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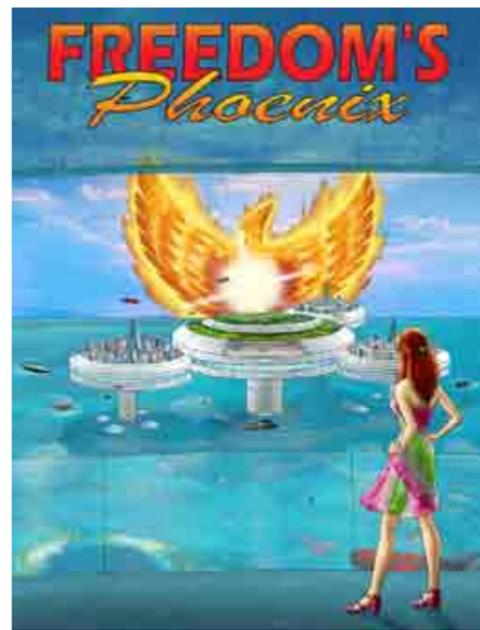
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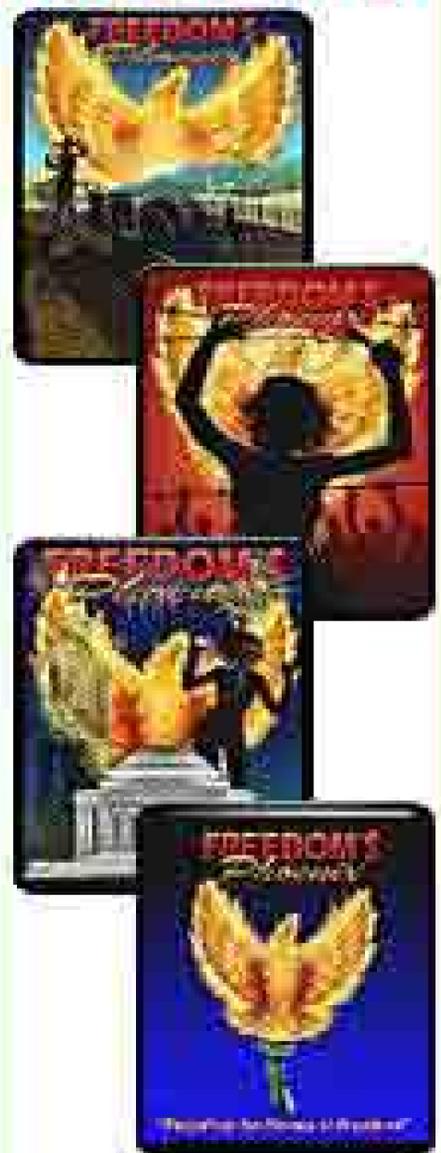
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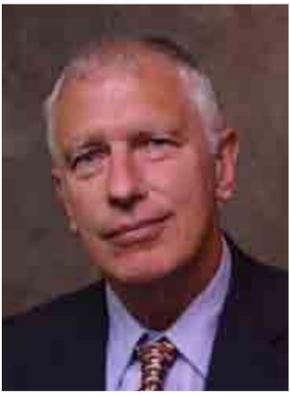
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## Doug Casey's Current View of the World

### By Doug Casey

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DOUG CASEY'S latest book, *Totally Incorrect*, gathers his iconoclastic views in a tidy package to stimulate and possibly dismay readers. In an interview with *The Gold Report*, Doug elaborates on some of his most radical ideas and offers his view of where the markets are likely to head in 2013.

**The Gold Report:** Doug, you have a new book out called *Totally Incorrect: Conversations with Doug Casey*. In one of those incorrect conversations with Louis James you said, "It's not the US economy that's facing a fiscal cliff, it's the US government. People equate government with the economy. They are entirely two different things. The only way to revitalize the US economy is through both vast reductions in taxes and vast reductions in government spending. Instead, these idiots are arguing over how much to raise taxes and how little they can cut spending." Now that we have avoided parts of the fiscal cliff and delayed addressing other parts, what are your observations?

**Doug Casey:** Nothing has changed. I am amazed to read about what is called a trillion-dollar platinum plan to get around Congress having to raise the debt ceiling. It's actually quite comical that some people are talking about it as a solution; it's Three Stooges economics. My only question is: Why not make it a \$10 trillion coin? That would solve the problem for several years and release the government from even the fictional restraints on spending it now has. Actually, let's do \$100 trillion; why deal in half measures? It's all a ridiculous charade at this point, the precisely scripted Kabuki theater between the left and right wings of the Demopublican Party. The ending of the ridiculous drama is totally predictable.

The point is that the government is spending more than \$1 trillion a year more than it is taking in. And that's using cash accounting, which is improper. If the government used accrual accounting, which takes into account future obligations, mandates, and liabilities, the number is more like \$3-4 trillion.

Already the Chinese and the Japanese really don't want to buy any more Treasuries to finance the deficit. So the Federal Reserve is buying most of it and crediting the accounts of the US government with the money it creates. Maybe it should ask the Chinese if it would like the trillion-dollar coin? At least it would have a cute collectible. The Chinese should insist on a 10-ounce-size coin, so it doesn't get lost too easily.

But all kidding aside, the Fed may as well issue a \$1-trillion coin. As the economy really goes off a cliff over the next couple of years, government outlays will almost necessarily go up and tax revenue will absolutely decline as the economy slows down.

**TGR:** You often make a distinction between the government and the country, and the economy. But if the government and the economy are two different things and the government is the one

facing the fiscal cliff, why should the economy go downhill as well?

**DC:** Because the government is such a massive actor in the economy today. Whenever a massive economic actor is bankrupt, there will be repercussions. There are around 2.7 million people directly employed by the federal government, by all the hundreds of agencies, bureaus, commissions, and whatnot; that's been fairly stable for a long time. They say there are around 22 million employed by all levels of government, and that's actually been dropping – non-federal governments can't borrow any more, and they can't print money. A few have declared bankruptcy.

But those numbers don't include things like the Post Office and Amtrak. They don't include 1.5 million active-duty troops. And all branches of government have increasingly gone to using outside contractors, as the military famously does.

Some 25 million people, more or less, employed by government is one thing. That's a lot. But of course, many are doing things that would otherwise be done privately. The real problem is so many major corporations have the state as their major customer – military and aerospace contractors, construction firms, computer outfits – everything you can imagine. Having your major customer bankrupt is a big problem.

But there's much more. The US government has 50 million people dependent on food stamps, 7 million on disability, and scores of millions more on Medicaid, Medicare, and other programs.

In my ideal world, government would exist for two reasons: as a police force to protect the citizens, and as a court system to allow citizens to adjudicate disputes. The economy is far too important to be left to the government and the kind of people who are drawn to work in it.

The fiscal cliff and the bankruptcy of the government are important because so many people depend on the government for their livelihoods. Most major corporations are customers of the US government. It's said fully 37% of Americans derive their income from the government. That is a gigantic distortion that has been put into the economy over many decades, and it has to be unwound.

**TGR:** Can it be unwound slowly over many decades or do we have to go over a cliff?

**DC:** It could be unwound slowly over many decades, but that would require a complete change in the way the American people think. Right now, the people who run for president or for Congress, for state legislature seats, and even local offices, actually think that government is a magic cornucopia.

This problem will not be solved unless that attitude changes, and I do not see how that will happen at this point. In fact, there's every reason to believe it's going to get worse.

**TGR:** Some European countries have implemented severe austerity programs. Will that help

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Europe turn around or are these programs just a slow, painful edging toward the same cliff?

**DC:** Europe is in much worse shape than the US. Socialism is totally ingrained in the psyche of the average European. The European idea of austerity is cutting back some government programs around the edges, making a few cosmetic changes. Maybe an occasional headline upbraiding a particularly egregious example of corruption. It's all public relations and generalities. But the idea of pulling the plant out by its roots is totally anathema. That's because they really believe socialism, welfarism, and all kinds of state intervention is morally correct. Most Europeans actually want a stronger state, all paid for with money stolen from a diminishing pool of productive taxpayers.

Most Europeans believe the state owes them a living and that the rich should be eaten to finance that. That attitude will not be changed without real tumult. There is no impetus for gradual change or reversal in Europe.

**TGR:** In the conversation titled [On 2013](#), you say 2013 will be ugly, but merely a warm-up for 2014. Yet the economic trends appear to be positive: the end of quantitative easing by year-end, increased domestic oil and gas production resulting in inexpensive energy for decades to come, more manufacturing jobs, and less unemployment. Is this slow-growing economic recovery masking the effects of the deficit and unfunded liabilities, thus allowing politicians to kick the can further down the road? Why do you think 2013 and 2014 will be so bad?

**DC:** Most of the information that people get about what is going on comes from the popular press and, at this point, the popular press is almost the fifth branch of government – after all the agencies, which have become the fourth branch of government.

As for things improving, yes, things seem better because we're not actually in the middle of chaos. Well, actually we are, but only because it's the eye of the hurricane. Those trillions of currency units that have been and still are being created make people feel more prosperous than would otherwise be the case.

I have no trust in the unemployment figure. If it were still calculated as it was before 1980, unemployment would be between 13% and 19% today. I have no more confidence in the inflation figures issued by the US government than I have in the inflation figures published by the Argentinean government.

It is in the government's interest to keep those reported numbers as low as possible, in part because payments on things like Social Security are adjusted to inflation. In addition, people in government think the economy depends more

on psychology than reality, and no one wants to set off a panic. I suggest people panic now and beat the last minute rush. [laughs]

As far as oil is concerned, I believe in the peak oil theory, which basically says that the cheap, easy, light sweet crude has all been found. Crude is extremely hard to find. At the same time I believe technology will solve all energy problems – oil is a very simple compound made out of hydrogen and carbon, essentially. Technology allows us to create almost anything, so there's no reason why we'd ever run out of oil. Fracking and horizontal drilling will make lots of hydrocarbons available. The question is, at what price?

**TGR:** But why 2013?

**DC:** In 2007, we started into the leading edge of a financial hurricane. In 2010 through 2012, governments around the world printed trillions of new currency. That did not solve the financial problems of the banks, brokers, hedge funds, or large corporations – much the way giving a million dollars to a wino will temporarily solve a lot of his problems – but at some point those dollars, which are currently sequestered, will start coming into circulation. That will result in huge price rises of everything.

You can't solve problems just by printing pieces of paper. You become prosperous by producing more than you consume and by saving the difference. However, the US, Western Europe, and many other parts of the world consume more than they produce. They have been living on borrowed money and mortgaging our future with debt. That holds true for governments and for individuals.

**TGR:** That leads me to another conversation in the book, called *The Morality of Money*. In that conversation, you argue that accumulating wealth is an important social as well as personal good. You say, "The good to the individuals of accumulating wealth is obvious, but the social good often goes unrecognized. Put simply, progress requires capital. Major new undertakings, from hydropower dams to spaceships, require huge amounts of capital. You need the wealth to accumulate in private hands to pay for these things. If the world is going to improve, we need huge pools of capital, intelligently invested."

You said earlier that the goal of government should be to provide police and to adjudicate disputes. But if world improvement requires huge amounts of capital, who is better placed to make those intelligent investments: self-serving wealthy individuals or self-serving governments?

**DC:** Let me say something many people will consider shocking: I do not believe government

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entities should exist at all, or are even necessary. Government is based on force and coercion. Essentially, the power of government comes out of the barrel of a gun, as Mao Zedong noted. I do not think that is the proper way for a civilized society to function. By its nature, government never has and never will be a producer. It is a consumer. It acquires income by theft.

I am an anarchist. Contrary to popular opinion, anarchy has nothing to do with a guy dressed in black holding a little round bomb with a lit fuse. Anarchy is a system of self-rule; you do not have someone telling you what to do and not do.

**TGR:** But if civilization needs huge amounts of capital to progress, can we expect the wealthy to employ their capital wisely and for the social good?

**DC:** You cannot expect anybody to do anything, but the fact that the wealthy have a lot of money shows they are good at making money – which is to say, creating and conserving wealth. Governments aren't noted for production – their history is largely one of wars, persecutions, confiscations, and general repression. And the people who are attracted to government are problematic for that reason.

Most rich people, for example Warren Buffett today and Sam Walton a generation ago, are not interested in consumption. They are more interested in creating more capital. It is better to trust the people who are creating more capital than to trust those in government who do things for political, not economic reasons.

**TGR:** In the *On 2013* conversation, you talk about the bond market, saying, "We are approaching the absolute peak of the bond bubble. Interest rates in the developed economies around the world are two percent, one percent, or even negative. This is fueling a bond bubble of truly catastrophic proportions. When it bursts, it will be an order of magnitude worse than the tech stock-market crash of 2001 or the real-estate crash of 2008."

**DC:** This is another reason why I think 2013 and 2014 will be so turbulent. At this point, it appears interest rates are at an all-time low. Bonds are in a bubble. And low rates encourage people to borrow – not save. But saving is absolutely critical – and as much as possible – because it's proof that an individual or a society is producing more than it's consuming. When interest rates start going back up, the face value of the bonds will collapse. A lot of individuals and a lot of governments cannot crack their monthly interest nut at low interest rates. How will they cope with high interest rates?

This bond bubble will be much more serious than the stock market bubble, especially because absolutely everyone is buying all kinds of complete junk today that offers a 2% yield. This will be much more serious than the tech-stock or real-estate crashes. The money markets are much bigger.

I pity those who are reaching for yield now. Instead of risk-free return, they're getting return-free risk.

**TGR:** Do you see ancillary economies crashing along with the bond market, or do you agree with the notion that rising interest rates will prompt governments to print more money, creating hyperinflation?

**DC:** A catastrophic deflation is always a possibility – and it's better than the alternative, a catastrophic inflation. Either way, a depression is inevitable – we're in it now, actually. I think at this point the authorities will go with creating lots more money.

The government gets revenue three ways. The first is by confiscating the wealth of citizens through taxes. There are hundreds of different taxes, and they all are quite high right now. The second way is by borrowing. Governments are incredibly overindebted and uncreditworthy now, and those debts will never be repaid. The third way is by printing money.

They will continue to print money because number one, it is now the only way out. Number two, the politicians masquerading as economists actually think printing is a good way to stimulate the economy.

**TGR:** Will that create a bond crash or hyperinflation, or are they one and the same thing?

**DC:** Perhaps both in sequence. The thing to remember here is that bonds are a triple threat to your capital: interest rate risk, inflation risk, and the risk of default. Anyone who holds old bonds today is holding an asset that is reward-free risk. The risks have never ever been greater in the bond market, and the returns have never been lower. We are at the peak of one of the biggest bubbles in history.

**TGR:** If we are at the peak, what is the best way to preserve wealth and ride out the next two or three years?

**DC:** Agriculture and arable land have become quite popular recently. I like them. But I am not crazy about investing in grains and soybeans because they are very political commodities, and the price of agricultural real estate has gone up hugely to reflect higher grain prices. There are no bargains anywhere in the world.

I am a big fan of cattle because cattle herds are at generational lows today. They have been in liquidation because it has been an unprofitable business for years. For most people, however, cattle are not a practical investment.

The most practical thing the average person can do is have a significant position in precious metals. They should own the metal. In years to come, when governments have blown up their currencies, gold and silver will be reinstated as money.

**TGR:** How large a portion of one's portfolio should be in precious metals?

**DC:** Apart from my house, my business, and expensive consumer goods, I would not be afraid to have most of my financial assets in precious metals.

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I am not very interested in the stock market today. The bond market, as I said, is a fantastic short-sell at this point. Real estate is certainly a lot cheaper than it was, but it floats on a sea of debt. That's not good. It's also the easiest thing for governments to tax.

Now people ask what about owning cash? The dollar is an unsecured asset of a bankrupt government, and it will be a hot potato in the years to come. For cash you definitely want to own precious metals – even at current prices. The other thing to look for is speculations in the marketplace. As inflation heats up and markets become more chaotic in the years to come, people will be forced to speculate. It's a pity, really...

**TGR:** And what would those be?

**DC:** Speculation is capitalizing on politically caused distortions in the marketplace. In effect, it's betting against the government. It is not gambling in the market.

The best speculation – the most beat-up market – right now is mining exploration companies, junior resource stocks. There are several thousand of them trading around the world. Most are not "investments," most are "burning matches," but relative to the price of the metals, they are close to the lowest levels in history. We have not had a truly good bull market for them in years, so they are an excellent place to put a portion of your capital with potentially large returns.

**TGR:** To what extent do investors need to be selective in that category?

**DC:** There is an old saying in the mining-stock business: When the wind blows, even the turkeys will fly. That is true. When the public gets the bit in its teeth and gold and silver are running, all kinds of junk will be promoted. A lot of money will be spent on promotion instead of exploration work out in the field.

**TGR:** If the bond bubble bursts this year or next, should investors wait for that before buying into the gold and silver junior mining stocks? Might they not be at even lower prices once the bubble busts?

**DC:** That is a real possibility. If you want to speculate and ride the futures market, sell long-term bonds short. That will offer a bit of a hedge.

You have to get the timing right in the market, of course. In the past, decent companies have sold for half of their cash in the bank and you end up with all of their properties for free, along with half the cash in the bank.

There is no telling how cheap the market can get. Anything can happen with these little stocks, but I think now is the time to start accumulating quality issues.

**TGR:** Both *Totally Incorrect* and the earlier Conversations with Casey are thought-provoking and entertaining. What motivated you to have these conversations and publish them?

**DC:** No one in the mass media and no politician today is willing to say that the king does not have any clothes on. That is why I am doing this. I say a lot of things I suspect you do not hear among friends at cocktail parties.

**TGR:** True. Cocktail party chatter tends to be about weather, sports, maybe entertainment, but nobody talks about government or religion. Why is that?

