

COMMON SENSE; **REVISITED**

ADDRESSED TO THE

INHABITANTS

OF

AMERICA,

on the following interesting

SUBJECTS.

- I. Of the Origin and Design of Government in general, with concise Remarks on the Declaration of Independence.
- II. Of Indigenous Power and Surrogate Power.
- III. Thoughts on the present State of American Affairs regarding specific issues.
- IV. Of the present Ability of America, to return to “the laws of nature and of nature’s God.”

“Perhaps the sentiments contained in the following pages, are not yet sufficiently fashionable to procure them general favor; a long habit of not thinking a thing wrong, gives it a superficial appearance of being right, and raises at first a formidable outcry in defense of custom. But the tumult soon subsides.”¹

Thomas Paine (1737-1809)

“POWER ALWAYS THINKS IT HAS A GREAT SOUL AND VAST VIEWS BEYOND THE COMPREHENSION OF THE WEAK, AND THAT IT IS DOING GOD’S SERVICE WHEN IT IS VIOLATING ALL HIS LAWS.”²

John Adams

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“LIFE, LIBERTY AND PROPERTY DO NOT EXIST BECAUSE MEN HAVE MADE LAWS. ON THE CONTRARY, IT WAS THE FACT THAT LIFE, LIBERTY, AND PROPERTY EXISTED BEFORHAND THAT CAUSED MEN TO MAKE LAWS IN THE FIRST PLACE.”³

Frederic Bastiat

The author of Common Sense Revisited is a passionate student of the founding principles of our country. The author, at this time, desires to remain anonymous. This pamphlet is virtually identical in length to the original version of *COMMON SENSE* by Thomas Paine. The essential subject matter is the same: individual sovereignty vs. government sovereignty. This version puts the issue in the framework of indigenous vs. surrogate power, essentially the same concept stated in modern terms. It is our hope that this pamphlet will have the same incredible impact on America and the rest of the world as Paine's original version.

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INTRODUCTION

“MAN KNOWS NO MASTER SAVE HEAVEN, OR THOSE WHOM CHOICE AND COMMON GOOD ORDAIN.”⁴

Thomson (From the cover of COMMON SENSE by Thomas Paine)

In January 1776, it seemed unlikely that the 13 American colonies would declare independence from England. Even as George Washington was leading the Colonial Army against the British in Boston, most of the delegates attending the Continental Congress in Philadelphia wanted to patch things up with King George.

The advocates for freedom, led by John Adams, asked for a non-binding survey of delegates to see where they stood. The results were disheartening. Less than a third voted for independence.⁵

Then, late in the month of January, a seemingly small event changed the course of history. Thomas Paine published an 80-page pamphlet entitled *COMMON SENSE*.

COMMON SENSE presented common sense arguments to refute the predominant theory of sovereignty in the western world. Instead of a divine birthright that gave kings and queens power over others, Paine made the case for individual sovereignty, declaring that all powers of government were derived from the individuals who created the government. His arguments were clearly stated so anyone could understand that individual sovereignty was the natural order, based on self-evident, eternal truths. Paine argued that each individual human being, divinely created and given free will by his or her Creator, has the right to function in society in a manner which allows him or her to exercise that divine gift of free will.

After emphatically laying out his reasoning, Paine proceeded to explain the inevitability of the colonies' separation from England. He then suggested how the war could be won and proposed structures for the new colonial government.

To say that his small pamphlet struck a chord with the colonials would be the understatement of the millennium. *COMMON SENSE* sold over 100,000 copies in the first three months, and as many as 500,000 copies altogether.⁶ At that time there were approximately 3 million people residing in the 13 colonies, and it was estimated that the

vast majority of the population read *COMMON SENSE*.⁷ The huge groundswell of support for a formal split with England created by this powerful little pamphlet quickly reached the delegates in Philadelphia as well as the Colonial Army in Boston. In late March, General Washington wrote in a personal letter that “by private letters which I have lately received from Virginia, I find *COMMON SENSE* is working a powerful change there in the minds of many men.”⁸

By July, the groundswell had reached the boiling point. On July 2, with New York abstaining, the Continental Congress unanimously voted for independence. On July 4, 1776, the formal document was signed by 56 very courageous individuals.

