables turn and now who are the "<u>Potential Terrorist</u>"? Any one of us is now... Continued on page 20

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Also don't forget the CIA leaked white paper <u>DOJ Memo</u> <u>Another Source for DOJ White Paper</u> stating our government claims the right to kill anyone they want without due process. What more do you need to see before you say "enough is enough"? <u>Rand Paul's Filibuster</u>

How to stop this locally: <u>How To Take Back Your Town</u>

Locals wins: The first city in the state of Idaho to block indefinite detention and laws of war: Victory Emmett Emmett Victory, the first county in the country to block the same measures: Victory Gem County Gem County Victory, the first city to ever pass the Restoring Constitutional Governance Resolution in one meeting: Victory Middleton Victory.

I actually co-presented the Restoring Constitutional Governance Act it was called HB1349 RESTORING CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNANCE ACT OF IDAHO with the help of Senator Thayn and it actually passed print hearing HB1349 Passes Print Hearing a big thank you to those who voted yes for this important bill. However our bill never received a public hearing and just died without any updates or notice. It appears our state house is not much better than our court system thus far but the more cities and counties that pass the Restoring Constitutional Governance Resolution, the worse the State will look and the less they will be able to continue to ignore this important issue. A similar bill was presented a year prior by Senator Pearce but it never made it out of committee. This isn't new and any elected official who said it is, is either lying or is not looking.

We are calling on anyone and everyone to take action to stop this locally and peacefully while there is still time. By the time they are rounding people up in mass, it is too late. This is a call to action and you don't have to have experience or be a lawyer, I can attest to that personally as I am not a lawyer and had never even been to a city council meeting before going through this process. If you care about our future, your future, and your children's children's future—you have a right and a duty to stand. Panda will help you take back your town.

Panda has created all the tools for you to be able to take back your town: <a href="http://pandaunite.org/takeback/">http://pandaunite.org/takeback/</a> Sign up for your packet and PANDA will help you do so.

"All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing." –Edmund Burke

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#### LETTER TO THE EDITOR By Evalyn Bennett

#### Dear Editor:

Three of our four representatives to Congress (Rep. Raul Labrador, Sen. Jim Risch, Sen. Mike Crapo) are to be commended for their "no" vote on the CROmnibus amnesty/spending bill. They fulfilled their oaths of office to uphold the U.S. Constitution by opposing funding for the President's unconstitutional executive amnesty. They also voted to reject a spending bill that continues to fund the federal government at unsustainable levels. Finally, Labrador, Risch, and Crapo followed the Idaho Republican Party platform statements that emphasize fiscal responsibility and a legislative process that provides sufficient time to study and debate on legislation (a few hours or days is not long enough to review a 1,600-page bill!).

Representative Mike Simpson, on the other hand, voted "yes" on the CROmnibus, thus violating his oath of office to uphold the Constitution and ignoring his duty to address runaway spending. He sided with an unlawful President who is using unlawful means to implement an unlawful course of action. Citizens, are you aware that it is a FELONY to harbor or aid the employment of illegal aliens? Our President, Representative Simpson, and all others who voted "yes" on this CROmnibus have violated immigration law by funding work authorization for illegal aliens and "encourag[ing] or induc [ing] an alien to come to or reside in the U.S. knowing or recklessly disregarding the fact that the alien's entry or residence is in violation of the law" (http://www.flimen.org/Section274felonies.htm).

How many of his constituents called or emailed Simpson, asking him to vote "no"? How many of us did he ignore? Rep. Simpson also voted contrary to how I would have expected him to vote based on a letter I recently received from him. Here are some excerpts of that letter, dated November 17, 2014:

"Recently, the President indicated that he would use his executive power to act on immigration reform...Congress needs to address the immigration challenges facing our nation... not the President. I do not believe the President acting unilaterally would be either legal or helpful...The President should stand down and allow Congress to address immigration next year..."

"I have long been a supporter of LEGAL immigration. Part of our nation's strength is its uniquely varied population and respect for the cultural diversity that has been a prevalent part of our history. After all, very few American families can claim their descendants were not immigrants to this wonderful country."

"Regrettably, the noble and productive history of immigration as a part of our nation's economic and cultural growth is being overshadowed by the political and economic consequences of illegal immigration... illegal entry into our nation is perceived as commonplace and is conducted with little fear of consequences. That has to change, both for the security of our nation and to help restore the dignity and importance of legal immigration in the eyes of all Americans."