**DC:** I blame the educational system in part. In the last century, people learned Latin and Greek and read the classics. The object was to see what people thousands of years ago thought and said and to be able to comment on whether they were correct and how those thoughts might apply today. Education today is sound bites. Nobody reads a classical book in school anymore, only PC stuff that has been passed by a school board. They have a half an hour of geography where they're lectured by some teacher who probably has not traveled outside his or her home country, maybe never out of the state or province. Education has been transformed into political indoctrination in many ways.

**TGR:** Will greater access to the Internet, where you can Google just about anything and delve into specific topics and areas, change people's appetite for more meaningful conversations?

**DC:** The Internet is the best thing since the invention of moveable type. Rather than misallocating years of time and huge amounts of money to go off to college where they will just chase the opposite sex and drink, and where the quality of the professors is uncertain and the courses are in subjects that will clutter up their minds – gender studies, political science, English, and the like – people who really want to can get an education from the Internet.

The fact that you cannot believe everything on the Internet is equally true for what you read in books or newspapers.

**TGR:** That is a perfect example of why the book is called *Totally Incorrect*. Thank you for this conversation.

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## Passport Denials Long a Feature of U.S. Foreign Policy By Mark Nestmann

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IN between eggnog, opening gifts, along with a bout of flu, last week I reviewed a fascinating article dealing with the near century-long tradition of passport denials by U.S. officials.

You can read the entire article [here](#).

The author, Dr. Jeffrey Kahn demonstrates that today's refusal by the U.S. State Department to issue passports to suspected terrorists or those suspected of possessing terrorist sympathies is nothing new. Indeed, for decades, the authority to approve or deny a passport was vested in a single State Department official. The decisions of this official, Mrs. Ruth Shipley, weren't subject to judicial review. Her powers, and the arbitrary ways in which she employed them, were conceptually little different from those existing today in terrorist watchlists and similar government efforts.

Mrs. Shipley headed the State Department's Passport Division from 1928 to 1955, and personally reviewed every passport application submitted. Her decision was final, because until a 1958 Supreme Court decision, passport denials weren't subject to judicial review.

Fast forward to today's "modern" screening methods to keep terrorists—including U.S. citizens—from traveling in U.S. airspace. While the issuance of a passport now is subject to judicial review, once you have it in your possession, if you're on the FBI's Terrorist No Fly List, you won't be allowed to leave—or re-enter—the United States by air.

What's more, the Transportation Security Administration, which hears appeals to individuals placed on the list, routinely refuses to confirm or deny inclusion on the list. Nor will it disclose the basis for your apparent inclusion, or to provide any assurances about future travel. All you know is that you can't leave the United States by air, and that if you're traveling abroad, you can't re-enter the country. At least with Mrs. Shipley, you knew who had made the decision to deny you a passport.



Want to appeal the decision to place you on the No-Fly List? Good luck! Federal law stipulates that appeals of this status may only be brought

in a U.S. federal court of appeals. The procedural and evidentiary obstacles to such a challenge are overwhelming. The lawsuit that has proceeded the furthest in the courts to challenge this policy was filed in 2006 by a Malaysian student placed on the No-Fly List. The lawsuit, filed in 2006, has already traveled twice to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit.

The most recent ruling in the lawsuit came last week, when a district court judge rejected the Obama administration's effort to use secret arguments and evidence to throw out the case. I anticipate that the government will now invoke the "State Secrets Privilege" to prevent the lawsuit from moving forward. This court-created doctrine permits the government to force a court to dismiss litigation that the government believes would jeopardize U.S. national security.

In 1954, Ruth Shipley was nominated for the Presidential Medal for Merit, the highest civilian honor then awarded by the U.S. government. The citation commended Mrs. Shipley who "*being alert to the dangers inherent in the travel abroad of communists and other subversives, initiated and steadfastly adhered to the policy of refusing passports to applicants whose prior actions indicated that the proposed travel would be inimical to the best interests of the United States.*"

The No-Fly List is the digitized 21st-century version of Mrs. Shipley. It has the same purpose as well: to deny individuals whose views are deemed to contravene current U.S. government policies. Moreover, the No-Fly List plainly violates fundamental national and international laws. On April 2, 1992, the United States ratified the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Article 13 of the Declaration states:

*"Everyone has the right to freedom of movement and residence within the borders of each state. Everyone has the right to leave any country, including his own, and to return to his country." Under Article VI, Section 2 of the U.S. Constitution, "treaties made, or which shall be, made, under the authority of the United States, shall be the supreme law of the land."*

Sadly, neither national nor international law appears likely to stop the U.S. government's concerted efforts to deny due process to those placed on the No-Fly List. While today's mechanisms of travel control are far more sophisticated than those that Mrs. Shipley had at her disposal, the net effect is virtually identical: Both U.S. citizens and those wishing to visit the United States are denied a fundamental human right.

Hopefully, you'll never be placed on the No Fly List. But if you are, you'll appreciate the utility of a second passport, "just in case." No, you won't be able to leave or enter the United States by air. But once you've departed, you'll be able to travel free of U.S. government imposed restrictions.

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# The Hero's Journey for Freedom

## By Valkyrie

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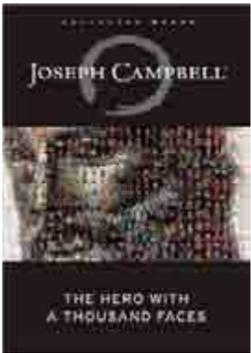
*“THESE are the times that try men's souls”*

~ Thomas Paine

That could have been written today. No jobs. If you have a house, it's under water. It's the start of Obama's second term, and the conventional

media is “all gun grab, all the time.”

There is nowhere to turn but talk radio, and you can't live in talk radio.



Make no mistake, we are engaged in an epic struggle. We are in fact engaged in a mythic struggle. I believe that Prof. Joseph Campbell, student of human nature and author of [The Hero with a Thousand Faces](#),

can give us a road map to what happens next.

Life imitates art? Yes, I think so. The struggle between those who want to be left alone and those who won't leave you alone is as old as humanity itself. For those skeptical about how this plays out, just run with me for a moment. Deep psychological truths about human behavior don't outdate very easily.

Let's take a look at Campbell's breakdown of the Hero's Journey. There are twelve steps, starting with the Hero's ordinary world, which is about to be disrupted. Step two has been called, “stunning surprise number one.” It changes the Hero's destiny. Let's just draw a line and start here with the events of 9/11.

The next step, number three, is fear – of the unknown, and of the fallout that came of 9/11.

Step four is the teacher. Many teachers came into the fray after 9/11 – some good, others twisted by fear into antagonists of freedom.

Step five is the doorway of no return: The Patriot Act. Clearly, there were lots of unconstitutional executive orders that issued from Bill Clinton,

but it was the Patriot Act that really killed the Bill of Rights.

Step six is tests, allies, and enemies. In this phase, we're being severely tested – and finding more enemies than allies. Keep your friends close. You need them and they need you.

Step seven is approach to the inmost cave. Remember when the tractor beam pulled the Millennium Falcon into the Death Star? Does that sound like where we are now? Yeah. That leaves five more steps ahead of us.

Step eight is the ordeal. The Hero's fortunes hit bottom. He faces death and a dark night of the soul. The Hero is transformed by the struggle, maybe so much so that he appears to die and be born again. Remember when Luke Skywalker and his friends are trapped in the garbage compacter on the Death Star and Luke was dragged underwater? Every ordeal has many scenes, but this one is a good example.

Step nine is seizing the sword, which is the reward of the life-or-death struggle.

Step ten, the road back, is when the bad guys chase after the Hero.

Step eleven is resurrection, also known as “stunning surprise number two, the Hero's darkest hour.” The bad guys get in one final shot, which is a doozy, destroying the Hero's plan for victory. However, the Hero has developed inner strength and resources from his ordeal, and is able to call upon those to win.



Step twelve is victory, which must be brought home and shared as freedom returns to our world.

May the Force be with you. And watch out for stunning surprise number two. 

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# Reevis Mountain School of Self-Reliance

## By Donna Hancock

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# REEVIS MOUNTAIN SCHOOL



*Reevis Mountain Gate*



*Solar Powehouse*



*Class*



*Garden*

REEVIS Mountain School, located in the eastern Superstition Wilderness of Arizona, provides a place of inspiration, peace, and reverence for nature, where students and interns can learn natural healing and self-reliance skills, experience growing their own food, develop spiritual awareness, enjoy a spirit of community, and live healthfully.

Peter Bigfoot, Reevis's founder, has created a homestead of joy, magic, and healing, a place and way of life that reflects his motto: *Live what you love!*

### About Reevis Mountain School of Self-Reliance



*Farmhouse Spring*



*Class*



*Spinach from the garden*



*Yurpee Winter*

Reevis Mountain School began in 1980 as a new age community focused on self-sufficiency and the teaching of survival skills. It is today a more quiet place: a sanctuary, organic farm, and homestead. Nature has endowed our remote canyon with paradise-like features: a year-round creek, two underground springs, good soil, and an altitude (3,300 feet) that takes much of the misery out of Arizona

summers. Human endeavor has added an orchard of some one hundred fruit and nut trees, a half-acre garden, flocks of chickens, turkeys, and ducks, a greenhouse, a community house, a beautiful native stone shower house, a solar power house, and several shelters, including a teepee, cabins, and yurpees (Bigfoot's design, a combination of teepee and yurt).

Our first-rate "Nature's Classroom" is enjoyed by a permanent staff of three, a varying number of interns, and hundreds of students and visitors each year. It is cherished by those wishing to experience a place free from most modern-day pollutants and distractions (including television and cell phone!) and to reconnect with Earth, Spirit, and Self.

### Learn about . . .

[Staying healthy](#) - Wisdom to live by

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[Natural remedies](#) - Simple, natural healing with herbs, honey, and your hands

[Useful plants](#) - Edible, medicinal, and useful plants of the Sonoran desert

[Metaphysics & meditation](#) - Peter Bigfoot's philosophy of living what you love and getting to know your forever self

[Peter Bigfoot](#) - Naturalist, herbologist, farmer, healer

[Reevis Mountain School](#) - Classes, events, herbal remedies, books, history, and how to visit

### Solar Water Pump Fund Drive - Success!



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Our solar pump is now complete and operational, and more awesome than we dreamed! When we began the project we were excited about being able to eliminate our gasoline pump, for the sake of sustainability and maintaining our peaceful environment. We are very happy to have accomplished that! What we didn't anticipate was that now we have a system that operates silently, sustainably, and almost completely automatically. We are amazed by the way the water tank keeps filling up, seemingly by magic, and we don't have to do a thing! No more midsummer trips to the gas station for barrels of gasoline, no more worries about spark plugs, water in the carburetor, or moving the pump out of the range of flooding!

We continue to make improvements, including extending the stone masonry wall up and around the sump so that the pump will be safe from any flooding, and the sump is protected from filling up with mud.

### Reevis's Farm Produce



*Peaches*



*Grapes*



*Cucumbers*



*Purple Cabbage*



*Patricia*

From our half-acre vegetable garden, 100-tree orchard, vineyard, and flocks of poultry, we produce sufficient fruit, veggies, nuts, and eggs for our own needs, as well as surpluses of fruit and vegetables that we market in Roosevelt, Globe/Miami, and the Phoenix area. Our produce has appeared

on the menus at Phoenix area restaurants such as Vincent's on Camelback, Pomegranate Cafe, and Quiescence.

The following timetable is approximate ... the weather and other natural factors affect when each crop will be ready and the quantities we will have available to sell.

**January and February:** winter squash, Chinese date plums

**March and April:** asparagus

**May:** blackberries

**June:** blackberries, figs, [apricots](#), [purslane](#)

**July:** figs, apricots, peaches, grapes, plums, cucumbers (lemon and green)

**August:** peaches, grapes, plums, cucumbers (lemon and green)

**September:** peaches, apples, pears, jujubes, cucumbers (lemon and green)

**October:** apples, pears, pomegranates (red and golden varieties)

**November:** pears, [persimmons](#) (Fuyu, Hachiya, and Precious varieties), Chinese date plums (*Diospyros lotus*), pomegranates, pecans, [olives](#)

**December:** persimmons, Chinese date plums, winter squash, pecans, [olives](#)

Other veggies and herbs may be available for sale throughout the year.

**Produce Delivery Notices:** To receive notices of produce deliveries in Roosevelt, Globe/Miami, and the Phoenix area, [please email Patricia](#) and let her know whether you are in Roosevelt/Globe/Miami, the east valley, or Phoenix.

**Pick Your Own:** To receive notices of produce available for picking at Reevis, [please email Patricia](#). She will send updates as fruit becomes ripe and information about visiting.

### Reevis's Alternative Energy Systems



*Solar Power House*

#### Solar energy

Our solar system has developed and grown over the years as we have learned what works well for us. We welcome visitors who wish to learn

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from our experiences or are just curious about what it takes to live off the grid. [Please email us to make an appointment if you would like to visit to learn about our energy systems.](#)

### Solar Electricity

Our system includes seven solar panel arrays for the main power generation. These connect to a central deep cycle battery for storage and an inverter for supplying 110V AC to the community house and workshop.



*Solar Collectors*

The electricity is used for lighting the community house, supplying kitchen appliances (including a refrigerator and freezer) and our washing machine, and powering office equipment, including a computer, printer, and satellite modem. There is adequate power remaining for our workshop power tools and an occasional movie!



*Solar Batteries*

We also have a small solar panel that powers a well pump, used to help keep our irrigation tank full.

### Solar hot water

Our solar hot water system supplies the shower house with ample hot water for showering during the summer. In winter, we supplement solar with a wood-burning furnace.



*Solar Shower House*

### Wind

The two small wind generators atop the power house provide only a small amount of power.

### Solar Cooking

Letting the sun do our cooking saves a lot of propane and reduces heat in the community house. With a little preparation and planning, we can have a tasty dish or meal ready at the end of the

work day, with very little work or energy expended. And dishes that cook in the solar oven practically never burn!



*Solar Oven*

### Backup Power

For periods of high demand, a propane-fueled backup generator maintains charge in the batteries. We have not needed to use this generator since the solar panels were repaired two years ago.

### 2013 Classes



*Chaparral*



*Masonry*

Held at Reevis Mountain School and taught by Peter Bigfoot, unless otherwise noted. Class fee includes organic, home-cooked meals, shuttle from Roosevelt, and campsite. Yurpees and cabins available.

### [Wild Edible, Medicinal, and Useful Plants](#)

At Lost Dutchman State Park: February 24, 2013 or March 16, 2013 \$78 (includes plant study book)

At Reevis Mountain School: April 19-21, 2013 or May 10-12, 2013 \$178 (includes plant study book)

### [Oriental Acupressure](#)

November 8-11 \$238 (includes Bigfoot's *Book of Ancient Natural Remedies*)

March 21-24, 2013 \$238 (includes Bigfoot's *Book of Ancient Natural Remedies*)

### [Herbal Pharmacology \(Medicine Making\)](#)

October 19-21 \$178

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[Stone Age Desert Survival Skills With Lynx Vilden](#)

February 17-23, 2013 \$700

[Wilderness Survival](#)

April 11-14, 2013 \$238

[Off-Grid Homestead Living](#)

May 17-19, 2013 \$178

[Stone Masonry](#)

June 10-15, 2013 \$143

Please read [Class Info](#) before registering. Deposits are non-refundable unless RMS cancels or reschedules the class.

**Links**

**Wilderness Survival**

[Backtracks](#) - organizers of the Rabbit Stick and Winter Count aboriginal skills gatherings

[Society of Primitive Technology](#)

[Earth Knack: Stone Age Living Skills](#)

[Headwaters Outdoor Survival School](#) - located in Santa Cruz, California

[Cody Lundin and the Aboriginal Living Skills School](#) - located in Prescott, Arizona

[Boulder Outdoor Survival School](#) - located in Boulder, Utah

[Teaching Drum Outdoor School Wolf Tracking](#) - February 2012 in Eagle River, WI

[Insure You Can Save a Life](#) - safety and rescue skills and information

**Natural Remedies and Healing**

[Jim Humble and the Miracle Mineral Supplement](#)

[Michael Tierra, East West School of Planetary Herbology](#)

[Annette Noontil](#) - *The Body Is the Barometer of the Soul*

[Reconnective Healing and The Reconnection](#) - Dr. Eric Pearl

**Useful Plants**

[Charles W. Kane](#) - authority on medicinal plants, writer, and teacher, located in Tucson

[Frontier Natural Products Co-op](#) - When we purchase bulk herbs, we buy them from Frontier.

**Metaphysics & Meditation**

[Ramtha](#)

[Kryon](#)

[Flower of Life](#) - Drunvalo Melchizedek

[Love Without End: Jesus Speaks](#) - Glenda Greene

[Conversations with God](#) - Neale Donald Walsch

[The Game of Life](#) - Florence Scovel Shimm

[Coast To Coast AM](#)

[A. J. Miller](#)

**Gardening, Farming, Homesteading, Cooking**

[The Man Who Planted Trees and Grew Happiness](#) - Jean Giono

[Old Knowledge Database](#) - an astounding collection of practical old texts

[Gene Logsdon, The Contrary Farmer](#)

[The Organic Consumers Association](#)

[The Weston A. Price Foundation](#)

[Wild Fermentation](#) - Sandor Katz

[CentroSolar America, Inc.](#) - Photovoltaic systems and modules

[Arizona Homegrown Solutions](#)

[Pick Your Own](#)

**Arizona and the Superstitions**

[Arizona Trail Association](#) - builders of the AZ Trail, 800 miles of hiking trails built entirely by volunteers, from Mexico to Utah

[Superstition Search and Rescue](#) - with links to maps and trail info

**Our Friends**

[Preparing Wisely](#) - shop in Mesa, AZ, selling bulk organic grains, emergency preparedness supplies, and Bigfoot's herbal remedies

[PAAK Foundation](#)

[Goodson Manley Forakis PLC](#) - specializing in preventive law

[Treeland Nurseries](#) - one of Arizona's largest wholesale and retail nursery operations

[Anti-conformity](#) - our AWESOME t-shirt printer

[BHealthyBHappy](#) - Bella Donna, oriental bodywork therapist, aromatherapist/herbalist, Reiki master/teacher, yoga instructor (specializing in AcuYoga), wellness consultant, and former operations manager at Reevis

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[Click here](#) - These are links that we include to improve our search engine rating. **We are not personally familiar with these individuals/businesses/organizations**, although most are more or less related to RMS's activities. 