That was not the only impact Paine was to have on the country's independence movement. In late 1776 the war was going very poorly for the Continental Army. It was going so poorly that many soldiers were defecting to the British and most of the British military leaders were confident that the war was effectively over.

It was at this time that Thomas Paine was inspired to start a series of letters he called *THE AMERICAN CRISIS*. His opening paragraph is famous:

“These are the times that try men's souls. The summer soldier and the sunshine patriot will, in this crisis, shrink from the service of their country; but he that stands it now, deserves the love and thanks of man and woman.”⁹

The letters of *THE AMERICAN CRISIS* inspired the troops to keep fighting and the civilian population to donate the necessary resources to provision the army. Paine had come to the rescue of freedom once again. In 1805 John Adams wrote of Paine, “I know not whether any man in the world has had more influence on its inhabitants or affairs for the last thirty years than Tom Paine.”¹⁰

Paine wrote with enthusiasm, clarity, and common sense. He wrote in language that everyone could understand, and in doing so, inspired the people of the 13 colonies to sacrifice their property and their lives for the cause of liberty.

COMMON SENSE REVISITED also comes from a lover of liberty who wants to see his children and grandchildren grow up in a free country and a free world—a world devoted to creating freedom, prosperity, peace, and love for all people of all races, religions, and nationalities.

The American Founders provided the formula for that kind of world. The freedom formula worked well for the first 100 years; but during the first decade of the 20th century, America was subjected to a much different view of sovereignty than that held by the Founders. Unfortunately, that competing ideology has gradually gained strength, severely weakening the country and dramatically reducing the degree of individual liberty the people once enjoyed.

However, the principles of liberty are based on eternal laws of nature and cannot be contained for long. It is time that the people unite once again to reignite the flame of freedom that lies within their hearts.

The Boston Tea Party of Dec. 16, 1773, was a turning point in the history of the United States and is known throughout the world as one of the most important symbolic gestures for freedom from tyranny. The primary instigator of the original event was Samuel Adams, one of the most effective organizers of the independence movement.

On that day a group of Boston's citizens, fed up with the increase in punitive actions being implemented by King George, decided to make a statement and take matters into their own hands. The news of that gesture of civil disobedience spread throughout the colonies quickly, largely because of the committees of correspondence that had been put in place by Adams and others concerned about the increase in British tyranny. People were inspired to get involved, and momentum toward independence continued to build.

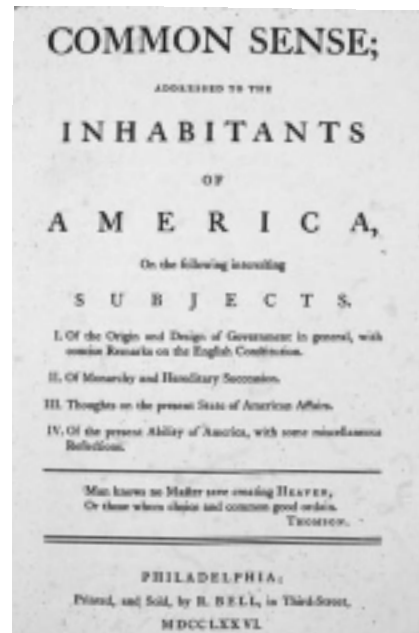
It is the author's hope that, like its inspiration, this pamphlet will create some brushfires. If it ignites a passion for increased freedom in you, please share it with everyone you know as quickly as possible. The world is waiting for inspiration.

“IT DOES NOT REQUIRE A MAJORITY TO PREVAIL, BUT RATHER AN IRATE, TIRELESS MINORITY KEEN TO SET BRUSH FIRES IN PEOPLE’S MINDS.”¹¹

Samuel Adams

When *COMMON SENSE* was published, the identity of the author was unknown. In the last paragraph of Paine's introduction he stated, “Who the author of this Production is, is wholly unnecessary to the Public, as the Object for Attention is the Doctrine itself not the Man.”¹²

Paine simply signed the book *COMMON SENSE*. This pamphlet too is about the message, not the author.