"...I have continuously opposed proposals that would grant immediate citizenship to illegal aliens...I strongly believe that we must ensure that the borders are secure and discourage illegal immigration... As a member of the House Immigration Reform Caucus, I have long supported and worked on legislation that would increase funding to combat illegal immigration, expedite and fund the construction of a fence along the southern border, prohibit access by illegal aliens to social security, and prohibit the government from accepting international identification methods. I believe these are important ways of combating -- and ultimately discouraging --- blatant disregard for U.S. immigration laws."

Well, Representative Simpson, your vote just exhibited blatant disregard for U.S. immigration laws. It also revealed that we can't trust your vote to match your rhetoric. You rubber-stamped funding for the President's planned felonies to issue work authorization to millions of illegal aliens, and you agreed that you should fund an unconstitutional aspect of immigration "reform" that originated in the executive branch rather than Congress. Your vote spoke loud and clear that you are working for illegal aliens rather than the citizens of our United States. If you won't represent the interests of our state and nation according to the law, it's time for you to resign. By the way, "Conspiracy to commit crimes of sheltering, harboring, or employing illegal aliens is a separate federal offense punishable by a fine of up to \$10,000 or five years' imprisonment." (http://www.flimen.org/Section274felonies.htm).

### **ANGRY MEN By Darr Moon**

Although the scene outside my Rupert office window is one of winter wonderland dressed in holiday style the mood I feel isn't Christmas. Maybe I am cynical before my time or too critical of the world around me to notice the Christmas cheer displayed before me of Christmases long ago. There is a subconscious dread in the steps of the passersby, maybe some forgotten spirit moving through time vaguely whispering happiness of a Christmas past mostly forgotten amid the ritual shopping spree. Could I be just angry at the news of the day? Is the endless tumult of corrupting circumstances leaving me with a sorry case of the Christmas blues? I wonder and hope it is just a personal seasonal low.

I have little to be angry about. My life, my family, my friends and neighbors put a warm smile on my heart yet I am subdued by the feeling that this might be the last Christmas before the dam breaks spilling pent up frustrations of mankind's wickedest passions. I don't think I'm alone. The new media beats out so many irritants to my otherwise tranquil pursuit of happiness that it must be soaking into the fabric of our national spirit infecting all with a seasonal blasé. Nowhere do I see peace on earth or goodwill toward men. Murder and mayhem fill the airwaves, people shout at each other taking sides excoriating character with little merit or foundation of fact. I don't think I need to expound on the many abuses heralded while misguided causes ramp up for a fight. Here's to Christmas cheer!

Can this ominous tide turn, will the lion again lay with the lamb? Is this the season to be jolly or will the season present revelation of man's folly? It seems not up to me, apparently not up to the millions of devout who believe the word while tacitly approving the covetous, unscrupulous and tyrannous. Who then shall save us wretchedly weak? A cold hard look in the mirror may suggest the answer.

As we point the finger and throw the stone take a moment this Christmas season to reflect on all the Christmases past. The long train of social, political and economic abuses rest at our feet, we live in a society of our creation with a government complicit in the affairs of those who profess the greater good. Their ends have been met justified by the mean we now suffer. Stop and reflect; stop and react or let this be the last Christmas when men lived with reason and good will.

I hope we can all check our predetermined premises with a balance of wisdom so painfully given by so pitifully few. I watched a movie classic the other day that set in motion my despair but left me with hope. Take a moment to enjoy "Twelve Angry Men" a 1957 remake of a television screen play by Reginald Rose. The movie exposes the too common apathetic, go along with the crowd mentality humans are so susceptible of. The anomaly is the man who asks a question without yet knowing the answer and holds stubbornly to his undertaking to discover the truth. We could all learn something from that individualist attitude. Seek the truth for it shall set you free.

The angry men portrayed learn the truth by trial of their questions. The movie is especially poignant in to-day's opaque transparency. I realized through the thick and thin of it all that it only takes one to make a stand and make a difference. Make your stand today. There is such a thing as Christmas spirit, I think I may just have caught it, the wonderful sometimes painful truth of the season.

Peace on Earth Goodwill toward Men, Darr

#### **How Human Nature Is Organized**

#### By Reverend Phil Digregorio

God is a being who reproduces Himself internally and externally. He willed to reproduce Himself externally in man, thus making man a being that reproduces himself externally.