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## Networking to Survive

### By Barbara Peterson

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THERE is a movement afoot to get off the grid, out of the system, and as far away from government control and intervention as possible. Some think that going it alone is the way and that we must learn to do everything ourselves. I've got a message for those that think like this.... Good luck with that. I've tried it, and quite frankly, I'm not smart enough, strong enough, or versatile enough, not to mention don't have enough hours in the day to do it all myself. It is simply not possible to do it all unless you decide to live like the hardest of survivalists, are trained to care for yourself at any juncture, used to a solitary existence, and never look back.

However, coming from those of us who actually live in harsh terrain year-round with winters that freeze your very bones and hard-packed summer ground that takes the best of the best to get anything to grow at all, it's not very practical. You see, we are a species that needs each other. We need the skills that others have because quite frankly, unless you are the above-mentioned Rambo-type character, you are just like the rest of us. We need friends and we like a little bit of comfort. Eating tree bark every morning along with an occasional acorn while waiting for the skinned rabbit to cook over the fire pit is simply not going to cut it for any length of time. So, we network to survive.



What does networking to survive mean? It simply means that people with divergent skills trade goods and services amongst themselves. Your network might

consist of the farmer down the road who will trade you fresh eggs for your homemade bread, the lady in the back forty that raises milking goats and will let you in on a herd share so that you can have fresh goat's milk and not have to raise the animals yourself, the mechanic working at the local store who can fix just about anything just as long as it is not one of those fancy computer-driven models, the organic produce grower who sells at the local farmers' market, and the hay grower a few miles away who will store your winter's hay in his barn.

Get to know the people in your neck of the woods. Talk with them, shake their hands, and become an integral part of a living network. This is real survival training. I don't care if you can jump a creek while shooting a bear before landing on the other side. If you don't have the skills to simply live without the stress of scraping for existence every single minute of every day, or know others who have skills and are willing to share them then you are not really surviving at all.

So, how do you start networking? It's easy. Talk to people...

#### The Town Trip

The other day I started walking to town. Yes, the ground was covered in snow. Yes, it is a forty five mile hike. Why? It was something I needed to do. I didn't walk the whole way, as a wonderful person whom I had not met before pulled over and asked me if I would like a ride. And so it began. My new acquaintance just happens to raises goats! Milk goats to be precise, and she loves them. She also works with Green Way EcoMart.



Green Way is a small, hole in the wall store packed full of healthy goodies. It is a mixture of locally produced soaps, essential oils, or-

ganic products and foods, as well as a parking lot goat milk/veggie market every Tuesday from 3-6 p.m. Organic veggies are grown year-round in geo-thermal greenhouses, providing fresh produce for the Klamath Basin. This is where my new-found friend was going, so, off we went to the EcoMart! I wasn't going to miss this for anything!

In this tiny little postage stamp of a parking lot, people who have signed up for a goat's milk herd share or Community Supported



Agricultural program (CSA) in order to receive fresh veggies every week, line up to receive the best food on the planet – fresh, raw milk and

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veggies straight from the greenhouse. It doesn't get any better than that.

Here is a list of some of the fresh produce available in the parking lot:

- Heirloom tomatoes
- Mixed salads
- Micro greens
- Zucchini
- Onions
- Broccoli
- Swiss Chard
- Mushrooms



Herd share owners also pick up milk in glass containers.

In between customers we chatted about goats, veggies, politics, and Scripture. We shared common experiences, and found that we are very similar in a lot of ways. And we have both learned one very important lesson... In order to survive in this country without succumbing to Big Pharma, Big Ag, and the elements of nature, you have to network.



**Another link in the chain**

So, there we sat, talking and networking with the city folk, who were absolutely thrilled to have an alternative to big box poison dispensers



otherwise known as supermarkets. And do you know something interesting? The people who came for food at the EcoMart looked so much healthier than the majority of people that I see shopping at the supermarket filling their baskets with GMOs and pesticide-ridden

tasteless garbage passing for food-like substances. They know. That's why they are lining up in the parking lot for real food. We will not survive on the filth provided for us by Big Ag. These people know their farmer. They look in his eyes every week as they collect their share of the greenhouse bounty.

On the way home, I counted my blessings that a critical element of my network was found that day. This is truly survival training. So, Mr. Rambo, there is a place for you in the scheme of things, and I wish you well. However, in this neck of the woods, I prefer networking. It's so much more fun and not quite so lonely.

[If you live in the Klamath Basin area and would like to learn more about the CSA click here.](#) 

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## Do We Go or Do We Stay?

By Jesse Mathewson

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IT is apparent to many, including, the government, that this current society and state is collapsing quickly. Financially it is ruined, there is no undo button, there is no rewind

and most importantly the hole has become far too large to climb out of. So what to do?

Expatriation to more free locations may seem like a wonderful thing to do. Of course, with a little study and a lot of back and forth communication with others who already have, this may pose a problem for the average American in today's society. Most locations overseas require an individual to be independently wealthy or have a master's or doctorate in an active contributing manner. This means that many locations will require that you already be employed upon arrival.

Of course, you can go to Great Britain, France, Germany or Spain. However, they are far from better off than the United States. In fact, each of these locations will pose its own problems and you will soon find that you are ostracized or worse off than you were before. Great Britain is crime ridden, one in four people will have an act of violence committed against them, and beware, if you attempt to defend yourself, you will be buried in their criminal justice system. France, Spain and Germany are not much better.

South and Central America are options, however, thanks to your neighbors' incessant calls for "action against them dirty illegals," you will be seen as the enemy. The United States has, as with every other third world locale around the planet, ensured that to be an American in a foreign place is a bad thing. So practice your Canadian accent and see a good paper maker for some Canadian papers. I personally love South America, however, I have had over two decades to build relationships while the more recent individuals who may move down are still going to be holding onto their Americanized preconceptions about these places. (You are in someone else's home/ country, so act like it.)



New Zealand is available as is Switzerland, however, as I mentioned above some places require you to

be gainfully employed (not a temp job or hostel inspector). These are two that require that, of course if you have hundreds of millions in gold bullion and are able to lubricate the local process, that shouldn't be an issue. India is a decent option, contrary to popular belief India is quite a bit more advanced than many would have you believe. Regardless, they have no extradition and are not exactly happy with the United States currently. So if you can offer them something in exchange for work and living requirements, you may be in luck. A last option is Africa, roll a die and pick whichever location pops up first. The only downfall with Africa is that with very few exceptions they are ruled by the flavor of

the week, meaning you will need to keep up on your local bribes and warlords as one week to the next it may vary as to who you are paying.

In the end I would recommend that unless you live in a large urban area, Phoenix, Tucson, Houston, Miami, New York City, Chicago, Los Angeles etc., stay where you are. If you live in or within 30 minutes of a large urban area, move immediately. The benefits you believe you have or gain by remaining in an urban area are quickly negated if you simply take a quick unfiltered look around. Move to a rural area. Sure your commute may now be three times as long, but your family's safety has been far more solidified. Small towns, relatively sparse populations and large amounts of land between people, is the best way to approach the possibility of complete collapse. I hear the phrase, "safety in numbers" from hundreds of people every day, and I agree. However, safety is not in masses of people; safety is in a few stalwarts who know what they are doing.

If you are serious about surviving, then think about your current situation, look at every bad thing that could happen, and look at your ability to fix that. Remember in a city, surrounded by sheep and living in a cookie cutter house or worse an apartment building, you are guaranteeing your quick demise. Sheer numbers will overwhelm you once they realize you are the only one on the block with food. Do not underestimate the potential for sheer violence that most humans harbor when in times of extreme need. Move now - that city you live in is a trap, it is your death certificate and you have signed it and dated it by refusing to see this.

People like myself, living in relatively unpopulated areas, are going to be slightly safer. Notice I say slightly, not because the risk of showing my hand to others is greater, but because people in your cities will run out of food and start roaming. All I will have is more time to prepare, and a better view of the coming problems. So do we go or stay? For me the answer is stay, I cannot afford my own island or even a chartered rowboat to a vacant one. So I must make do with what I have and concentrate my efforts on showing my neighbors now that we can survive anything if we just work together.

Free the mind and the body will follow. 🌻

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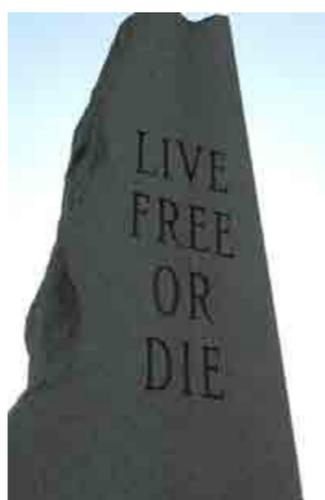


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# What We Learned by Leaving New Hampshire

## By Mike Vine

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I first heard about the Free State Project in 2003 and signed the [Statement of Intent](#) in '04. By 2007, I had graduated college and taken a job in Toronto. When my wife Vanessa and I needed our America “fix,” we started taking trips around Lake Ontario and across

to New Hampshire. We wanted to see the place we might call home if the FSP hit 20K and the move were triggered.

We found Portsmouth on our first trip and quickly became enamored with the small coastal city. I think we both had a sense from the very first visit that this was a place we could see ourselves settling down. But she was in college and I was just entering the working world, so we put that dream aside and focused on building our lives.

Canada did not agree with us. From healthcare to housing to groceries, protectionist and socialist policies have significantly hampered Canadian standards of living relative to the States. This is especially pronounced when compared to the freest of states, like New Hampshire – a fact of which we were reminded every time we paid a visit.

So, we left Toronto and moved back to our hometown of New York City. We had a loose plan: Vanessa would finish school. Then, we would tour the continent. If we still preferred Portsmouth to anywhere else, we would make the move.

Well, by the time Vanessa finished school, there were already close to 1K early movers in New Hampshire. We had been visiting Portsmouth regularly since '08, but with a little more free time, we were finally able to make it to Porcfest in 2011. We came home more excited than ever about the porcupine community and the potential of the project. Within two months, we made the move... becoming movers 932 and 933, if you're counting.

Our first year was eventful. We made a ton of new friends, got involved in more activism than we could have imagined, set up a new business, and enjoyed everything the Seacoast had to offer. We explored Manch, Keene, the Lakes, the Upper Valley, Hanover (Dartmouth), Kittery ME, Portland ME, Newburyport MA, and many towns in between.

Still, we never had taken that big trip. So when our lease ran out, just before Porcfest 2012, we put our belongings in storage and hit the road. Porcfest was naturally our first stop, where we had a chance to say farewell. Our fellow porcupines were already dear friends, though we had only known many of them a short while, so leaving was bittersweet. But, knowing that the longer we stayed, the more roots we would put

down, we were determined to see what else lay beyond the horizon.

The answer? Lots!

Growing up in Manhattan, we're taught that civilization ends at the Hudson River. Everything to the West is just McDonald's and trailer parks until you hit California. Then it's Jamba Juice and McMansions.

The truth is that virtually any part of the continent has at least one attraction that is New York City quality. You just have to know how to look. Though Vanessa was already Yelp Elite for 5 years running before we left, she became a true virtuoso at scouring reviews as the trip went on. We had some of the best pizza of our lives in eastern Iowa (and I've been to Italy). We had an entire whiskey-marinated dinner in the mountains of Utah. We passed evenings at epic patio bars in Louisville, Portland, and San Antonio. We walked on sand as white as snow – as a stingray swam beside us – on the Florida Panhandle.

None of this is to brag. You can live vicariously through our travel blog [here](#) and save yourselves the drama of wondering where you're going to sleep from night-to-night or how to locate a cell signal on the Olympic Peninsula. The point of the story is that we *did it*. We spent half a year of our lives seeing everything America has to offer. From the Smokies to the Rockies to the Texas Hills. And here's what we learned: while most every place had something going for it, no other place had quite the same ingredients that we so cherish about New Hampshire – and no other place could offer a permanent community of 1K+ dedicated liberty activists to boot.



Because we're telecommuters, our careers offered us the unusual opportunity to live on the road and support ourselves over a long period. I realize many do not have that luxury. So, you'll have to take my word for it... New Hampshire is great – and the Free State Project is just icing on the cake. 🍌

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# What Kind of Free State Needs a Militia?

## By Jefferson Paine

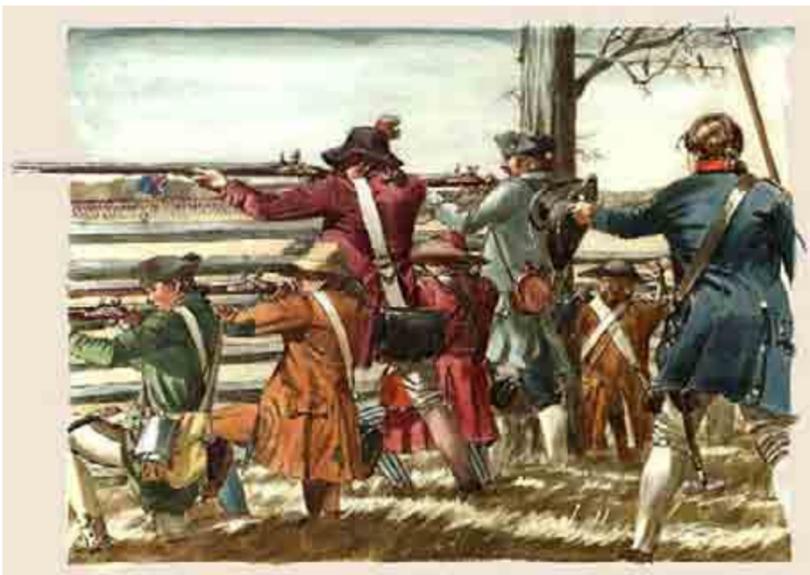
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IN the debate over gun control, we often hear this about the Second Amendment: The phrase “necessary to the security of a free State” is about the need for a militia to protect the United States from its enemies around the world. When under attack, the American military can call up reinforcements: citizens in the National Guards maintained by each state. Even apart from the usual objections regarding the distinction between organized and unorganized militias, or the post-Constitution birth of the National Guard, a little consideration of this “American independence” interpretation in context reveals the notion to be incoherent.

“A free State” in this context cannot *logically* refer simply to an independent America, for a number of reasons.

If the concern of the Founders was merely that the U.S. be free among the community of nations, one might argue that the “American independence” interpretation makes perfect sense. It doesn’t, for the indisputable reason that a militia is *not* necessary to maintain national independence. Yes, a *military* is necessary, but a standing army (with its sibling branches) could do that job; there’s no need for a militia in addition. Anyone tempted to think there might be need only realize that, in principle, anyone who can serve in a militia can also serve in a professional military.



Further, even if we pretend that the professional military needs some kind of component designated as militia, the notion that a “right of the *people* to keep and bear Arms” is required to arm the military is downright laughable. Servicemen and -women would be issued weapons to fulfill their military duties and for no other reason. A Second Amendment would be totally spurious, its presence in the Constitution a monumental lapse of rationality.

Of course, the Founders were eminently rational, and if confusion remains over what they meant by “free State,” perhaps we should ask how they may have been misunderstood. States that aren’t under the control of other nations or external forces are independent, yet they may not be free in the sense that their people lack liberty. If a free state is taken to be one whose people are free (a matter of some concern to the Founders), it must not only be free of foreign control, but protective of its citizens’ liberty. And to protect the people against tyranny at home, one *cannot* rely on a federal military run by would-be masters.

One genuinely needs a civilian militia capable of containing the power of an over-ambitious federal military if individual liberty is to be anything more than a revocable privilege.

*In short, if the freedom of a state is measured by the freedom of its people, a militia is truly necessary, the meaning of the Second Amendment is clear, and its presence in the Constitution is eminently sensible.*

Could the Founders have intended the Second Amendment to protect the sovereignty of the



states within the union created by the Constitution? It may seem so, but I doubt that was more than an admittedly important secondary concern. Yes, the Constitution was a pact among the states creating the union and circumscribing its powers. It is often said that the document places constraints only on the federal government, but the Tenth Amendment speaks of powers prohibited by the Constitution to the states. Though I haven’t heard this argued elsewhere,

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and I haven't attempted to muster historical documentary support for the idea, I suspect the Second Amendment contains one such prohibition. That is, I think it is likely intended to guarantee the *people* of all the states their freedom – not just guarantee the states their sovereignty (conceivably even as *totalitarian* states).

That interpretation of a “doubly binding” Second Amendment is reinforced by the Constitution's guarantee of a republican form of government for each state. The notion of a republican form of government for un-free people is downright oxymoronic.