This is the original cover of Thomas Paine's COMMON SENSE, as printed in January of 1776

INDIGENOUS POWER VS. SURROGATE POWER

“THE PRINCIPLES ON WHICH WE ENGAGED, OF WHICH THE CHARTER OF OUR INDEPENDENCE IS THE RECORD, WERE SANCTIONED BY THE LAWS OF OUR BEING, AND WE BUT OBEYED THEM IN PURSUING UNDEVIATINGLY THE COURSE THEY CALLED FOR.”¹³

Thomas Jefferson

Understanding the nature of power is the key to understanding all relationships between humans and their institutions. To understand this, it is necessary to understand what Jefferson called the “laws of our being.”¹⁴ All humans are created with unique characteristics. All have free will. All have the capacity to grow and evolve and appreciate the nature of their being. The Founders saw the reality of the unique nature of humanity as “self-evident.”¹⁵ In other words, it is just plain common sense to conclude that we are different from all other inhabitants of the planet because we have free will and the ability to manifest thoughts into concrete form through action. Since each individual human has this power, it follows that the only true source of power is the individual. Since power originates and occurs naturally within each individual it is called indigenous power. The other type of power is that which human beings delegate to others, which could be called surrogate power.¹⁶

When two individuals form a business entity together they have created a surrogate. If understood properly and supervised equally by both, the structure they have created can be useful. However, if one of the parties assumes the rights of the other, the surrogate entity will become corrupt.

Most parents delegate the power to educate their children to surrogates. That is fine if the education received reflects the values and desires of the parents. Problems will

arise, however, if that power is used to undermine the indigenous power that exists between parents and their children.

A government is a surrogate. The only power it has is that which has been delegated to it by the individuals who created it. As long as it does not usurp indigenous power and as long as it respects the indigenous power which created it, then it can be very useful. However, as soon as a government, or any surrogate, assumes the rights of indigenous power, it has become corrupt. This corruption will always be accompanied by force, intimidation, dishonesty, and other forms of coercion.

Surrogates can be effective only when they openly acknowledge the true source of their power. If coercion and fraud are being used to give the impression that the surrogate has real power, this is when indigenous power must reassert itself or the oppression, deception, and tyranny will only continue to grow.

When this kind of oppression occurs, nothing is more effective than a declaration of the sovereign rights held by those with indigenous power. This is exactly what the Founders of our nation did in 1776. Such a declaration of sovereignty is what will naturally happen when any individual, or group of individuals, acknowledges the indigenous power established by the Creator. Surrogate power may fight back, but it can never win once indigenous power is clearly declared because surrogate power, in reality, has no true power of its own!

Surrogate activities, duties, and limitations are usually laid out in a written agreement. These types of agreements can be in the form of contracts, partnership agreements, corporate charters, constitutions, labor union agreements, or any other kind of agreement between the individuals who are creating the specific surrogate and those who will be managing that surrogate.

In the 1700s, the leaders of the American freedom movement knew that they had to reclaim their indigenous power. They also knew they had to declare, in a clearly written document, their authority to create their own government. This is what they did in the opening paragraph of the Declaration of Independence:

“When in the Course of human events it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature’s God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.”¹⁷

These were highly educated individuals who were well aware that if separation from the most powerful nation on earth was successful the world would never be the same. They had a very clear understanding of indigenous power and surrogate power. The Declaration they created, which is one of the most powerful spiritual-political documents in the history of the human race, clearly states who has the power and who does not:

“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed. That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is

the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness.”¹⁸

Understanding the difference between surrogate power and indigenous power is the key to liberation from any surrogate that is out of control. Surrogates can use force and deception to create the illusion that they have power. However, the only true source of power is the individual. A declaration of indigenous power is the first step to recapturing the power that has been usurped by any surrogate. That is what happened with the American colonists, it is what happened with Gandhi and the people of India, and it is what happened more recently with Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union.