What did God use as the pattern for human nature; how did He organize human nature? He used the pattern of His own divine nature; He organized human nature like His own nature (Father, Son, Holy Spirit....father, mother, child)

In making Eve from the side of Adam, God wished to bring about the coming forth of human nature in the representatives of the family unity (father, mother, and child) from one source, just as the divine nature is transmitted from the Father to the Son and from the Father and the Son to the Holy Spirit. He wished to show family unity in mankind as the truest possible imitation of the unity in nature of the divine persons. As in God, the Son alone comes forth from the Father, and Holy Spirit is the fruit, the crown, and the seal of their unity, so in mankind the woman was first to come forth from the man alone, and the child was to be the fruit and crown of the union of man and woman.

As the mother is the bond of love between father and child, so in God the Holy Spirit is the bond of love between the Father and the Son. Just as she brings forth the child in unity of nature with the father by transmitting the nature from the father to the child, so the Holy Spirit manifests the unity of nature between the Father and the Son. The Holy Spirit displays this unity because He Himself is the fruit of their mutual unity and love.

Likewise, in the very nature of things the production of the woman from the man corresponds to the production of the Third Person in God.

- (1) The production of the woman from the side of man is not a natural, but a supernatural production. It does not take place by way of nature attesting and expressing itself. The production of the Holy Spirit is not supernatural as regards God, but neither is it natural.
- (2) The production of the woman from man is a work of love. Of God's love which drew her from the side of Adam, and of Adam's love, for he gave up his rib for her in the sleep of love. Eve did not spring from Adam by the exercise and action of his natural faculties, but was taken from the substance of Adam to be his helpmate in the propagation of nature by natural means. So, too, the Holy Spirit is derived from the substance of the Father and the Son, and is given by them to each other in their mutual love as the bond in which the oneness of nature between the begetter and begotten is sealed.
- (3) And as Eve was taken from the side of Adam, from his heart, the seat of love, seeing that the material of her body was taken and given out of love, so we must say of the Holy Spirit that He proceeds from the heart of the Father and the Son

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It is well known that the Apostles regard Christ as the new, true Adam, of whom the first Adam was only a type. They also teach that the bride of Christ, the Church, as the new Eve, came forth from the side of the new Adam somewhat as the first Eve came forth from the side of the first Adam. For the essential divine life-giving source which makes the Church the bride of Christ was drawn from the side of the new Adam, dying and sunk in the sleep of love. This vital source is none other than the Holy Spirit who, as He receives His own essence from the divinity of God's Son, enters into the Church through and from the Son's humanity, in order to impregnate it with the power of the Son of God. Further, the purifying and life-giving blood stream flowing from the heart of Christ over and into His Church is both the vehicle and the symbol of the earthly and eternal outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

The original name which Adam, enlightened by God, assigned to the woman was given to her with reference to her origin from Adam: "She shall be called woman, because she was taken out of man." If Eve was called "woman" because she was taken from "man," the Third Person in God must be named after the persons from whom He proceeds. He must be called Spirit, because He comes forth from the Father and Son and because Father and Son are both one Spirit; He is Spirit of Spirit.

#### Thus, we can summarize:

- The origin and position of the woman among the three persons in whom the organization of human nature is represented (father, mother, child)
- The differentiation between the sexes (male and female), and The transmission of human nature (through sexual intercourse)..... depends upon that fact/reality that is an earthly, material body with sensual and sexual appetites.

Husband, wife, and child are intended by God to be, in a certain respect, a replication or mirror of the nature of God – the Holy Trinity. That nature is further replicated in the relationship of Christ to His Church. Those who claim the name of Christ, therefore, should recognize and affirm this truth by living, believing and teaching in a manner that is consistent with that truth.

### **Endemic Corruption, Top to Bottom By Lance Earl**

Every poll clearly shows that the American people are fearful of the direction our country is headed. The mid-term election was a clear mandate for change. Through it all, most of our law makers seem to be blind and deaf as they go about conducting business as usual. As we face this new reality, one thing is undeniably true. If We the People had retained the courage to follow the Constitution, the vast majority of issues that trouble us now, would not exist today.

Some say that the best way to prevent unconstitutional action, by the government, is to elect the right people.

President Obama promised an honest and transparent government. We elected him so he subsequently swore to defend the constitution and enforce the laws of the land. He has since been proven to be the most dishonest and lawless president of all time. For him, a new day means the discovery of a new way to deceive and polarize the people. Using illegal executive orders and a long chain of lies, Obama has shoved much, including health care and immigration law down the throats of the people. Thus, shattering his promises and violating his oath of office.