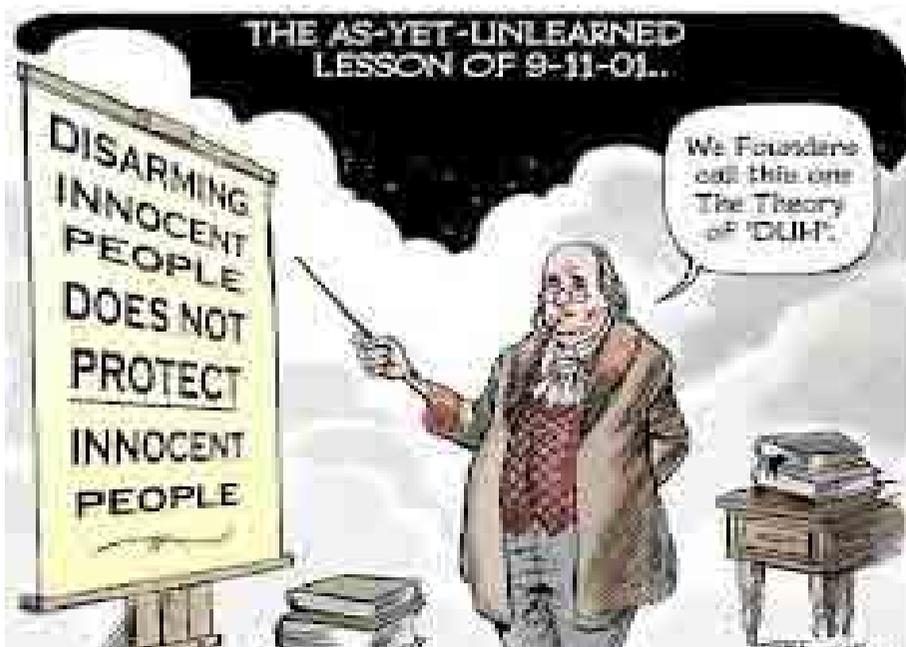
Another indication that the Second Amendment restricts the states is the choice of language different from that used in the First Amendment. Why didn't the Second Amendment simply prohibit Congress alone from legislating away the right to weaponry, just as it did with respect to free speech and religion? It can hardly be that the option never occurred to anyone! No, “shall not be infringed” implies an insistence that under the Constitution *no agency whatsoever* may attack the ownership of personal weapons. Indeed, the choice of “infringed” rather than some term like “abolished,” “denied,” or “prohibited” conveys the clear sense that we are dealing with one of the pre-existing inalienable rights mentioned in the Declaration of Independence rather than some civil right that can be granted or

refused by government. For all these reasons, I think the Second Amendment is supposed to function in large part to protect the people from their state governments as well as from the federal one. Only an armed populace (a good, historical, common working definition of “militia”) can secure the people's liberty at all levels of government.

It is no accident, then, that the Second Amendment specifies a right of the *people* to keep and bear arms. It is also unnecessary for those who insist on Constitutional protection against gun control by state or local governments to argue that the Fourteenth Amendment “federalizes” the Bill of Rights, as is usually done. The Second Amendment never needed to be extended by the Fourteenth to pertain to the states, for it already did. At least that's my reasoning.

My point in this article has been that if the Second Amendment is a sensible expression of realistic values and objectives for the fledgling United States, none of the “not an individual right” interpretations flooding the marketplace of ideas can be correct. Let me conclude by saying that if the Second Amendment is *not* sensible or realistic, then there is no reason for its opponents to pay any sort of lip service to it. No concessions to hunting rights, or even to self-defense at what we might call the “retail” level are needed; one simply argues that the Second Amendment makes no sense. If, that is, logical argument of the issue is the objective.

No. If the Second Amendment isn't about *wholesale* self-defense against those who would use government to subjugate, then it isn't about anything. And if it isn't about anything, then its opponents have been wasting their breath in addition to the prospects of their posterity's liberty.



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# Feds Expand Definition of 'Cash' to Include Stored Value Cards

## By Mark Nestmann

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FOR the last three days, I've been in bustling downtown Panama City, Panama, speaking at an offshore conference. Panama is as dynamic as ever, and I've made considerable progress filing my application for permanent residence.

My exit from the United States was relatively hassle-free, other than the mandatory scan of my genitalia by the TSA before I boarded my flight. However, I've now learned that the Treasury's Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN) plans to add [another obstacle](#) to leaving (or entering) the United States: declaring the value of any "tangible prepaid access devices." In case you're wondering, TPADs are otherwise known as stored value cards.

U.S. law has long required you to declare the value of cash or other monetary instruments you carry across a U.S. border if the value exceeds \$10,000. FinCEN Form 105 is used for this purpose. While there's the possibility of a five-year prison sentence for failing to comply with the law, along with forfeiture of the "monetary instruments," enforcement of these requirements is inconsistent.

Entering the United States, you must complete Customs Form 6059B, which explicitly asks if you are carrying more than \$10,000 in cash or monetary instruments. Leaving the United States, I've only seen one or two warnings red-flagging this requirement.

However, one time several years ago, I was boarding a flight in Baltimore bound for Paris. On the jet way, several men in poorly fitting suits confronted me. They identified themselves as Treasury agents and asked me how much cash I was transporting. I told them I wasn't sure but that it was less than \$200. They insisted on rifling through my carry-on, presumably to search for undeclared cash, and going through my wallet. After a relatively brief interlude, they allowed me to board my flight.



To enforce the new rules to declare TPADs, the Department of Homeland Security is developing high-tech card readers to deploy at U.S. ports of entry. The readers will identify whether the cards in your wallet are credit cards, debit cards, or TPADs. Only the value stored on a TPAD need be declared, assuming the total value of monetary instruments carried across the U.S. border exceeds \$10,000.

As is usual in efforts of this type, FinCEN's efforts to expand the definition of cash will only

inconvenience law-abiding travelers. A real criminal – or anyone seeking financial privacy – will use the "brainwallet" concept to silently move value across increasingly irrelevant national frontiers. (A brainwallet requires that you memorize a unique passphrase to gain access to an online store of value, such as Bitcoin.) Indeed, The Department of Homeland Security has proposed to FinCEN that:



"[B]order declaration should not apply to codes, passwords and other intangibles...The structure of the currency and monetary instruments declaration regime, hinges on the existence of a physical object. The language requires something that can be passed from one individual to another in order to be presented to a third party for execution/payment."

Bitcoin and similar digital currencies make FinCEN's currency reporting rules, and their expansion to encompass TPADs, obsolete before they're even finalized. But don't think for a minute that technological innovation will prevent these rules from coming into effect. After all, Boobus Americanus must believe the government is doing something – anything – to fight the wars on drugs, terrorism, money laundering, immigration fraud, etc. Whether the initiative actually accomplishes anything is much less important than whether it appears to be accomplishing something. And it's simply inconceivable to ask whether the wars are worth fighting at all, and if we should simply allow individuals to move their assets anywhere in the world, as they see fit, without government imposed restrictions. 

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## The Law Of The Sword

### By Chuck Baldwin

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MY last two columns which stated that my line in the sand has been drawn and I will NOT register or surrender my firearms, even if that makes me a lawbreaker (in the sight of government), have generated multiplied thousands of reader responses. And while the vast majority of these responses expressed complete agreement, there were several responses from professing Christians telling me that I was in violation of Holy Scripture for making such a stand.

As one might expect, some of my brethren argued the erroneous “obey-the-government-no-matter-what” interpretation of Romans 13. For the sake of the many new readers of this column, let me point out that my son, constitutional Christian attorney Timothy Baldwin, and I have co-written a pivotal book dealing with this fallacious interpretation of Romans 13 in a book entitled “Romans 13: The True Meaning of Submission.” This book takes the entire Word of God to show that nowhere does the Bible teach (including in Romans 13) that Christians should submit to unlawful government. In fact, just the opposite is taught: Christians often have a duty to RESIST unlawful government.

To order the Romans 13 book, go to:

[Romans 13 Truth](#)

Also, you can order my four-part video message series (on one DVD) entitled, “The True Meaning of Romans 13.” Order it at:

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But perhaps the verse of Scripture that my slightly confused brethren quoted most in their attempt to rebuke me was Matthew 26:52, “Then said Jesus unto him [Simon Peter], Put up again thy sword into his place: for all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword.” (KJV) This, they said, proves that Christians have no right to keep and bear arms if the government said it was illegal to do so. However, with all due respect, this interpretation is opposed to the overwhelming evidence of Scripture to the contrary.

In the first place, consider what Jesus said just a few moments before making this statement. Just before arriving in the Garden of Gethsemane (where the statement was made to Peter to “put up thy sword”), Jesus told his disciples, “But now, he that hath a purse, let him take it, and likewise his scrip: and he that hath no sword, let him sell his garment, and buy one.” (Luke 22:36 KJV)

After hearing Jesus’ command, the disciples replied, “Lord, behold, here are two swords. And he said unto them, It is enough.” (Luke 22:38 KJV)

Notice that Jesus plainly and emphatically told Simon Peter and the others to arm themselves. So emphatic was Jesus’ command that He told them if they could not afford to purchase a sword they were instructed to sell their clothes if necessary and buy one.

After hearing Jesus’ command to arm themselves, the disciples noted that already two of the disciples were carrying arms. Jesus’ response, “It is enough,” did not mean that only two swords (out of eleven men—Judas Iscariot had already left to betray Christ) was sufficient, for He had plainly commanded EACH MAN to arm himself. He was simply acknowledging that they clearly understood what He had just told them.

Ladies and gentlemen, the First Century Roman sword was the most efficient and lethal personal defense weapon in the world at the time. It is no hyperbole or injustice to language to say that the Roman sword was the First Century equivalent to a modern AR-15 semi-automatic rifle. It was designed to kill swiftly and efficiently. And Jesus commanded His disciples to buy and carry one!

Also note that the same word “sword” that is used in this passage is the same word that is used in Romans 13:4, “He (government) beareth not the sword in vain.” In other words, Jesus told His disciples to carry the same-type weapon that government soldiers were carrying at the time.

After this exchange, Jesus and His disciples walked to the Garden of Gethsemane where the events of Peter and the sword took place.

Simon Peter had already told Jesus that he was willing to die for him (yes, Jesus rightly predicted his denial, knowing how Simon would react to the events that unfolded in the garden), and when the armed soldiers from the High Priest (tantamount to the President’s Secret Service officers today) came to arrest Jesus, Simon Peter drew his sword in defense of his Master. He intended to cut off the soldier’s head, but the man ducked, and Simon cleanly sliced off his ear.

Notice that Jesus did not rebuke or chastise Simon. Remember when He sternly told Simon, “Get thee behind me, Satan”? No such rebuke is found here. And notice, too, that He did not tell Simon to “GIVE UP thy sword.” He said “PUT

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UP again thy sword into his place,” meaning into its scabbard. He fully expected Simon to retain possession of his sword.

It is also noteworthy that as Jesus was being arrested, the power of His voice totally overwhelmed the soldiers, which caused all of them to sway backward and fall to the ground. (John 18:6) This accomplished a couple of things: it caused every soldier in that garden to fully understand that theirs was not the preeminent power present. It also allowed His eleven disciples to leave unscathed **TAKING THEIR WEAPONS WITH THEM**, as the soldiers were either totally distracted by the surprise of what had just happened to them, or they were totally disinterested in attempting to disarm the disciples after this incredible demonstration of power against them.

But as Jesus had come to this earth to give Himself a ransom for sinful men, which meant that His betrayal, arrest, and crucifixion were all a part of God’s sovereign plan for His only begotten Son, Simon’s armed defense of Christ was not necessary. Jesus calmly reminded Simon of the legions of angels that were available for His defense, should He call on them. Then Jesus gave Simon the assurance that “all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword.”

And despite what you’ve heard so many preachers say regarding this verse, this was not a **WARNING** to Simon Peter; it was a **PROMISE** to Simon Peter.

What Jesus was doing was assuring Simon Peter that the tyrannical Roman and Jewish forces that were now using the sword against Him would one day themselves be destroyed by the sword, but that it would not be Simon’s sword that would be the one to do this. In other words, Jesus was stating a divine principle that tyrants and despots who unjustly rule with the power of the sword would one day be brought to the judgment of the sword.

Jesus’ statement had nothing to do with Christians disarming themselves in the face of tyrants; it had everything to do with God’s pronouncement of judgment upon tyrants who force their will on people by the power of the sword. He was saying, “Those who ruthlessly rule and govern by the sword will be brought to justice by the sword.” **THAT** is what Jesus said.

Did Jesus’ promise come true? You bet it did. A few years later, the Jewish nation was destroyed by the Roman sword; and a few years after that, the Roman nation was destroyed by the sword of the Goths, et al.

This promise to tyrants is repeated by the Apostle John in Revelation 13:10. Here Jesus inspired John to write, “He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity: he that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints.”

The context of Revelation 13:10 is unmistakable: those who put men into captivity by force shall themselves be put into captivity by force; those who kill with the sword shall themselves be killed with the sword. John then adds: “Here is the patience and the faith of the saints.” In other words, the victimized, terrorized saints can take comfort in the fact that God will send His judgment to the oppressors in the like manner in which they oppressed others.

What John said in Revelation 13:10 was a repeat of what He had heard Jesus say in Matthew 26:52. Jesus telling Peter to put up his sword has absolutely nothing to do with Christians willingly surrendering their arms to an oppressive government. Instead, it is a promise to oppressors that if you live and rule by the sword, you will die by the sword!

And since Jesus had commanded them to do so, we can assume that His disciples carried their own personal arms for the rest of their lives. Yes, yes, I realize that the disciples allowed themselves to be martyred for their faith. They **CHOSE** to not “accept deliverance,” (Hebrews 11:35) as did the famed missionary, Jim Elliott, who was armed at the time of his death, and, therefore, was fully capable of defending himself against the savages that attacked him, but **CHOSE** to not defend himself, and thereby accepted the martyr’s death. But these examples have nothing to do with the divine principle of lawful self-defense, which Jesus duly recognized in His instructions to His disciples.

Pray tell, how did Gideon deliver God’s people from their oppressors? By “the sword of the Lord and of Gideon.” How did Samson throw off the tyrants of his people? How did Barak and Jephthah defeat Israel’s enemies? By the sword! And note that each of these deliverers were commissioned and empowered by God to use the sword to destroy those tyrants that had ruled by the power of the sword. This was God’s promised judgment on oppressors for thousands of years before Jesus uttered this eternal truism in the Garden of Gethsemane.

The Second Amendment guarantee that “the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed” is as much a sacred right as it is an American right. The principle of armed self-defense is rooted in both Natural and Revealed Law. That Barack Obama and Dianne Feinstein want to strip the American people of this right should be met with the most vociferous resistance, and that includes **FROM CHRISTIANS!**

Yet, all across America, pastors and Christians seem to be willing to sheepishly surrender their Second Amendment rights. Some are no doubt sincere; they are only reacting as their Christian mentors and leaders have told them is right to do. Others are no doubt using Scripture as a covering for their own cowardice.

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But for those Christians who seek truth and genuinely desire to know how they should respond to this current attack against our Second Amendment liberties, my son, Tim, and I are in the process of producing a brand new book entitled “To Keep Or Not To Keep: Why Christians Should Not Give Up Their Guns.” This book is designed to equip Christians with the scriptural tools and knowledge they will need to make wise decisions about the defense of their family. We are working hard to have this book ready for release by early spring.

Readers may pre-order this brand new book NOW and thus be assured of obtaining the very first copies of what is sure to be a blockbuster book. To order, go to:

### [Keep Your Arms](#)

And please remember that the book should be available by early spring.

I say once again: regardless of what laws are passed or not passed, I refuse to register or surrender my firearms—even if doing so makes me an outlaw. But as several readers pointed out to me: in such a scenario, I am not the outlaw; the ones who would try to disarm me are the outlaws. As I would not submit to a law that demanded that I surrender my spiritual sword (the Bible), neither will I submit to a law that demands that I surrender my physical sword (my firearms).

What Simon Peter told the Jewish leaders in Acts 5, after being ordered to surrender his preaching

of truth, applies to any order of men that violates God’s eternal law—including the right of the people (including Christian people) to keep and bear arms: “We ought to obey God rather than men.” And so we ought! 

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## Are You Really For Freedom?

By Marc J. Victor

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I know you say you love freedom. Virtually everyone says they love and value freedom. Even such murderous villains as Adolf Hitler and Saddam Hussein claimed to love or advocate freedom.

*“The German people are not a warlike nation. It is a soldierly one, which means it does not want a war, but does not fear it. It loves peace but also loves its honor and freedom.” Adolf Hitler to Reichstag in Berlin February 1936*

*“[Saudi Arabian and Kuwaiti] blood will light torches, grow aromatic plants, and water the tree of freedom, resistance and victory.” Saddam Hussein, Iraqi Radio, January 26, 1999*

It is easy to simply claim to support freedom, but it is much more difficult to accept the sometimes scary implications of such a claim.

Did you ever wonder what it really means to say, 'I'm for freedom?' It is difficult for me to express how unimpressed I am by the enthusiasm of a person to strongly support the rights of another person to use their freedoms in exactly the same way they themselves exercise their own freedoms. For example, alcohol users who support the rights of others to use alcohol or marijuana users who support the rights of others to use marijuana does not seem such a principled stance to me.

On the other hand, people who steadfastly and enthusiastically support the rights of other adults to use their freedoms<sup>1</sup> in ways they themselves would never personally engage in is truly inspiring. A real freedom attitude is about accepting the sovereign rights of other adults to peacefully use their bodies and their property in ways you personally disagree with, morally oppose, find degrading, ill advised, harmful or completely foolish.<sup>2</sup> Indeed, this is the test to determine whether a person honestly supports the concept of freedom.

The adult users of the horribly destructive and often addicting drug called 'alcohol' who oppose the legalization of marijuana because they personally choose not to use marijuana are, in freedom terms, identical to the adult users of marijuana<sup>3</sup> who oppose the legalization of methamphetamine because they personally choose not to use methamphetamine.<sup>4</sup>

A similar example can be found in the area of free speech. Americans rightly take pride in their right to free speech. So long as the speech is “acceptable” there is no controversy. However, when unpopular groups like the Ku Klux Klan or

<sup>1</sup> By using their “freedoms” I mean being in control of your own body, time, money and other property. This does not include using another’s body, time, money, or property without their consent. Freedom includes the notion that all voluntary conduct between consenting adults, whether others approve or not, is absolutely legal.