One thing the Founders understood very clearly is that it is much easier for a government to usurp the indigenous power of the people if it is physically far away from them. Therefore, it is best to have more severe limitations on the government entities that are farther away from the people. That is why state governments have constitutions that limit their power, but the national constitution places much more stringent controls and limitations on the federal government, which is even farther removed from the people.

The Founders created a constitutional republic, not a democracy. They knew that it was way too easy for the majority in a pure democracy to violate the natural rights of the individual. As Jefferson stated, “A democracy is nothing more than mob rule, where fifty-one percent of the people may take away the rights of the other forty-nine.”¹⁹ Their intention was to do everything possible to put into place a form of government that was unable to usurp indigenous power from the people. The only way to keep government from usurping indigenous power is to structure it from the bottom up.

BOTTOM-UP GOVERNMENT

“A GOVERNMENT BIG ENOUGH TO SUPPLY EVERYTHING YOU NEED IS BIG ENOUGH TO TAKE EVERYTHING YOU HAVE...THE COURSE OF HISTORY SHOWS THAT AS A GOVERNMENT GROWS, LIBERTY DECREASES.”²⁰

Thomas Jefferson

The Founders had a vision of a country totally in tune with natural laws. They had studied Cicero, Locke, Hutcheson, and many of the early Greek philosophers as well, all of whom wrote about natural law in great depth.²¹ In their view, God’s law and natural law are essentially the same; natural law is God’s will expressed. In their Declaration, the Founders termed it the “laws of nature and of nature’s God.”²² Understanding the fundamental principles drawn on by the Founders dissolves misconceptions and provides a framework for understanding where the nation went wrong and how the people can restore their indigenous power.

Examples of these principles and how they work can be found at various points in history and within different institutions (surrogates) other than government. The different surrogates people create—corporations, partnerships, unions, political parties, and governments—are all made up of other people. Human beings operate according to basic laws of nature. If surrogates are structured properly, there is less chance that the surrogate will usurp the indigenous power of its creators and a better chance that the surrogate will be highly effective at achieving its purpose.

Consider the story behind Visa International. Dee Hock founded the company in 1968 with nothing but a list of principles that he had gleaned from a lifetime of observing nature. Within a few years, Hock’s company was the largest commercial enterprise on the planet, with \$1.25 trillion in annual revenues.²³ The amazing thing about Visa was that nobody could find the center of the company. As one

observer said, “The center was like a non-coercive enabling organization that existed only for the purpose of assisting owner members to fulfill their activities with greater capacity, more effectively, and at less cost.”²⁴

Hock's company was a "chaordic" organization, embracing both the chaos of competition and the order of cooperation. In his book, *The Birth of the Chaordic Age*, he lists the principles behind a chaordic organization as follows:²⁵

- It should be equitably owned by all participants.
- It must not attempt to impose uniformity.
- It should be open to all qualified participants.
- Power, function, and resources should be distributed to the maximum degree.
- Authority should be equitable and distributive within each governing entity.
- No interest, particularly management, should be able to dominate deliberations or control decisions.
- To the maximum degree possible, everything should be voluntary.
- It should be non-assessable.
- It should introduce, not compel, change.
- It should be infinitely malleable yet extremely durable.

This list of Hock’s is a very good description of a freedom formula for any surrogate institution. What’s more, the observer’s description of the company’s center serving as an “enabling organization” is an accurate description of the Founder's perspective of government in the form of a republic.

In addition to Hock’s story, there are far earlier examples of success in following the principles of natural law in governments. Both the Anglo-Saxons and the early Israelis under Moses were bottom-up societies.²⁶