Representative Mike Simpson, Idaho's most corrupt and lawless member of Congress, promised to uphold conservative values, defend the Republican platform and defend the Constitution. He believes that Obamacare and Obama's amnesty for illegal immigrants are violations of the Constitution. Yet, last week he voted to fully fund Obamacare and amnesty through October. In short, he is Obama's rubber stamp manager. Simpson is a perfect example of the lawless criminal he claims to despise.

Locally, Senator Jim Guthrie and Representative Kelley Packer claim to represent and protect conservative views. Both state that they oppose Obamacare on Constitutional grounds. Yet, they endorsed, supported and sustained Obama by bringing a state sponsored version of that lawlessness to Idaho. While engaged in the criminal act of creating our health care exchange, Idaho Chooses Life brought the Religious Freedom Amendment. This would have allowed us to individually choose to include or exclude coverage for chemical abortions in our health care plans. Our representatives killed that amendment. Now, through your tax dollars you must support traditional abortions and through your health care dollars, you are compelled to support new and inventive ways to murder children. Many members of the Idaho Congress have blood on their hands. I can't help but wonder, if you sit back and quietly allow this to happen, can your hands remain clean?

In our own neighborhoods, the Bannock and Power County GOP had delegates unseated because of their willingness to further a progressive agenda, even if that required violations of GOP rules and state law. In Pocatello, Steve Brown, Mike Simpson's regional representative, was quick to violate the Constitution when he turned his back on the concept that all people should have equal protection under the law. He thought it better for the LGBT community to have more protections than the average citizen.

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This past November, I sat in a small meeting in Pocatello. Representative Ken Andrus was in attendance. During the discussion, he encouraged us to not vote for the best man but to cast our votes for the Republican. While I consider Ken to be among the better of our representatives, he is clearly losing his way. He apparently cannot see the real source of the trouble. He seems to believe that the worst Republican is better than the best independent or the best from the Constitution or Libertarian parties. Mr. Andrus, the people are weary of the Republican vs Democrat battle. We are sick to death of infighting inside of the parties. We cannot stomach another second of progressive Democrats and Republicans who willingly sell every good and Godly thing for power and influence. We have had enough!

Some say, call your legislator and effect change through him or her.

About two years ago I learned that Idaho was considering a new law. I read the proposed bill and discovered that it would create a monopoly, drive Idahoans out of business, and endanger the lives of our people. I was right. Already, many have lost essential income and at least one Idahoan has been shot because this law exists. I contacted the bill's sponsor with my concerns approximately ten times through email and telephone, no reply. I emailed the entire Idaho Congress, no reply. Since the law was passed, I have personally spoken with Senator Jim Guthrie, Representative Kelley Packer, Representative Ken Andrus and Representative Judy Boyle about this, no action taken.

Each of the above have knowingly chosen to violate our supreme law, local laws or to be derelict in their duties. We the people deserve and demand better.

The founders knew that this would happen. They knew that government, by its very nature, is tyrannical and non-receptive to the voice of the people. They understood that men in power would soon forget from whence they came. They understood that if the legacy of freedom is to endure, government must be exclusively subjugated to the people. In their inspired wisdom, they presented the rightful remedy. I have promised to detail this remedy and next week I will... I think.

Between now and then, I challenge you to read the U.S. Constitution, Article 1 sections 1 and 8, and the Bill of Rights. You will discover that these documents are written in simple and understandable English so that We the People may stand proudly for liberty and remain free.

#### OIL AND GAS IN IDAHO FOR THOSE INTERESTED By Joe Morton

RE the new LOGO, about which Bobby Johnson is reported as having said that it "embodies the vision and uniqueness of the Commission and the citizens of Idaho": I absolutely cannot agree.

The new logo fails to show the "citizens of Idaho" **gagging** from the cumulative / aggregate impacts from these facilities - a situation currently NOT being confronted by Federal and State regulations supposedly protecting citizens from harm.

Additionally, the logo fails to note the Large Foot of Title 47 **squashing** the property rights of those who DO NOT want to give their gas to corporate / state officials... at today's low market prices... for the purpose of lining the pockets of a few... at the expense of the citizens.