<sup>2</sup> Don’t be confused by the concept that a person could morally oppose an activity yet strongly support its legality. A moral question and a legal question should be two entirely different questions. Some of my friends morally oppose prostitution while supporting its legalization. There is no contradiction. Questions about “right” and “wrong” are also different questions than questions about what should be “legal.”

<sup>3</sup> Or any other substance.

<sup>4</sup> Yes, I know and agree with you about the awful consequences of methamphetamine use. Yes, I know it will rot the teeth out of your mouth and destroy your skin and possibly your life if you use it. I would strongly discourage anyone from ever trying or using it.



the Neo-Nazis want to peacefully march, many self proclaimed free speech supporters seek to use the law to ban them.<sup>5 6</sup>

These are the scary implications one must accept and embrace to truly be a person who advocates freedom. To hold otherwise suggests your freedoms actually extend no further than some other person’s personal preference regarding their own freedom. This concept is what I refer to as, 'The dark side of freedom.'

I suspect when most people pride themselves about loving freedom, they have in mind wimpy concepts like the rights of others to decide for themselves where to go on vacation or what model of automobile to buy. This wimpy concept of freedom doesn’t generate much controversy because most people personally agree with whatever decision another person makes in these areas.

Simply acknowledging that other adults have a right to run their own lives as they choose doesn’t mean we are obligated to agree with or support whatever they say or do. If we choose, we may seek to peacefully persuade them to act as we believe they should act. Further, acknowledging the rights of others does not mean we are sending a message of approval regarding their choices. Indeed, we are free to peacefully send messages of disapproval if we choose and they are free to ignore our messages entirely if they choose.

In one of my other articles entitled, 'Legalize Methamphetamine!' I argue that the war on drugs should be ended. I have been asked many times to modify the title of my article to something like, 'End the Drug War' or to some other boring but inoffensive title.<sup>7</sup> In fairness, the title is somewhat incomplete. I am considering changing it to, 'Legalize Methamphetamine and Crack Cocaine!' or to, "Legalize Methamphetamine and All Other Horribly Addictive Drugs!" My point here is to emphasize that advocating for freedom is sometimes not as easy and popular as it first may appear to the casual self proclaimed freedom supporter. However, it is necessary if we are to have freedom.

In the end, wimpy freedom advocates are not freedom advocates at all. If we are to again be the land of the free, we desperately need people to strongly advocate for freedom; in all its beauty and in all its ugliness. 

[Marc J. Victor opens his campaign for U.S. Senate at the Arizona Breakfast Club on September 1st, 2012. He gave his opening speech on freedom \(Click Here for Video\):](#)

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<sup>5</sup> I agree with nothing said by either group, but I absolutely support their right to peacefully say whatever they want. It is important to note that nobody is required to listen to them. People have a right to peacefully protest against them and even to ridicule them for their deranged views.

<sup>6</sup> When a Christian pastor in Florida recently threatened to publicly burn a Koran, Fox News presented legal ‘scholars’ who generated creative ideas to use the law in an attempt to stop this constitutionally protected expression. The pastor ultimately backed down.

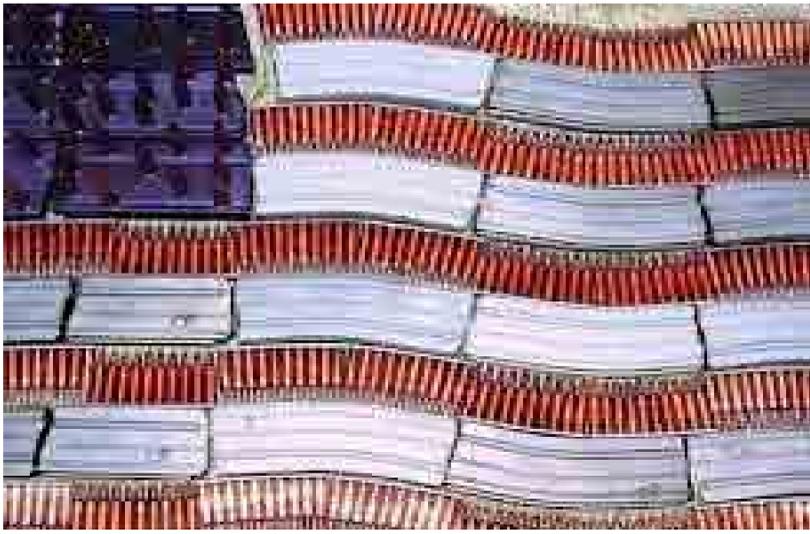
<sup>7</sup> I have even been asked to delete the exclamation point in favor of a question mark. I like the exclamation point.

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# Guns and Motivations

## By Jefferson Paine

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THE debate over firearms in America is hotter today than it has been in decades. Unfortunately, passion has eclipsed reason as the driving force therein. Recently, in an online forum that caters to exceptionally intelligent members, I found a very popular post and ensuing thread about “the gun crisis.” I realized two things immediately. First, my ancient aphorism, “Intelligence is more frequently employed to reinforce biases than to escape them,” is under no immediate threat of obsolescence. Second, someone needs to apply an understanding of human psychology that goes deeper than “they can’t gun folks down if they don’t have guns.”

### Motive, Means, or Opportunity?

The first thing we need is a way to think about the problem. Many of us learned from television courtroom dramas of the three components of criminal success: motive, means, and opportunity. If someone accused of a murder had no reason to do it, you can bet she's innocent; if she was incapable of doing the deed when the opportunity arose, ditto; and if she desperately wanted to kill the victim and had dozens of ways to do it, yet never found an opportunity, she won't be guilty either. We can analyze the problem of violent crime from that perspective, choosing which of these elements is best addressed to reduce the carnage.

**Motive** is the most complex of these variables, and probably for that reason usually plays only a subordinate role in policy discussions. Yes, we wonder what makes some young man become a homicidal maniac, but comparatively few Americans want to focus on preventing that transition as the primary approach to the problem. Actually, proposals in this vein are among the most sensible: stop over-prescribing psychotropic drugs, and closely monitor their side-effects for signs of potential violent behavior. But there are practical problems accompanying this

approach, such as policy-making delays as scientific evidence is studied and political wheels grind, or perhaps most important, the difficulty of identifying the volatile cases before it's too late. We'll revisit this topic after briefly examining means and opportunity.

**Means** is obviously the focus of the gun control lobby. "They can't gun folks down if they don't have guns." I don't have room here to recapitulate the many reasons this is a non-starter. The upshot is primarily twofold: eliminating guns is effectively impossible, and it would do much more harm than good even if it were possible. Consider:

We can't realistically eliminate guns from society, for criminal elements will always rely on them to avoid punishment and to expand their power. A worldwide attempt to do so would most likely end in one of two ways: the criminals will win by overwhelming or compromising (or *becoming*) government authority, or the people will rearm themselves in the knowledge that they must always be capable of prevailing, long-term, over criminals.

Denying ordinary citizens their firearms is especially foolhardy because that ownership itself can and does suppress crime. For one thing, armed citizens can stop a shooting spree long before it would otherwise be over, saving many lives. More often, the mere knowledge – or even suspicion – that someone nearby is armed is a powerful influence on would-be criminals we'll revisit momentarily.

**Opportunity** is in my opinion the proper focus of attention. But I propose to consider it from a level of abstraction beyond just a confluence of time, place, motive, and means. We need to realize that the real challenge we face isn't preventing opportunities to kill. It is preventing opportunities to fulfill the motivations for killing.

Again: *Our challenge is to prevent opportunities to fulfill the motivations for killing.*

Think about it. People often joke about how nutcases don't choose police stations or gun clubs as targets for their mayhem, but that isn't because we don't think cops or gun clubbers aren't the objects of homicidal attitudes. It's because we understand correctly that someone who wants

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to make a mark by blowing away dozens of people wouldn't choose a target venue where they would be stopped immediately, losing forever their opportunity for historical notoriety. They have bigger ambitions than annihilation at the hands of their betters.

The *actual* question to be answered, then, is "How do we prevent would-be killers from *following through* on the best plans they can make?" And the generic answer to that question is simple: Make it obvious that *no* plans offer much likelihood that they will achieve *their deep objective* – not the killing, but the payoff they want *from* the killing.



The NRA and its allies are pushing for the hiring of armed guards for schools, for exactly that reason. They hope that the presence of those guards will deter mass murderers. Secondly (and only a bit more realistically) they hope the guards will quickly put a stop to any attack. This is, unfortunately, sub-optimal to say the least.

First, place yourself in the role of psychotic killer. You know Phil has been hired as an armed guard at Whatsit Elementary, your target of choice. Do you give up automatically, knowing there is a gun aligned against you there? Or do you ask yourself, "Okay, where will Phil be?" If you begin your assault by taking out an armed adult, your imagined reputation goes ballistic. Looks good for you, bad for the kiddies, and really bad for Phil.

Rewind. Now you're a psychotic killer who has just discovered that all adults at Whatsit have been encouraged to get firearms training, and some already have concealed weapons. Can you plan around that? No. Do you decide to prosecute your assault in hopes you won't be stopped at the door – maybe before you even get off the first round from your arsenal?

I have to tell you: If I wanted to go out in a psychopathic blaze of glory, I don't think I'd choose to light my fuse in the rain.

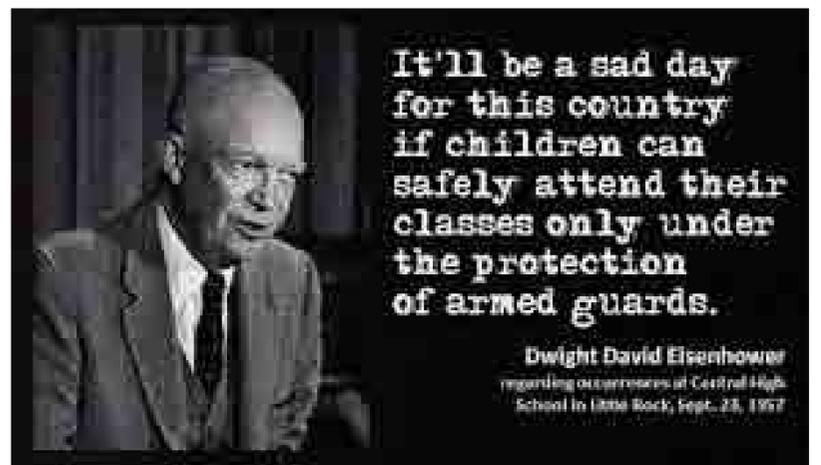
The best solution to the problem of "gun" violence is the best solution to the problem of violence in general: The society with the least violence is one in which the typical individual is

capable of stopping violence against herself or others. In practical terms, that means many responsible individuals carrying concealed weapons – enough so that people with violent ambitions have no easy targets and face formidable odds that they will fail horribly (for them) if they undertake violence against others.

Now, there are powerful objections against the idea I'm advancing here. Not valid, cogent, or even sensible ones ... but they are most definitely powerful.

The primary objection to gun ownership, I believe, is closely related to *animism*, the belief that inanimate objects like guns have intrinsically good or bad "souls." In this case guns aren't thought to have souls, but they are thought to be intrinsically bad; let's call that attitude "quasi-animism."

The first sign you're dealing with quasi-animism is the pronouncement that guns have one purpose only: to kill. The second sign is the refusal to acknowledge any good resulting from the use of guns – apart from reluctantly accepting that police need them to stop crime. The quasi-animist simply can't process evidence that ordinary people can use guns for good, because the notion is incoherent to them. So much for debate....



The most understandable fear about common gun ownership is accidental shootings of and by kids. And the biggest threats to kids are curiosity and attention seeking. Unprepared, kids may be led by curiosity to handle a firearm they encounter, and they may be led by a thirst for attention to show off a found gun to their peers, to handle one brought by someone else to show they aren't afraid, or even just to stick around when such behavior is going on. The solution to this problem is the same as I propose for stemming gun violence: attack the motivations for unsafe behavior. Familiarize children with guns at an early age, demonstrating the awesome destructive power and asking what it might do to them, a sibling, or a close friend. Tell them about tragic gun accidents and have them think about how they would avoid them. Teach them at least the basics of gun safety for kids: assume every

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gun is loaded, never let the muzzle cover anything you are not willing to destroy, and don't touch the trigger, period. Make it clear that if they ever handle a firearm without permission, or watch other children do so, they will regret it very, very much for a very, very long time. In short, remove their curiosity through experience, and make sure they're more concerned about not being stupid and staying healthy than about looking "tough" to their peers.

I hate to say that quasi-animism is all there is to the anti-gun stance, and I'm sure many individuals try to bring more than that in defense of their position. Unfortunately, the reality of the discourse on the topic of gun control is that arguments in favor of gun rights are routinely dismissed, not refuted. The volumes of statistical evidence showing that crimes committed with guns are most frequent where gun laws prevent effective self-defense, and least frequent where citizens are knowledgeably armed, might as well not exist as far as the prohibition crowd is concerned. And so it goes. To paraphrase my old friend L. Neil Smith, these are people who would rather see a woman raped and strangled with her own pantyhose than see her standing over an assailant's corpse with a gun in her hand.

Still, I have some hope that the logic of preventing violence by rendering its payoffs extremely difficult and unlikely to fulfill may be the ammunition needed for gun rights to prevail.

The first thing to realize is that the superficial level of analysis underlying gun control proposals is at base about making people's motivations *irrelevant*. The whole point of gun control is to make it *impossible to act* on motivations for violence using one particular kind of tool.

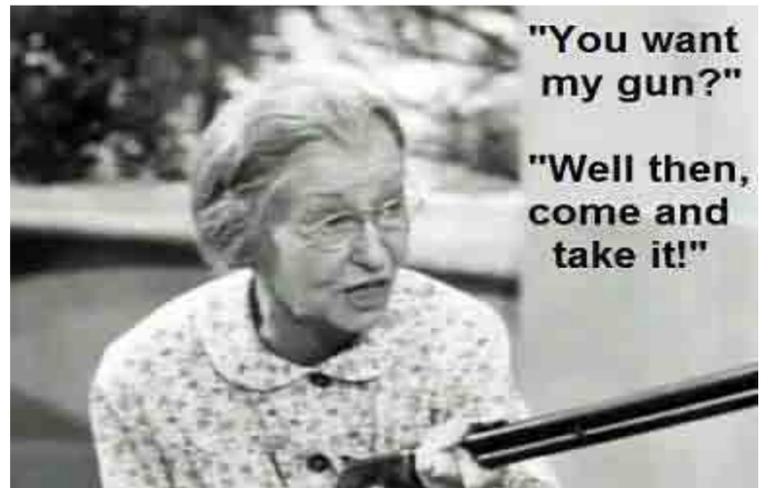
Of course, people do emphasize motivation in these discussions. What tips a kid over the edge into committing mass murder? Bullying, failed parenting, a psychopath's plan crystallized at last ... or (in my estimation a promising tack) psychotropic prescription medication? But these are what you might call "top level" motivations – reasons one might wax homicidal if everything else works out. There's a good deal of distance between that and launching an all-out attack at a specific time and place. Given a hatred for the kiddies (or whatever else might initially make mayhem seem attractive), what convinces a would-be murderer to begin his attack?

What factors motivate the decision to go through with a planned assault, despite all anticipated difficulties? Is there some social or legal policy we could implement that can reliably undermine that resolve, rendering such schemes non-starters?

That is the way I would reformulate the problem dominating public discourse these days. The way I see it, good solutions will demotivate the violence in most cases, and the best solutions will accomplish not only that, but also provide the best likelihood that unprevented assaults are

stopped as quickly as possible, minimizing the carnage and further demotivating other would-be assailants. That focus allows us to escape what is often considered a bias guaranteed to increase human suffering: the presumption that easy gun ownership is pertinent only to the increased probability of innocent suffering, and doesn't most often serve instead to prevent innocent suffering. We don't need to go there.

The focus du jour is *means*: can one accumulate the tools to accomplish one's nogoodnik goals? For practical purposes, that is: GOT GUNS?



One proposition carries a lot of intuitive weight: a country without guns is a country without gun crime. Who can argue against that? Except ... how do you keep guns out of your country? The easy answer: pass a law. But can such a law actually prevent people from bringing guns in country? Well, no. It can specify penalties for doing so ... assuming one is caught. Do penalties for, say, selling drugs prevent drugs from being sold? Even if many individuals are caught doing so and are punished? No. When a strong market force governs a class of transactions, something very powerful is needed to counteract it.

So let's not try to deal with "gun violence" as we have dealt with drug abuse. Drug law? Check. Decreased drug problems? Umm ... uh-oh! INCREASED drug problems? Aww, dang!

Seriously, folks, you're not looking for the kind of success with guns that we've had in the Drug War.

Let's get serious. Real-world serious.

If you want to stop a nogoodnik from doing his nogoodnikies, MAKE HIM (odds are really good it won't be a HER) decide it isn't worth it.

Let's step back and look at the most important common denominator in all the mass school shootings that have defined the debate. The perps had reason to fully expect they would have no serious opposition until they had attained their minimal objective: showing themselves to be wholly in control of the lives of many people, and capable of pronouncing some kind of judgment without interruption ... at least for as long as required for their legacy to be one of power and domination.

Now it's time to think about denying, in advance, the very kinds of success desired by such individuals. 