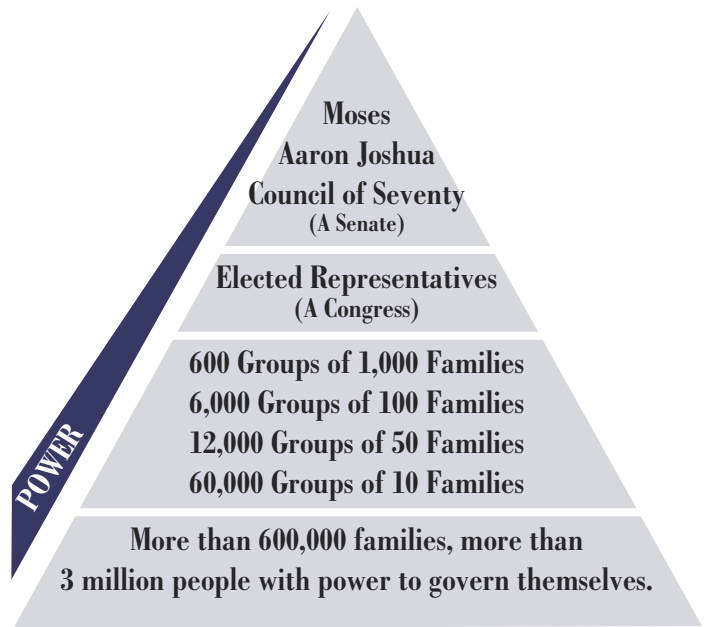
The governing principles followed by both the Anglo-Saxons and the people of Israel were remarkably similar. They both contained the following principles:²⁷

- Equal representation
- Inalienable rights of the individual
- Local resolution of problems to the maximum extent possible
- Few laws; those that did exist were well known by the people
- A justice system based on complete reparation to the person who had been wronged
- Small groups in which every adult had a voice and a vote
- Family units of 10, each with an elected leader; within units of 50 families, each with an elected leader; then 100, then 1,000, and so on

Both systems were firmly based on the principle of individual sovereignty and indigenous power. It was up to individuals to be responsible for their own actions. If they weren’t, then it was up to the family to deal with the situation. If that didn’t work, it went to the leader of the 10 family unit, and then to the 50 family leader and so on.

What is remarkable is how similar these organizing principles of the Anglo-Saxons and the early Israelis are to Hock’s list of principles, which he gleaned from his observations of nature. As with his chaordic organization, VISA International, the bottom-up model worked well for the early Israelis and Anglo-Saxons, and led to greater peace, prosperity, and freedom for their people.

Three of the most knowledgeable Founders—John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, and Benjamin Franklin—all believed these civilizations were the most worthy of copying. In fact, they proposed that the first national seal for the United States of America reflect these two civilizations.²⁸



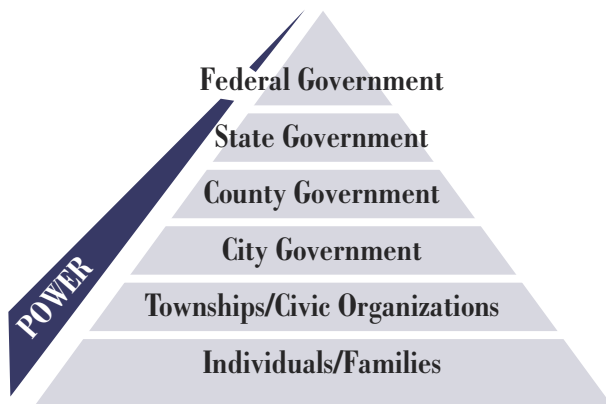
The base of the pyramid represents the highest degree of power. Pyramid 1. Organizing Principles of the Early Israelis²⁹

The Founders’ vision of a bottom-up republic was thriving by the time French historian Alexis de Tocqueville came to America in the 1830s. He was astonished that “government was more or less invisible.”³⁰ What he saw instead was a country in which local problems were solved by individuals, families, and a plethora of community and civic organizations.



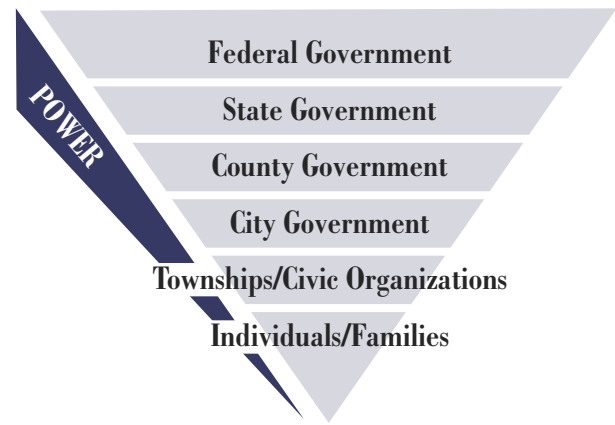
By 1905, the United States was one of the richest industrial nations on the planet. With 5 percent of the world's land and 6 percent of its population, the country was producing almost half of everything produced in the world, including clothes, food, houses, transportation, communications, and luxuries. Most importantly, people were coming to the United States from all over the world to enjoy unprecedented freedom.³¹