No other industry or occupation group in Idaho is given such advantages by Idaho Statute, which now outrageously mandates that 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." (§ 47-315)

Will the O&G Commission take responsibility to enforce the issue of protecting public health safety & property values... as noted in the LLUPA... or will this be resolved by ligation?

Why are you so hell-bent on passing legislation in the upcoming 2015 Legislature session so that corporations can "force pool"... instead of protecting PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS?

Where on earth are your priorities? That this Taking is legal in another state doesn't make it alright for it to be done in Idaho (or at all).

Thank you in advance for your prompt response.

Click on this link for more info.

http://www.idl.idaho.gov/oil-gas/commission/newsletters/2014-12-dec-ogcc-newsletter.pdf

Joe Morton – Concerned Citizen(s) of Idaho

#### Gem County Gas & Oil Update for December By Wayne & Jan Montano

The last Gem County Gas & Oil Ordinance Committee meeting was Thursday, December 11. The last part of the meeting allowed for public comment. Vicky Churchfield, a realtor in the area and a resident of Gem County, spoke about a concern that property for sale in Gem County with seismic testing contracts and gas leases seem to be hitting funding snags. Financial institutions are saying no to funding when they find out the seller has signed a seismic contract or gas lease. I have attached a link to the audio of the committee meeting. Vicky's public comments are toward the end. The link takes you to the Gem County Development Services page, scroll down to the meetings audio recording for 12-11-14.

http://www.co.gem.id.us/development-services/Active%20Public%20Hearings/default.htm

A member of the public followed up on Vicky's concern by calling 10 different lending institutions and title companies asking about properties for sale in Gem County with gas leases. He was told by the person at Pioneer Title, who does the closing on real estate contracts in Emmett, that they do not close on ANYTHING that have Gas and Oil leases. No one that he was aware of in his business will approve loans when gas leases are involved.

Wayne and I started to think if funding is an issue what about homeowner's insurance? We called our insurance agent and asked what would happen if we signed a seismic testing contract or leased our land to the gas company. His response to us "the testing and leasing of the properties surrounding you will not cause them to cancel your policy or increase your rates. If you and Wayne personally signed a lease for your property they would non-renew your policy if they found out about it"

We do not plan to lease our land, but we asked if we are forced pool, or integrated, what happens then? The answer was he would have no idea where to get coverage. This is not good news for the citizens of Gem County or Idaho. Another unforeseen issue by the Idaho State Legislature.

Another issue that we heard about from a member of the public who attended a Payette County Commissioner meeting a few weeks ago was even though Payette County's Gas and Oil Ordinance requires a road maintenance agreement with the gas company, the Payette County Commissioners say that Payette County does not need to have one, because Alta Mesa's vehicles do not do any more damage to the road than farmer's vehicles do and the county does not have a road agreement with the county farmers.

This sets a precedent to us that if one county says they don't need it why should industry have to comply with the next county's ordinance which requires it? Who will pay for the damage that these vehicles may do to our roads and infrastructure if Alta Mesa doesn't have to? Guess who? The taxpayer of Gem County. What county will be next after Washington, Payette and Gem Counties? We feel like we are standing dominos in the way of Alta Mesa and the gas industry.

#### Gem County Gas & Oil Update for December By Wayne & Jan Montano

At the beginning of the December 11 meeting, David Luft, Air Shed Manager for the Boise Regional Office of the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality, talked about air quality.

Mr Luft said that the Idaho DEQ has not been given authority to do rules on the gas and oil industry other than requiring a permit for the gas or oil well. Industry is not required to have a permit to flare if emissions from flaring wells are under EPA standards, which so far in Idaho they have been. Some states require all wells to have an air quality permit, Idaho does not.

IDEQ does not have to do specific facilities monitoring. Industry provides samples of emissions to a company they hire and then that company sends a report to IDEQ, Mr Luft said this is also true whether the industry is a sugar factory or a rock crushing facility.

One question from the public was if gas wells are drilled, flaring is done and our ozone increases does that mean Gem County will have to have vehicle emission testing as EPA standards are becoming stricter on ozone levels? Mr Luft had mentioned in his talk that the standards would be changing in 2016. Mr Luft did not know if the emissions from gas and oil drilling would raise the ozone levels in Gem County. He said that IDEQ does work with local governments on control methods and emission inventory. He also said that state rules cannot be more stringent than Federal rules.

In our opinion Mr Luft's talk showed that there was little for the committee to put into the ordinance on air quality. Another thing taken away from the counties by the Idaho State legislators.