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## The Second Amendment is Dead, Long Live the Right to Bear Arms

By Bill Buppert

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45 human beings *legally* disarmed the state of New York under the leadership of the Governor Cuomo. A state with a population of 19 million people has been disarmed in a significant fashion for those foolish or sheepish enough to comply with the law. The country is bombarded with media propaganda on a continuous basis on the moral high ground and fairness of democratic processes. In one fell swoop, the rulers of the tax jurisdiction of New York have proven not only the folly and charade that is representative democracy but abridged the most fundamental right of all – the right to self-defense. Ironically, the legislators had accidentally disarmed the only ones who should be subject to total disarmament in the prosecution of their duties – the police. This was quickly remedied by the worthies in Albany and all is well with the continuing weaponization of the police.



As I have mentioned before, absent the police, no political bad actor in history has any power to deny rights or exploit tyrannical rule. None. This would be a reason why the politicians would behave in a most uncharacteristically efficient manner to correct that oversight. Now the governor and his entourage will continue to have heavily armed private praetorians at their beck and call to provide security much like the Private Security Detachments (PSD) that protect VIPs and general officers overseas and in the combat zones in America's neo-imperialist quagmires around the globe.

As with so much in government, what is good for the goose is not necessarily good for the mundanes that dot the fruited plain and have their wealth and resources filched at gunpoint on a perennial basis.

Not only is there a tremendous government animus toward any aspect of self-reliance as I discussed earlier but there is a very real fear of the general population having a peer competitive capability to defend themselves at the same level of a government's military offensive capability. I will leave it to others to drone on endlessly about the Constitutional Second Amendment and its mystical and sanctified capability to keep Americans in arms. The evidence would prove

otherwise with the endless parade of legislation and laws that have effectively removed modern military analogs such as fully automatic firearms and crew served weapons and suppressors and grenades and mortars and the list is endless on what you cannot legally possess without going through a government probe search that would make the NKVD blush in admiration. Most of these items are simply prohibited.

I believe the "20,000 gun laws" is a canard and that 300 may be nearer the number according to the Brookings Institution: All 300 or whatever the true number may be certainly infringe in a substantive and material way on the ability of the common folk to maintain a peer armory and capability against their oppressors.

*The most informative answer to the question of "how many gun-control laws?" is then "about 300 major state and federal laws, and an unknown but shrinking number of local laws."*

In my state of Arizona, the local laws are shrinking due to state preemption and the heroic efforts of the Arizona Civilian Defense League. Since the systematic disarmament of blacks toward the end of the nineteenth century and the raft of weapons prohibition legislation since 1934 to include Ronald Reagan using the black possession of firearms a *causus belli* in 1967 to get the 1968 Gun Control Act rolling, the government assault on individual possession has not ceased.

The Second Amendment of the vaunted but toothless Bill of Rights has been ravaged, savaged and rendered to the point of being a nice slogan and perfect bunting for a rally but effectively an empty promise and a worse protector of individual arming.

One can get all the quaint quotes from the Founding Era and make all the legalistic arguments one wants but you find yourself in the same pathetic position of the wacky and deluded *Sovereign Citizens* adherents trying to outwit the robed government employees with their rapier wit and deep Blackstonian understanding of the law. Not.

The Second Amendment will do nothing to stop gun prohibition in America. The Constitution was built to create a system first and foremost that fleeces and relieves citizens from their wealth and will concomitantly disarm its citizens if the objections to the former become too disturbing to the rulers.

Those who think another case in front of the Supremes will seal the deal and sanctify their individual rights to bear arms are in for a rude surprise. Remember Scalia's infamous words in the *Heller* decision reserving the right of rulers to remove "dangerous and unusual weapons" from the ruled class. It was a curious and ambiguous drawing from the *US v. Miller* decision concerning the employment of a militia weapon (in this case, a trench style shotgun). As we have seen from so many decisions, the

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Supremes will find a way to twist the language to suit their propensity for restricting rights instead of expanding them.

Much like the recent decisions on police surveillance, the government rule-enforcers will simply find other means or suborn the law. It is what they do.

I am suggesting that a sole reliance on the Second Amendment will never fail to disappoint if decriminalization of weapons is not the first and only effort. Much like the illegal mood enhancers chased by the Drug War, the worst thing that can happen is legalization because then the Forces of Darkness can regulate and tax to their heart's content. Decriminalization of weapons and self-defense is the only course of action.

I would like to briefly address the “need argument” so popular with the disarmament talking heads in the government and media. The common canard is that a free people must establish some kind of need and until such time as permission is given by the rulers, this is forbidden. Why do I need a Kalashnikov or grenade or fully automatic firearm?

The answer is deceptively simple: any population in any tax jurisdiction on Earth should be a peer competitor in weapons and training to the standing military and constabulary within those boundaries for a very simple reason; no government on Earth has ever remained within the confines of its creation and none has ever disarmed its population without severe penalties to individual rights and freedoms. At one end of the spectrum, the Communist nations used it as a means for wholesale pogroms against the disarmed citizens and at the other end have guaranteed a hazard-free workplace for those who break laws for a living (the private sector criminal element) leading the ironic position of the vaunted United Kingdom being the most violent nation in Europe.

When politicians ask after the mere needs of a citizen, there will always be an agenda designed to deprive the populace of their loot or their liberty. After all, it is a favored tactic of the collectivists to satisfy their constituents in the Free Shit Army by rhetorically asking why the wealth should not open their wallets wider and be dragged into surrendering more of their private earnings for the herd.

Why do we need cars that exceed the speed limit? Why do we need to have 120” LCD televisions? Why do we need to have ball bats, hammers and pipe wrenches if they are so harmful?

Some of the worthies and talking heads in the media and blogosphere spend countless hours wringing their hands over the baleful effects of firearms yet they ignore the far greater death toll at the hands of government approved doctors or the government subsidized hell-holes in the inner city where the ruler's policies have created perverse family structures and the inevitable obesity epidemic that result from following the government diet program. Whatever government touches, it blackens, deadens, and deepens the crisis it raced to resolve.

Draw a line in the sand and just say no to disarmament. 🌸

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# Open Letter to Law Enforcement Officers

## By Jesse Mathewson

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IF you are active duty law enforcement, you may want to re-evaluate having me as a friend. I have become quite disenchanted with the standard response from law enforcement to gun control. Law enforcement are not by default better people, law enforcement are not heroes by default, the real heroes are the civilians who daily stand up and stop crime.

So law enforcement, if you plan to follow policy and take our means of defense, think twice, do once. Please make sure you think about the policy before enacting or blindly following it. Remember, who are your neighbors, those who live with you, who help you, those who may care for your children or teach them.

If you plan on following immoral orders and continue putting on a uniform that screams “protect and serve” remember, we are the ones you are supposed to protect and serve, not the stuffed suits in Washington. Do not make the mistakes of the Black and Tans in Ireland, do not make the mistakes of the Stasi in post war Germany, and please remember, most of us just want to be **left alone!**

Your policy may be for your protection, per your hierarchies words, but wouldn't it be nice to have a home to go to, what about the civilians you swore to protect? Or is your oath that flimsy and transparent? You will find that most of us will gladly step up and help you, if you simply do the same with us.

Remember, many of us train to defend our loved ones with the “assault weapons” your masters want us to be rid of. Think about that, what gives you more rights to defense, than us? Statistics show that your leaders are wrong, violence doesn't decrease when you take our firearms. Crime, however, does increase! Think, don't act just because someone tells you it's the *new policy*, consider that it may be you on the other side of that policy. 🌸

Jesse Mathewson, civilian



**Free the mind and the body will follow**

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## La Estancia De Cafayate - Argentina

### Wine & Golf Estate at the foothills of The Andes.

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#### OVERVIEW

##### A Secluded Wine and Residential Sporting Estate

La Estancia de Cafayate is a 550-hectare (1360 acre) secluded wine and residential sporting estate. Carefully designed by California architect and master planner, Jack Zehren, the property offers approximately 360 homesites with spectacular Andean Mountain views. The design celebrates the area's rich culture with meandering vineyards, horse pastures and an 18-hole golf course designed by Bob Cupp. All of the homesites border open space whether golf course, polo field, vineyard, pasture, or a combination of these features.



##### Located in the Heart of Northern Argentina's Undiscovered Wine Country

La Estancia de Cafayate offers residents some of the most amazing landscapes combined with the enjoyment of the finer things in life: wine, golf & polo. Cafayate, nestled in the heart of the Calchaqui Valley, is one of Argentina's premium wine regions. It is most known for its outstanding Torrontes, which has contributed to making this area famous for producing world-class wines. In addition, the colonial charm, the outstanding architecture, interesting landscape, and the warmth of the people make Cafayate the supreme choice of partner Doug Casey for the best place to live and enjoy life.



#### Amenities

- 18-hole golf course, designed by Bob Cupp
- 72 hectares of productive vineyards
- Equestrian Facilities with Paso Peruano horses & 2 polo fields
- Spa & Fitness facilities
- Golf Clubhouse with restaurant and pro-shop
- Social Clubhouse
- Athletic Club & Spa
- Pueblito with shops and cafes
- Gauchito's Club for kids
- Extensive trail network for riding and biking
- 24-hour Concierge Service



#### Sustainable Efforts

##### A Long Term and Permanent Commitment

La Estancia de Cafayate is dedicated to creating a sustainable community through the construction of environmentally friendly homes, the proper use of the natural open spaces, or the active participation to facilitate the community's social needs. La Estancia de Cafayate aims to establish a sustainability that will endure for years to come. Here are some examples of our efforts:

##### Providing Work

Sustainability is about creating and maintaining quality of life for people. Since our inception in 2006, the golf course construction, the vineyard plantings, the infrastructure projects and the construction of common buildings has generated more than 500 new jobs in Cafayate. Also, with the operational progress of the development, 260 new direct jobs will be created. In addition, the residential homes that are under construction have provided work for 25 people per home.

##### Active Community Participation

La Estancia de Cafayate assisted the local hospital to create a center for addiction treatment and prevention and has also helped raise money from its members for school donations. La Estancia also hosts school children on property to enhance their educational experiences.

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**Environmental Initiatives***Water*

The water at La Estancia comes from 3 artisan wells that are 200 meters below the ground. The melting snow of the high mountain peaks refills these wells which has a perfect pH balance.

The lakes system serves as irrigation for our golf course and vineyards. The lakes at La Estancia have not only contributed to the preservation of water, but also the proliferation of a new natural habitat for different species of birds, which were not present on the property before.

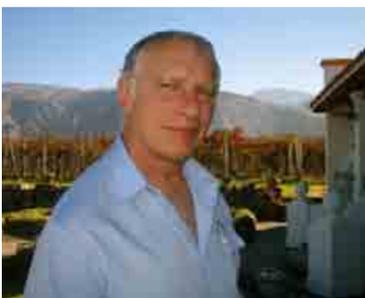
The property's grey water treatment plant uses an anaerobic method of recycling the sewage product into clean and reusable water. The clean water is then used for the irrigation of the polo field and surrounding alfalfa fields.

*Roads & Lighting*

The roads within the property have been specifically designed to preserve as much native flora as possible. Having paved road allows for carefree transportation within the development, but the nature of the fine gravel used to create the pavement has a subtle impact, environmentally and visually. The sides of the roads will be left in their natural state, without any finishing or curbs to avoid additional construction and maintain a rustic look. In addition, the public lighting used on the roads is sporadic and of low voltage, minimizing the use of electricity and allowing for unaltered views of the awe inspiring Cafayate stars.

*Homes & Common Buildings*

The Design Regulations for the construction of buildings and homes establishes the standard of such constructions to be designed in a way that blends with the surrounding landscapes. The buildings are made with local and natural materials, are restricted to exceed a certain height, and apply colors that emulate the natural backdrops. In order to ensure a minimal use of the natural resources, it is encouraged to use native flora for the landscaping of exterior spaces.

**International Team**

**Doug Casey**  
Partner

Legendary investor Doug Casey knows value. Having visited almost every country in the world and lived in a dozen, Argentina is his first choice for the one resort with all the facilities a well-traveled person could possibly want to nourish mind, body and soul.

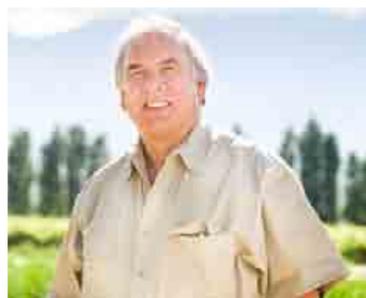
*“La Estancia de Cafayate is a place where neighbors will become friends and join in the feeling of having discovered a place known to only a few in the world.”*



**Juan Esteban Romero**  
Partner

Juan Esteban and his family bring local expertise and strength. They are a local entrepreneurial family with a long history of success in businesses such as award winning wines.

*“La Estancia de Cafayate is a place where people will embrace the local cultural heritage while enjoying a life full of world-class amenities.”*



**Jack Zehren**  
Master Planner

Jack Zehren, known for many projects around the world, allowed the original patterns of the land to inspire the lines of the master plan. La Estancia brings a balance between viticulture, recreation and cultural heritage within a natural setting of magnificent beauty.

*“La Estancia de Cafayate is a place where neighbors and friends will find a safe haven in the world where they can become part of the region.”*



**Bob Cupp**  
Golf Course Architect

Golf course architect, Bob Cupp, began his design career with Jack Nicklaus. After setting up his own business and accomplishing many excellent courses around the world, he created the heath style links titled the “Vintner’s Heath”. The course is a return to the sheer joy of play set in an awe-inspiring agrarian setting.

*“La Estancia de Cafayate is the place where people will enjoy the natural calm and beauty of the place and the long time friendships that will emerge.”*

**The Area****Argentina: Sophisticated & Inviting**

Gorgeous landscapes, cosmopolitan cities and lively culture, Argentina is everyone’s paradise.

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Argentina is safe, friendly and more European than Europe itself with services and expenses at a fraction of the price. Today’s excellent values make its cultural traditions, gorgeous sceneries, cosmopolitan cities and quaint rural towns more attractive than ever.



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### Salta, the Beautiful: The Undiscovered North

One of Argentina's oldest and picturesque colonial provinces, Salta is characterized by its intricate and well-preserved architecture, a perpetuated ancient culture, painted Andean deserts, verdant fertile valleys, snowy peaks and tropical rainforests.

Influenced by the ancient Incan Andean culture, the region is well-known for its handcrafts, fine wines, and its warm, friendly people. Despite its abundance of outstanding qualities, Salta is an undiscovered corner of Argentina where culture and values are still ever-present and passed on from generation to generation. Salta City is the gateway to the Calchaqui Valley, home of quaint Cafayate.

### Cafayate: Land of Exquisite Beauty

Cafayate, nestled in the heart of the Calchaqui Valley is one of Argentina's premium wine regions, best known for its outstanding Torrontes; which has contributed to making this area famous, in addition to its colonial charm, outstanding architecture and interesting landscape. Aside from the town's many wineries "bodegas", there is also an architecturally important cathedral, a vibrant plaza, a Museum of Wine and a 350 year-old working flour mill.

Set in the shadows of the Andean peaks, it is bordered by the spectacular swirls and undulations of desert dunes a stone's throw from its acres of



ordered, lush, vineyards. Taking a breath of the fresh high mountain air. The rhythm of life here is calm and tranquil and far enough from any city that it is easily realized. The best way to enjoy this region is to submit to its pace.

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# A \$14 Trillion Extortion for a Global Warming Scam

## By SARTRE BATR

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*"NOBODY in this country realizes that cap-and-trade is a tax - and it's a great big one."*  
~John Dingell

Former Mexican President Felipe Calderon states the globalist viewpoint.

"Economic growth and sustainability are inter-dependent, you cannot have one without the other, and greening investment is the pre-requisite to realizing both goals."

What can be expected from these "greening investment" projects? In order to anticipate future plans, a comprehensive understanding of the past and present shady business practices is crucial.

Examine the industrial wind and solar model in detail. The Washington Post reports in, [Sting operations reveal Mafia involvement in renewable energy](#), is just the tip of the iceberg.

"The still-emerging links of the mafia to the once-booming wind and solar sector here are raising fresh questions about the use of government subsidies to fuel a shift toward cleaner energies, with critics claiming that huge state incentives created excessive profits for companies and a market bubble ripe for fraud. China-based Suntech, the world's largest solar panel maker, last month said it would need to restate more than two years of financial results because of allegedly fake capital put up to finance new plants in Italy. The discoveries here also follow "eco-corruption" cases in Spain, where a number of companies stand accused of illegally tapping state aid.

Because it receives more sun and wind than any other part of Italy, Sicily became one of Europe's most obvious hotbeds for renewable energies over the past decade. As the Italian government began offering billions of euros annually in subsidies for wind and solar development, the potential profitability of such projects also soared — a fact that did not go unnoticed by Sicily's infamous crime families.

Roughly a third of the island's 30 wind farms — along with several solar power plants — have been seized by authorities. Officials have frozen more than \$2 billion in assets and arrested a dozen alleged crime bosses, corrupt local councilors and mafia-linked entrepreneurs. Italian prosecutors are now investigating suspected mafia involvement in renewable-energy projects from Sardinia to Apulia."