This was the structure of government in the country at that time, with the power at the base of the pyramid, in the hands of individuals and their families:



Pyramid 2: The Bottom-up Model of Government

Then things began to change, and the country started moving toward a top-down model of governing. It was so gradual that no one realized it was happening. In 1913, those who wanted to turn the power pyramid upside-down made significant gains. That year, the first income tax was passed³² and the Federal Reserve was created,³³ essentially ceding the constitutional authority of Congress to create money to private individuals. Since 1913, the top-down government model has become predominant. Now most of the power is with the federal government instead of the individual and the family.



Pyramid 3. The Top-down Model of Government

As a result of this shift to top-down, command-and-control, force-based government, Americans have less freedom every day. There is never a time when power relinquishes itself; it just grows and grows until the people wake up and realize what has happened to them. It is time to flip the power pyramid back to its proper configuration (Pyramid 2), with the power once again held by the individual and the family.

Once people understand the true meaning of the fundamental principles upon which the Founders based this country, the standard debates of the political parties and all of the contentious arguments over issues will just melt away. These are natural laws and universal principles that have worked for thousands of years. Deep down, Americans still believe in a bottom-up society. Institutions (surrogates) have simply been allowed to grow too powerful. There is a worldwide battle going on—above and below the surface—between surrogate leaders who believe in top-down, command-and-control management of society and those who believe in the principles of indigenous power, bottom-up management, freedom, and individual sovereignty.

"GOVERNMENT IS NOT REASON, IT IS NOT ELOQUENCE, IT IS FORCE; LIKE FIRE, A TROUBLESOME SERVANT AND A FEARFUL MASTER. NEVER FOR A MOMENT SHOULD IT BE LEFT TO IRRESPONSIBLE ACTION."³⁴

George Washington

The defining quality of top-down management will always be force. When a society is dominated by force, fear is the emotion that predominates. The bottom-up model is based on the indigenous power of the individual, and the fundamental governing unit is the family. What quality holds families together? Love. Therefore, the essential unifying principle—and the predominate emotion—of the bottom-up system is love. Love on one side, fear on the other.

The Top 10 Characteristics of Bottom-up vs. Top-down Societies

Love	Fear
Freedom	Control
Non-coercion	Force
Local control	Centralized planning
Abundant creativity	Stifled creativity
Optimism	Despair
Strong families	Breakdown of families
Personal responsibility	Dependence
Universal opportunity	Concentrated power
Prosperity	Poverty

Everyone needs to work together to bring the country back to the bottom-up model, which is based on love and freedom. Virtually any situation can be improved by human creativity, and creativity is stimulated and increased by freedom. The solution to all of the nation’s problems—including

monetary policy, welfare, health care, education, environmental degradation, drug abuse, and even foreign entanglements—is to increase indigenous power.

Each of these areas will be covered in the following sections in order to inspire a strong desire in every reader’s mind and heart to make sure all surrogates that impact these areas are following their original charter.

Before we look at the bottom-up, common sense-based solutions, we need to understand how the concept of bottom-up government has been perverted in America.

“AMERICA IS A BOTTOM-UP SOCIETY, WHERE NEW TRENDS AND IDEAS BEGIN IN CITIES AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES...MY COLLEAGUES AND I HAVE STUDIED THIS GREAT COUNTRY BY READING ITS NEWSPAPERS. WE HAVE DISCOVERED THAT TRENDS ARE GENERATED FROM THE BOTTOM UP.”³⁵

—John Naisbitt, Megatrends, based on a 12-year study of 2 million local events

WHAT WENT WRONG?