Another point of discussion at the meeting was the committee has put in the ordinance that well water testing would be available to each lessor if they should want to have their water tested before drilling starts. It would be paid for by industry. But the chair read an email from Alta Mesa's attorney, Michael Christian, stating that the company objects to having to pay for any water testing. One committee member said let's just put it in the ordinance and if the county commissioners want to change it let them. In our opinion if this stands in the ordinance Alta Mesa will appeal to the Idaho Gas & Oil Commission that water testing would be not needed and would impede them from doing their business. Who do you think will win the appeal?

The next meeting for the Gas and Oil Public Ordinance will be Thursday, January 8, 2015, at the Gem County Courthouse in Emmett. The next meeting for the Gem County Baseline Water Testing Committee will also be in January, date and location to be announced

Jan and Wayne Montano Grassroots Southwest Idaho/Tea Party Gem County

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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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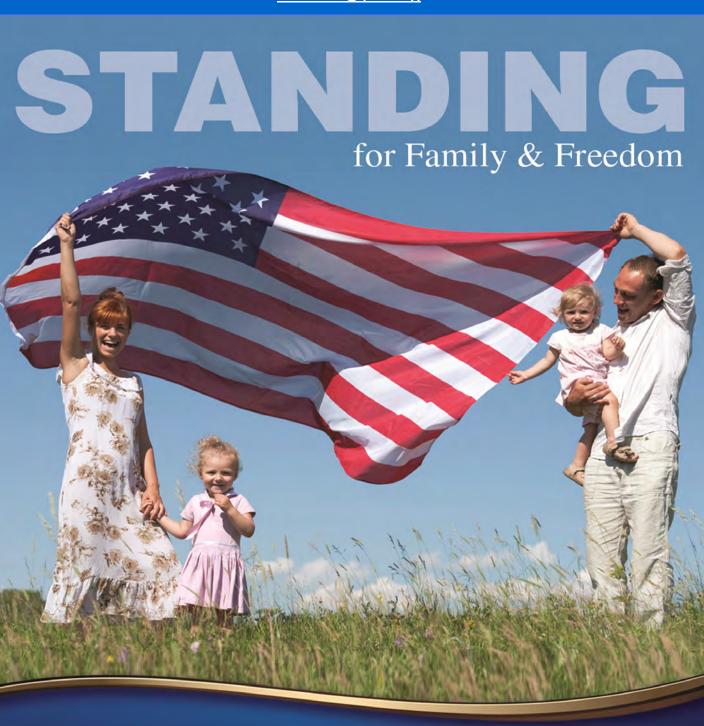
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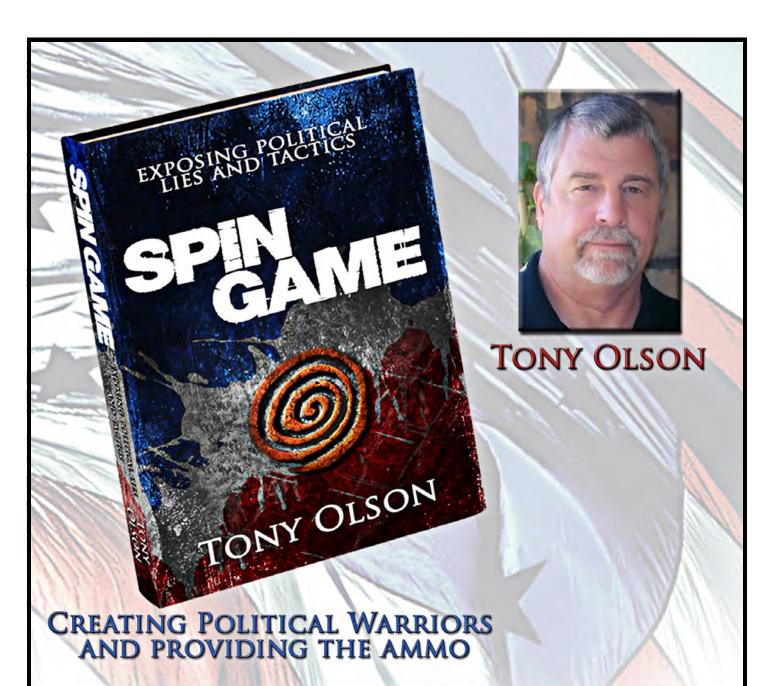
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