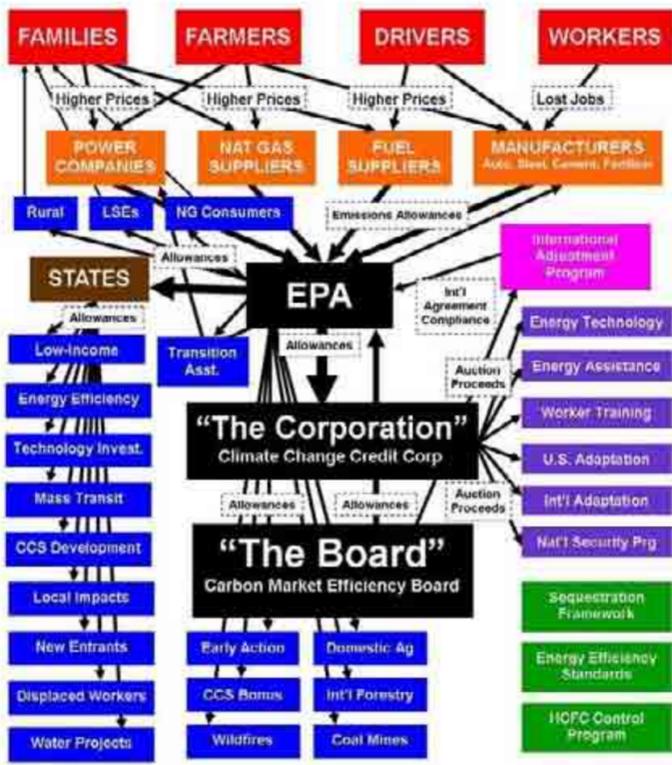
The in-depth analysis, [Big Wind Energy Subsidies: A Hurricane of Carnage, Cronyism and Corruption](#) is a good primer on the way plungers game the system and pay off politicians at the taxpayers' expense.

"Lewis "Lew" Hay, III is [executive chairman of NextEra Energy, Inc.](#), and it is estimated by [Forbes](#), that CEO "Hay earns nearly \$10 million in total compensation from NextEra." Despite the fact that Hay

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## A \$14 Trillion Extortion for a Global Warming Scam

The latest megalomaniacal threat from the financial globalists wants to saddle the world economy with a cost of trillions of dollars that benefits favorite corporatists. The phony global warming cult has a core purpose. Their objective is to drive down the standard of living for non-elites and prevent the use of fossil fuel energy. The fallacious science used to create a disinformation scare for politically unsophisticated "True Believers" is a direct result of transnational money manipulators. The Davos crowd sponsors the educational and media institutions that trump up junk research and manufacture idealistic solutions.

Make no mistake about it, the [Davos Elites Enjoys the Global Depression](#), and love corporate welfare. They greatly profit from government subsidized "Green" ventures, which drive up energy costs and line the pockets of compadre companies, under the control of the financial barons. As the rest of us struggle to survive, pronouncements declare an every greater burden to bear. Note the ominous future in [Davos Report Calls For Additional \\$14 Trillion To Restrain Global Warming](#).

"The world must spend an additional \$14 trillion on clean energy infrastructure, low-carbon transport and energy efficiency to meet the United Nations' goal for capping the rise in average global temperatures, according to a World Economic Forum report released on Monday."

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was actually a "[major political contributor](#) to Sen. John McCain in 2008," he quickly learned which side his power company could generate the title of the "[Third Largest Recipient of DOE Risky Loans](#)." Hay too joined wealthy [Democratic donors](#) on Obama's [Jobs Council](#) in 2011, along with the other two I have tackled in this series, "Spreading the Wealth to Obama's Ultra-Rich Job Council" — [Jobs Czar](#), Jeffrey Immelt CEO of General Electric has raked in \$3 billion and counting, meanwhile John Doerr, along with his "climate buddy" Al Gore's, [VC firm Kleiner Perkins](#) is tied to at least \$10 billion of stimulus funds. Both General Electric and Doerr were key contributors to what went into the 2009 Stimulus.

No matter how you slice it, whether we are sending money abroad or fueling corporate welfare here in the United States as well as the egregious practice of crony capitalism, the 2009-Recovery act is a lie, a travesty and a scam, favoring wealthy financial backers of President Obama and the Democratic Party as well as those with influential political connections to both. And with a president that's [dead set on pushing](#) a fierce and radical climate change agenda and funding green energy with taxpayer money, no matter [the long list of failures](#), there is no end in sight to this green corruption scandal.

Besides NextEra Energy [taking full advantage](#) of the federal production tax credit (PTC), we now can confirm that the Bank of Obama has rewarded this conglomerate of a power company, and his millionaire job council buddy Lewis Hay, with two large DOE loans (\$2.3 billion); one large stimulus smart-grid grant (\$200 million); and six 1603 stimulus grants totaling \$398.5 million. Thus NextEra's green tab is on its way to \$3 billion of taxpayer money, and that's not factoring in the PTC."

With this background and sorry record of corruption to build upon, the World Economic Forum at Davos sets the agenda for the global economy.

[Davos 2013: Green Governance To 'Save the World'](#) is all about enacting their Agenda 21 authoritarianism. Elizabeth Leafloor from RedIceCreations.com writes:

"The WEF suggests a crisis of leadership and debt are some of the biggest challenges facing the world, and that 'global governance' is the key to stabilization. Pascal Lamy, director-general of the World Trade Organisation, said: 'We need proper global governance that has the necessary tools, power and energy to create a more level playing field at the international level.'

At the end of the day, a push for increased global governance and an environmental agenda is on the table for Davos 2013, under the banner of 'Resilient Dynamism':

"Mr. Klaus Schwab (WEF Founder and executive chairman) said that the world is seeing "a new reality of sudden shocks and prolonged global economic malaise, particularly in major economies experiencing economic austerity". He also mentioned, "Future growth in this new context requires

dynamism - bold vision and even bolder action.

Either attribute - Resilience or Dynamism - alone is insufficient, as *leadership* in 2013 will require both".

The "Greening" *leadership* translates into forcing upon the world a "[Cap and Trade](#)" dictatorship. The Calderon bandits that sip champagne from their Swiss chateau want to extend their aristocratic bondage upon a gullible public. The proper dictum is "Save the World" from the New World Order elites.

Read the [Lieberman-Warner Climate Security Act - S. 2191](#), for the vision of the controlled carbon-trading scheme.

"The L-W CSA allows covered facilities to satisfy up to 15% of their compliance obligation with specific domestic offsets. An additional 15% can be covered using international emission allowances. Unlimited banking is allowed and owners and operators of covered facilities can borrow up to 15% of their annual compliance obligation from future years. The L-W CSA also creates a Carbon Market Efficiency Board to monitor the carbon trading market and implement specific cost relief measures, including increased borrowing and use of offsets."

What a boondoggle for the consumer and a windfall for organized crime. If you worry about mob infiltration into this extortion racket, you had better focus on the true mafia; namely, the globalist plutocrats.

If the disclosed goal is to extract \$14 Trillion from the distressed world economies, one can only reasonably conclude that the surreptitious objective is to widen the income gap between the ultra-rich and the peons. People pay the costs of taxation exploitation. The privileged elites view the masses as useless eaters, destined to be herded into pens of servitude.

The fake global warming panic is pure political propaganda, used to bolster a guilt complex to justify insider theft. A [Cap and Trade](#) ploy is designed to push up the costs of fossil fuel with full knowledge that "Greening Dreams" are no substitutes to real energy.

Research projects into technological alternative sources, based upon efficiency and reliability standards are valid. However, allowing governmental cronyism to impose limits on cheap energy, distorts the marketplace. The Davos crews of corporatist gangsters fly into their feast on private jets. The sycophant media reporting by the business toadies that attend the gala celebration of global autocracy should be indisputable evidence that the globalist own the public relations spin.

Even so, such distorted coverage does not blind those who understand the true nature of the planetary struggle. The monopolist plan for adding unwarranted tolls on your family budget, sold as a noble necessity, will only accelerate the systematic impoverishment of your economic existence. 

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# What is Chlorella Good For?

By Dr. Mercola

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CHLORELLA, single-celled fresh water algae, is often referred to as a near-perfect food, with a wide range of [health benefits](#).

A recent study investigated the effects of chlorella on methylmercury transfer to fetuses during pregnancy. Pregnant mice were fed diets containing either 0% or 10% chlorella powder, along with methylmercury in their drinking water.

Two neonates were randomly selected from each mother mouse within 24 hours of birth, and examined for mercury in the blood, brain, liver, and kidneys. The mothers were also examined for mercury. According to the study[1]:

*"The blood and brain [mercury] levels of both neonates and mothers in the [chlorella powder] diet group were significantly lower..."*

*The results obtained here revealed that continuous [chlorella powder] intake suppressed [methylmercury] transfer to the fetus, in addition to effectively suppressing [methylmercury] accumulation in brains of the mothers."*

Methylmercury is a neurotoxic compound widely used in industrial applications. It accumulates in fish, which has led to widespread advisories against [fish consumption by pregnant women](#). In fetuses and developing infants it can have negative effects on attention span, language, visual-spatial skills, memory and coordination. An estimated 60,000 children each year are born at risk for neurological problems due to methylmercury exposure in the womb.

## Do You Need to Detox?

Heavy metal toxicity, just like chemical toxicity, has become one of the most pressing health hazards of our day. Whether you recognize it or not, your body is assailed by chemicals and heavy metals on a daily basis. The two primary sources of mercury exposure are:

- [Seafood](#)
- [Dental fillings](#) (mercury amalgams, better known as 'silver fillings')

The average individual has eight amalgam fillings, from which they could absorb up to 120 micrograms of mercury per day. For comparison, estimates of the daily absorption of [mercury from fish and seafood](#) is 2.3 micrograms, and from all other foods, air, and water is 0.3 micrograms per day. Adults with four or more

amalgams run a significant risk of mercury-related health problems from them, while in children as few as two amalgams will contribute to health problems.

It's important to realize that mercury and other heavy metals accumulate in your body, and your levels therefore increase with age. Such bioaccumulation also pose a direct threat to the developing fetus in pregnant women, as mentioned above.

While detoxing was once considered a 'fad,' in today's world, regular detoxing has become more or less a necessity, especially if you're planning a pregnancy. It's wise for most people to proactively remove metals from their body *before* becoming plagued by symptoms. If you already have symptoms (see below), then ridding your body of metals may help resolve them.

Cilantro can be used as a synergetic aid along with chlorella. It's particularly useful to take when consuming seafood.

Chlorella's effectiveness was demonstrated in a study last year[2], where mice given chlorella along with methylmercury excreted approximately twice the amount of methylmercury in their urine and feces, compared to mice not treated with chlorella.

## Signs and Symptoms of Mercury Toxicity

As mercury and other heavy metals build up in your body over time, they can produce chronic symptoms that you might never associate with your love for sushi, or your dental fillings. Mercury is especially damaging to your central nervous system (CNS), and studies show that mercury in the CNS causes psychological, neurological, and immunological problems. Some of the symptoms of mercury build-up and toxicity include:

Fatigue	Aching joints	Depression, irritability, anxiety
Digestive distress and reduced ability to properly assimilate and utilize fats	Impaired blood sugar regulation	Female reproductive problems such as menstrual difficulties, infertility, miscarriage, pre-eclampsia, pregnancy-induced hypertension and premature birth
Neuron degeneration	Central nervous system damage	Kidney damage

## Mercury Testing: What You Need to Know

Traditional mercury testing involves testing either your hair, blood, urine, or stool. Challenge tests that implement a chelating chemical, such as DMPS or DMSA, are also commonly used.

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However, all of these tests have drawbacks. They primarily measure total mercury load — and inaccurately at that. But most importantly they don't give you any information about the forms of mercury in your system or how efficiently you are getting rid of them.

Traditional mercury tests don't answer questions like, how much of your mercury load is from the seafood you eat? How much from amalgams? How well are your kidneys and liver eliminating it?

The two principal forms of mercury accumulate differently in your body, and are eliminated by different pathways. For example, mercury levels in your hair only reflect the mercury from the fish you eat. But mercury levels in your urine reflect the mercury coming from your dental fillings (plus some of the fish-based methylmercury that has broken down into inorganic mercury). The only way to determine if there is a problem is to compare your hair and urine levels with levels in your blood. So, if mercury testing is to be meaningful, it must measure both of the following:

1. **Exposure level:** Overall mercury level for each of the two main forms of mercury (*methylmercury*, related to your fish/seafood consumption, and *inorganic mercury*, related to dental amalgam exposure)
2. **Excretion ability:** How well your body is getting rid of each kind of mercury, regardless of your overall mercury level

A newer testing method called “mercury speciation” does just this — it measures both of these factors. This test uses blood, urine and hair to give you a more comprehensive picture of how your body is eliminating mercury and where the process may be blocked. This information can be immensely helpful in preparing a successful detoxification plan. For more information about [mercury speciation testing](#), refer to my recent [interview with Dr. Shade](#) below.



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### How to Use Chlorella

Preferably, you'll want to take it in the morning. Many chlorella products are sold in small tablets, typically 500 mg each, which means you should take several tablets a day. According to [Ginny Banks](#), an expert in functional foods and nutraceuticals:

*"It's not something that you just take occasionally like some herbs or some supplements. Chlorella is something you want to be taking every day... You need to be getting at least 4 grams each day of chlorella to get the benefits that it provides."*

I recommend starting with a lower dose and slowly work your way up to 4 grams. Taking it with food can help alleviate nausea. Mild diarrhea may also occur. For more information and guidance on detoxing mercury, please see my full [protocol](#).

### To Get the Health Benefits, Make Sure You're Getting a Good Product

One of the most important factors to consider when purchasing a chlorella product is its digestibility. The key to its detoxing abilities lies *within* the membrane of this single cell, but the cell wall of chlorella is actually indigestible to humans.

"Broken cell wall" is the term most often used to describe that it has been rendered digestible. If a product does not specify that the cell wall has been broken, you're likely flushing your money down the toilet as the chlorella will simply pass right through you without doing you any good. And detox is certainly not the only benefit that you'll miss out on.

Chlorella has a number of other health benefits. The web site [GreenMedInfo](#) has assembled a list

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of studies [3] that found evidence of over 40 *different health conditions* that chlorella can help to prevent or ease. Here's a sampling of some of the health benefits associated with this green algae:

Repairing nerve tissues	Increasing your energy levels
Enhancing your immune system	Normalizing your blood sugar
Improving digestion	Normalizing your blood pressure
Promoting healthy pH levels in your gut, which in turn helps good bacteria to thrive	Removing potentially toxic metals from your body

### Overall CAUTION

It is important to realize that any mercury detoxification is a marathon and NOT a sprint. You do NOT want to do this quickly. Even if you believe you are healthy you want to start this process SLOWLY as you could easily cause severe flare ups. I am one of the healthiest people I know and when I did my program I did it over six months. Some people may need to do it far more slowly and may need a few years to effectively eliminate the mercury safely.

### Your Most Important Goal: Removing the Source of Exposure

The very first goal is to plug the hole in your leaking ship. You must remove your source of mercury exposure, whether it's primarily from the seafood you eat or from amalgams (or both). Mercury speciation testing, as described above, can help you identify which source is problematic. There is little point in embarking on a major detox mission if you continue exposing yourself to the offender... that's like trying to bail water out of a sinking boat. Avoid the consumption of contaminated fish and seafood. Most [fish](#) and

seafood are now contaminated, unfortunately, but some types are worse than others. Avoiding fish is relatively easy, but having your amalgams removed is more involved and costly and must be done with great care. You should do this ONLY with the help of a qualified biological dentist as you can become quite ill if your amalgams are extracted incorrectly.

However, if you have a mouthful of amalgams it is no mystery that you have exposure that ideally needs to be addressed. Just be very careful about jumping from the frying pan into the fire and have your mercury amalgam fillings removed by a non-biological dentist like I did. That mistake caused very serious damage to my kidneys that still troubles me 20 years later. You can find a trained and qualified dentist from the following list: 

[International Academy of Oral Medicine & Toxicology \(IAOMT\)](#)

[International Academy of Biological Dentistry and Medicine \(IABDM\)](#)

[ToxicTeeth.org](#)

[Holistic Dental Association](#)

[Dental Amalgam Mercury Solutions \(DAMS\)](#)

[Huggins Applied Healing](#)

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## Cuba Opens to Small Business

### By Saul Landau

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**CARLOS III Market - HAVANA** – The Cuban government has recently announced new government rules that make private business easier just as lots of mostly Canadian and European tourists (more than 2.1 million in 2012), and hundreds of thousands of Cuban Americans carrying cash and commodities visiting family arrived on the island. These factors have helped sustain Cuba's economy and transformed the street atmosphere in Centro Havana, for example, where neighbors sell to other neighbors and talk or dream about setting up their own establishments. They can do that legally now in sharp contrast to the past when laws made **cuenta propismo** (private entrepreneurship) illegal.



In the late 1980s, Cuba opened to large-scale foreign tourism, an industry that grew rapidly, and the State soon recognized the paucity of decent restaurants available to foreign visitors or the few Cubans with convertible currency who could choose to eat out. Then, poof – the government allowed “los paladares,” private, small eateries to emerge. Rules initially limited the size of the restaurant, covered labor relations, and placed sizable tax burdens on the owners. Nevertheless, some “paladares” offered enough succulence on their menus to make names for themselves among tourists and those Cubans with spending money. Now, eateries of quality compete in several Havana neighborhoods. In 2012, **pregoneros** (commercial town criers) selling food from hand-pushed wagons

announce their wares on the street. These new entrepreneurs buy directly from farmers, with whom restaurants also contract as they do with fishermen and other suppliers.

Small business, not yet really easy to do because of still existing rules and laws in Cuba, has, nevertheless, become an established form of earning a living. One can own an establishment or work for an owner. For the State, this means a way to unload idle workers from its payroll.

Shoemakers, tailors, barbers and hair dressers have retaken possession of their professions from the state, and small stores abound, supplied by relatives (partners) from Miami or from suppliers who have found ways to bring in material from Panama and other foreign sources. Some material for sale has been stolen from the State. But some former state enterprises have become cooperatives that compete on the market for business.

As a result of this spawning, cockroach capitalism, Cuban consumers find easier access to services and goods the State had previously monopolized under its label of socialism or state scarcity as contrarian wits labeled it.

When Centro Havana residents go to the immense Carlos III market to buy groceries, they pass dozens of fruit and vegetable venders with street carts, little shops with small appliance and items like auto parts, plumbing supplies and new tires previously scarce or unavailable on the island.