“ARBITRARY POWER...MUST BE INTRODUCED BY SLOW DEGREES, AND AS IT WERE, STEP BY STEP, LEST THE PEOPLE SHOULD SEE IT APPROACH.”³⁶

Lord Chesterfield

How can a society that has successfully operated in a bottom-up mode allow itself to morph into a society based on fear and force, rather than freedom and love? How have institutions/surrogates gradually assumed the role of indigenous power?

The real answer is that there are two competing ideologies in the country that are like two competing religions. The two have been at war for more than 100 years, and those who believe in freedom have been losing because they don't understand how the war is being waged. The ideology of the Founders is based on the belief of the individual as a divinely created being with free will and inalienable rights based on natural law. This is the principle that gives rise to the concept of the indigenous power of the individual. In this belief system, only the individual has indigenous power. The individual is the sovereign master and the government is the surrogate servant.

English philosopher John Locke believed that natural law was divine law created by a divine creator.³⁷ In Locke's view, natural law, or God's law, governs the material world as well as the spiritual world.³⁸ Divine spiritual law applies to each individual and cannot be usurped or taken from the individual by anyone or any institution, including the church or the state. These natural rights are inalienable and they include freedoms and responsibilities. Locke rejected the divine right of kings because he believed that government was an agency or surrogate of the people and could only be created by the will of the people.³⁹

He reasoned that there should be a contract between the people and the government called a constitution.⁴⁰ The government should protect the equal rights of the citizens and not step outside of the bounds of the contract/constitution.

The constitution should be the supreme law of the land, rendering other laws not in accord with the constitution invalid.

Locke believed that the primary goal of the government was to increase the freedom of its citizens and that there should be a separation of powers to keep the government from ever exceeding its role.⁴¹ In addition, he believed the constitution should strictly limit the functions of the government and that the people should replace the government/surrogate if it ever exceeded the powers delegated to it.⁴²

“WHENEVER THE LEGISLATORS ENDEAVOR TO TAKE AWAY AND DESTROY THE PROPERTY OF THE PEOPLE, OR TO REDUCE THEM TO SLAVERY UNDER ARBITRARY POWER, THEY PUT THEMSELVES INTO A STATE OF WAR WITH THE PEOPLE, WHO ARE THEREUPON ABSOLVED FROM ANY FURTHER OBEDIENCE, AND ARE LEFT TO THE COMMON REFUGE WHICH GOD HATH PROVIDED FOR ALL MEN AGAINST FORCE AND VIOLENCE.”⁴³

Locke

According to Locke, the government should protect property and the fundamental natural rights of the individual, including life, liberty, religion, and speech.⁴⁴ It was this clear and coherent philosophy that most closely resembled that of the Founders.

The counter philosophy is based on the theory of materialism first introduced by Thomas Hobbes. Hobbes believed that matter was the source of life and that humans were nothing more than a complex collection of particles. According to Hobbes, the human mind has no existence outside the interactions of matter. Hobbes believed that human relationships followed the same mechanical laws as the world of matter and that there was nothing spiritual or divine about human beings. He concluded that government itself could alter the terms of the social contract between government and individuals as justified by the material laws of matter.⁴⁵

Jean-Jacques Rousseau expanded on Hobbes' theory of materialism and originated the idea that human beings were nothing but the products of their environment.⁴⁶ He believed that the primary role of the government was to create equality for its citizens. However, Rousseau did not believe in the political equality that Locke and the American Founders believed in; he believed in material equality. Material equality can only be created by an extremely strong central government, strong enough to take from some and give to others in order to create equal results for all.

Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels expanded on the theory of materialism, creating the theory of dialectic materialism. Their theories led to the concept of the state as the supreme authority, the supreme arbiter, and the supreme power.⁴⁷ This led to the gruesome and brutal regimes of Vladimir Lenin and Joseph Stalin in Russia and Mao Tse-tung in China. Under these regimes tens of millions, perhaps hundreds of millions, died and most of the living wished they were dead.⁴⁸ This is the natural result of a surrogate government having all the power, completely crushing the indigenous power of the people.