Some neighbors crowed proudly about these “reforms,” while insisting that socialism had to stay (free education and medical care as well as rights to housing, cheap food, and other state subsidized benefits), and these new steps had made socialism better, more consumer-friendly. We have now, said one male resident, “a more sensitive socialism.”

Cubans cannot claim the material privileges of Americans, but they're on their way. Cell phones abound as do laptops in Havana, and of course,

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email has followed as a major form of communication. But access to the internet remains limited and slow (dialup in most cases). The Cuban government appears to be in no hurry to provide rapid web access to its citizens because of its own security concerns. And the U.S. policy of “spreading democracy” to Cuba heightens the threat from outside. The State Department has pursued the policy of finding and servicing dissidents, some of whom are creations of U.S. policy, as part of its long-time desire to overthrow the Cuban government, and re-establish “civil society,” meaning a return to total private ownership and lessening of substantive rights.

The Washington policy elite don’t remember or care that Cuba had a U.S.-backed civil society, under Batista. Most Cubans did not like to see the Mafia running gambling and other rackets in league with their government. They also opposed Batista’s dictatorial methods and his brutal and torture-minded police. On January 1, 1959, they opted for the revolution led by Fidel Castro, which emphasized substantive rights (education, food, housing and medical care) over rights to own property and exploit labor.

Cubans, like Americans who follow Cuba and US-Cuba policy, ask: when will the U.S. lift its punishment policy, a 52-year plus embargo, and restore relations with the island? Hard liners insist: “The embargo is only 52 years old. Give it time to work. Fidel and Raul will soon die and without them the revolution will evaporate.”

Realists who have studied Cuba see a well-organized government and society with no serious succession problems or internal threats.

U.S. pessimists see no clear and immediate benefits to the Obama administration for taking steps to improve relations. Indeed, in Washington, no signs of policy change appear on the Obama agenda. The “what’s in it for us” attitude of the White House does not offer much positive perspective on the President changing course in the next four years. He has shown little interest in Cuba, or the rest of Latin America, after appearing in 2009 in Trinidad and raising hopes in the region, and then squashing them. Optimists now predict that by 2050, the embargo might self erode.

On the other hand, some large business interests may soon see Cuba as a market of 11 million people, and as a potentially lucrative source for investment. Their pressure could change the political climate. And those on the left who

have always thought the U.S. had done wrong to Cuba could better organize for their position. How weird that some people still think that “doing the right thing” should prevail in the White House, rather than the “how I can benefit” approach. It was not the Obama I voted for, but the one I got.

Maybe he’ll think of his legacy? 

Reprinted from Saul Landau's Blog ([SaulLandau.Wordpress.Com](http://SaulLandau.Wordpress.Com))

Mr. Landau was a guest on the [Declare Your Independence with Ernest Hancock radio show](#), November 21st, 2012:



*Landau, an internationally-known scholar, author, commentator, and filmmaker on foreign and domestic policy issues. Landau’s most widely praised achievements are the over forty films he has produced on social, political and historical issues, and worldwide human rights, for which he won the Letelier-Moffitt Human Rights Award, the George Polk Award for Investigative Reporting, and the First Amendment Award, as well as an Emmy for “Paul Jacobs and the Nuclear Gang.” In 2008, the Chilean government presented him with the Bernardo O’Higgins Award for his human rights work. Landau has written fourteen books including a book of poems, “My Dad Was Not Hamlet.” He received an Edgar Allen Poe Award for Assassination on Embassy Row, a report on the 1976 murders of Chilean Ambassador Orlando Letelier and his colleague, Ronni Moffitt. His 2011 film, WILL THE REAL TERRORIST PLEASE STAND UP covers 50 years of US-Cuba relations and features interviews with leading anti-Castro terrorists living in Miami as well as with Fidel Castro, retired and living in his home. He is Professor Emeritus at California State University, Pomona. He is a senior Fellow at and Vice Chair of the Institute for Policy Studies.*

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## Publisher's Backpage

### By Ernest Hancock

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This month's cover (←) is a sequel to last month's cover. January 2013's e- (→) Zine asked the



question, "Should We Stay or Should We Go?", and the response was overwhelmingly in support of staying and fighting for freedom here in America where it was won before. While there are some open to finding freedom elsewhere, it looks like history will record that America's people resisted enslavement, ... again. How successful we were will depend a great deal on what we do now.

The February 2013 cover offered another imagination spark for one lifestyle choice life here on Earth that is more likely than many know.

The question asked all of our invited authors for this month's edition was, "Where Would We Go?". Donna and I had no predetermined answer or limits on what the answer might be. I suspected there to be a lot of advocacies for staying put, Grandma's house, the basement, a favorite Bug-Out location, etc. But not a single author responded... no interest whatsoever in advocating for a location, ... or just as likely, no desire to give out information about where they might go.... interesting, huh?

Donna is not short of material for a full e-Zine so I'm certain you'll enjoy this one and there were some last minute articles submitted that were on topic. With the issue of Gun Control a hot topic now it was nice that we had room for this important issue. And if we are going to make our stand in America, I'm pretty sure that gun rights are going to be an important part of our future.

I hope to keep this article short by supplying several links that may fill in some blanks. Fortunately for me, I do 3 hours of radio every weekday so I get to fully express myself and chronicle the evolution of my thoughts, so I'll provide some show links that expand on my comments for those more interested. But I do wish to share what I think is very important information that is being overlooked in the vast majority of discussions in American and around the world.

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I'll just skip to the end. The current rhetoric on both sides of the Gun Control debate isn't really about taking American's firearms... it's about getting a list of all of the firearms and who has them and who wants them. History is full of examples of how disarmament is done. First you get a list, and THEN you go get them. Anyone that resists is killed, along with a long list of whoever else is deemed a threat to The State.

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## "GUN CONTROL" Gateway to Tyranny



**Proof that U.S. Gun Law  
Has Nazi Roots**

by Aaron Zelman

with contributions by attorney Richard Stevens

**The Nazi Weapons Law of 1938  
compared side-by-side with the  
U.S. Gun Control Act of 1968**



Jews for the Preservation of Firearms Ownership  
America's Aggressive Civil Rights Organization

For the 1994 election cycle, several libertarian street activists filed over 30 Initiatives in the State of Arizona to demonstrate the types of legislation we would submit as legislators. Many were very popular and would immediately become bills submitted by opportunistic politicians that knew a good PR opportunity when they saw one. Issues like the elimination of some unpopular taxes, Fully Informed Juries, warnings against Internet Regulations, the separation of Child and State (education reform), Arizona Secession should the National Debt reach 9 Trillion (we knew :), AND Unrestricted Concealed Carry of Firearms.

In less than 3 months, we collected well over 30,000 petition signatures in support of our No-Compromise Hard Core interpretation of Gun Rights. Libertarians and their "Gypsy Booths" would cast a big foot print at almost any event that drew more than even a few thousand people: Home Improvement shows, Car Shows, Gun Shows, Rodeos, Festivals etc. And there was a constant line in front of our tables. This prompted the legislature and law enforcement statewide to come up with a state permitted Concealed Carry Permit system. It quickly passed and we immediately filed a Referendum against it to demonstrate our opposition to any government restrictions on the bearing of arms.

The sponsoring name on the filing document



for the initiative and the following referendum was S.A.F.E. (Second Amendment is For Everyone). We had SAFE legislators and unSAFE

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City Councilmen and SAFEgunowners and SAFE Shoots and SAFE training for years in our efforts to change Arizona culture by fending off the invasion of politicians and media that had Arizona's gun friendly environment in their crosshairs.

The events surrounding my early awakening included:

- 1988 National GOP convention, "Read my lips, No New Taxes" George Bush
- US Bonds had gone to over 8% (Greece, Italy or Spain hits 6% and the whole world freaks out) and still they weren't able to sell enough to cover USAinc spending.
- Japan and West Germany wasn't buying enough US debt. USA debt not selling well and one of the main concerns of foreign investors was that Americans had a history of overthrowing abusive governments that taxed too much
- New Taxes
- Americans were making their displeasure obvious
- Government opposition to "the Militia", aka - anyone that has a firearm and goes shooting with others and expresses their opposition to a government that broke their promise not to increase their tax burden... ATF goes rogue across the nation.
- The Savings and Loan Crisis [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Savings\\_and\\_loan\\_crisis](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Savings_and_loan_crisis) exposed a lot of economic weakness in America and the "Bailout" option was introduced to our generation of young adults in the early '90s.
- Brady Bill, Background Checks, Ruby Ridge, Waco, Crime Bill, Assault Weapons Ban, Terrorist Legislation, Bill Clinton, Janet Reno, Janet Napolitano (assistant US Attorney under Reno)

During the 1990s SAFE gunowners wouldn't get involved in the politics of Second Amendment advocacy and instead educated the populace of the benefits of self-defense. Our SAFE MAP (Merchant Awareness Program) used the power of Wallet Voting to encourage gun owners to not shop at retailers that banded firearms and to take their business where they were welcomed (one of the early uses of the Internet by us for social change).

But in the background we could see the expansion of lists. Even though we were promised that the government would not keep records of background checks, we knew better. And here in Arizona the passage of SB-1070, under the camouflage of Immigration Reform, sent every government data stream on the people in Arizona straight to Homeland Security.

Over the years we would get to know many individuals, groups and organizations in the Gun Rights community. It was from our first-hand experience with the National Rifle Association that we learned it was the largest impediment

to gun rights that we faced. In 1994, we were asked to participate in a selective meeting of Second Amendment advocates that had many groups and organization in Arizona represented. It was made clear to us that then (R) Az Congressman Jon Kyl would be allowed to vote for the Crime Bill (Assault Weapons Ban) and still receive an "A" rating from the NRA and that we were expected to help in his election... and the relationship quickly went down from there (lots of stories).

At the time we were most influenced by the writings of L. Neil Smith, a libertarian Science Fiction writer <http://www.freedomsphoenix.com/Media/105315-2012-02-16-february-16th-2012-l-neil-smith-steve-neil-audio-video.htm> that was heavily involved for decades as a freedom activist in both the Libertarian Party and the NRA. L. Neil clearly shared our opinion of both organizations and SAFE would often share activist credits with The Libertarian Second Amendment Caucus. L. Neil Smith and Aaron Zelman ([www.JPFO.org](http://www.JPFO.org) - Jews for the Preservation of Firearms Ownership) would later write two books together, "Hope" <http://www.amazon.com/Hope-Aaron-Zelman/dp/1604502932> and "The Mitzvah" <http://www.amazon.com/The-Mitzvah-Aaron-Zelman/dp/0964230437>.

Jews for the Preservation of Firearms Ownership - [www.JPFO.org](http://www.JPFO.org) with Aaron Zelman as its representative, was clearly the most uncompromising entity in the Gun Right sphere of influence until his death in 2010. It is out of a sense of respect for him and his efforts that we have chosen several JPFO Gun Rights films to produce the compilation DVD that we are burning by the THOUSANDS and distributing... and that distribution started yesterday, along with a full campaign to educate Arizona residents about the issue of gun rights. We hope that Aaron's legacy will live on and that our effort is an inspiration to others around the world (it has already started BTW).

Gun Owners of America's Larry Pratt became a friend to Arizona Gun Rights activists <http://www.freedomsphoenix.com/Media/126836-2013-01-20-01-21-13-larry-pratt-gun-owners-of-america-mp3.htm>, as did then Sheriff Richard Mack of Graham County (southeastern Arizona) <http://www.freedomsphoenix.com/Media/069298-2010-05-24-declare-your-independence-with-ernest-hancock-morning-may-24th-2010.htm>, but we continued to exercise our own unique style by setting the highest standards possible without regard to political correctness or concern for vote totals (that we didn't trust anyway). We would have SAFE Shoots that would pit state legislators and congressional candidates against each other for prizes, we would grant awards to the most accurate long range shooters, we would raffle off battle rifles and custom long range rifles and concealed carry rigs with firearms and even .50 cal scoped rifles as fund raisers for various educational projects.

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SAFE Events are popular, and during election season the politicians will line up, but any speaker that wished to address our gathering had to have a color photograph taken of them holding a black battle rifle with a pistol grip and a detachable magazine. This was very effective in changing the culture here in Arizona. Within two election cycles it was expected that Arizona politicians demonstrate their open support for these types of firearms. This idea was L. Neil Smith's offering for making sure that 'posers' could be more easily identified (lots of stories confirming this).

Gun Rights, as defined by activists that made it very clear what was expected of their politicians for their support, seemed to be SAFE in Arizona. Each year other gun organizations and activists would take advantage of the cultural/political shift and would expand gun rights in Arizona. But from past experience, we knew that Arizona freedom activism would draw special attention <http://www.freedoms-phoenix.com/Article/126168-2013-01-10-s-a-f-e-second-amendment-is-for-everyone-est.htm?EdNo=001&From=RSS>

I share this background so that you can understand that we have been in the trenches of this war for 20 years and are familiar with the tactics and the personalities involved.

I am of the opinion that the economic situation is far worse than the influences that may have prompted some of the efforts to disarm the American people over the last couple of decades. After Sandy Hook, it was clear to me that SAFE needed to be resurrected (it was always ready to go and just waiting for the right opportunity) so that once again there would be a resource for gun rights advocates to express themselves peacefully for as long as was possible to as many people as we can educate as fast as possible.

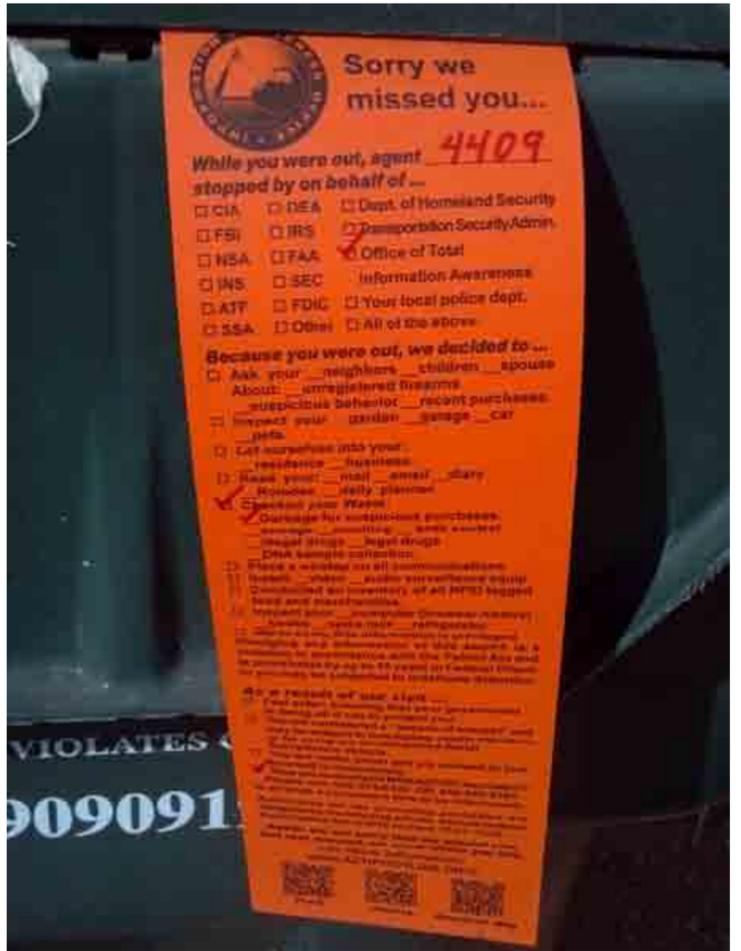
Past experience has taught me that gun rights has always been placed on the negotiation table to be used as a bartering chip for an ever increasing role of government in our lives. Don't think so? <http://www.freedomsphoenix.com/News/127668-2013-01-31-if-you-are-an-nra-member-this-gun-control-bill.htm>

Just last night we announced the resurrection of SAFE for an all out blitz here in Arizona in the hope that we can inspire others across the country to adopt our methods and make use of the tools we offer. When asked by Adam Kokesh's producer if I had anything that I'd like to share with their audience yesterday I responded with a grinning Yeeees :) <http://www.freedomsphoenix.com/Media/127653-2013-01-31-01-31-13-ernest-hancock-on-adam-vs-the-man.htm>



I taped the 15 minutes (starting at 5m30s into the video) from our studio so we could provide clear graphics of what our project is all about. This 15 minute segment is the best representation of what we are doing and why.

Bottom line? In my opinion there will be various announcements that our Gun Rights will have been 'saved' by those that will have negotiated away any privacy and that when the dust settles there will be a massive increase in background checks against an ever growing list filled with every piece of data available. Health Records that will include every doctor visit, what kinds of doctors, what was the treatment, what prescriptions are being taken, what diagnosis was provided, subjective opinions about our state of mind, digitized records of everything from MRIs to dental X-rays, our political views, military service records and if we you obtained a medical marijuana card, ad infinitum.



I don't believe that Gun Confiscation is the immediate plan... it is the long term plan. And if the government can't socially and economically engineer from you your means to self-defense against a tyrannical government they have demonstrated in the past the use of large databases to make certain that when they do come door to door for the guns the effort isn't thwarted by inadequate information,... because they/them/those (that will not leave us alone) know that they will only get one chance. 🌟

Peace,  
Ernie

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- Inspect your \_\_garden \_\_garage \_\_car \_\_pets.
- Let ourselves into your: \_\_residence \_\_business.
- Read your: \_\_mail \_\_email \_\_diary \_\_Rolodex \_\_daily planner.
- Checked your Waste: \_\_Garbage for suspicious purchases. \_\_sewage \_\_smoking \_\_birth control \_\_illegal drugs \_\_legal drugs \_\_DNA sample collection.
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