Promoters of top-down, command-and-control institutions (surrogates) have become extremely adept at masquerading as proponents of freedom and justice. Whether they come from the left or right makes no difference in the end. Adolf Hitler was a fascist and Stalin was a communist, but what difference did the label mean to the people living under either regime?

Collectivism in all its forms—socialism, communism, fascism—is nothing more than an incredibly deceptive scheme

enabling some of the most powerful people on the planet to increase their power and wealth. They do this by slowly shifting the country from indigenous power to surrogate power, and they control all the surrogates.

Does this mean that all those who believe in collectivist policies are knowingly part of a deception? Absolutely not. Few people really understand the nature of what is happening when they vote for candidates who support policies that move us closer to a purely socialist or fascist state. Many Germans voted for Hitler, who ran on a platform that sounded exactly like those of some of the modern-day American politicians. Hitler's proposals included strong anti-smoking laws⁴⁹ as well as national registration of firearms.⁵⁰

Looking back over the last 50 years, it is truly amazing that, despite the complete and utter failure of top-down federal programs to eliminate poverty and drug abuse, improve education, restore the environment, reduce crime, and solve other social problems, most people still don't realize that the top-down paradigm does not work. The reality is that all problems can be more effectively solved at the local level, and in most cases, through private, non-coercive organizations rather than government agencies. In other words, through civil society rather than political society, and through indigenous power rather than surrogate power.

The inherent desire for power and control never sleeps. In the 1800s, the proponents of surrogate power found the perfect tactic as the theories of Marx, Engels, and other collectivists began to sweep Europe. These theories appealed to the natural human desire to help others. Since then, the collectivists have perfected their ability to appeal to the compassionate hearts of the people—and in so doing, have expanded their power—by presenting a never-ending array of social programs to help children, the poor, the disabled, and others. They gain the votes of the compassionate and, of course, those who come to depend on the programs. The extra bonus is the loyalty of all those who work for the newly created bureaucracies.

In her famous book, *Capitalism: The Unknown Ideal*, author Ayn Rand describes the insidious process that takes a society inch by unremarkable inch to collectivism. "The goal of the 'liberals'—as it emerges from the record of the past decades—was to smuggle this country into welfare statism by means of single, concrete, specific measures, enlarging the power of the government a step at

a time, never permitting these steps to be summed up into principles, never permitting their direction to be identified or the basic issue to be named. Thus statism was to come, not by vote or by violence, but by slow rot—by a long process of evasion and epistemological corruption, leading to a *fait accompli*.”⁵¹

She understood that the two parties presented to the people in their democratic process provide only an illusion of choice. She said that the conservatives were just there to present the alternative of a slightly slower growth of surrogate power, and with either choice the people still get statism.⁵² With statism comes increasing governmental power because as the government grows, so too must force and coercion increase in order to extract the necessary finances from the people to pay for the growing government.

The growth of force must happen gradually so that the people do not wake up and realize what is happening. What will it take for people to wake up? How many violations of individual rights and outrageous searches and seizures in the name of the war on drugs will people endure before realizing what is happening?

People don't mind sacrificing to help their neighbors or those in need, but they do not appreciate being forced to sacrifice the fruits of their own labor for the achievement of abstract social goals. Increasing force is required to maintain a growing top-down massive welfare/warfare state. The monstrous social experiments in Russia, China, and other communist countries, which have resulted in the mass murder of tens of millions of human beings over the last century,⁵³ could have been avoided if intellectuals and philosophers had not ignored the fundamental laws of human nature:

- Human beings are born with free will and are driven to express it.
- Human beings act in their own self-interest.

- Human beings will act to help others once they feel secure themselves.
- Human beings do not like to be forced to do anything.

Any institution, government, or business that ignores these fundamental facts of life is doomed to fail. Propaganda, mind control techniques, or brute force will all eventually fail. Collectivism cannot be implemented without force and that force always increases over time. There has never been a government bureaucracy that has come forward and said, “You know, we have completed our task now and there is really no need for the taxpayers to continue to fund our department.”

Once begun, the process of collectivism (in whatever form) always leads to a totalitarian government and serfdom for the vast majority of the people.

“A CLAIM FOR EQUALITY OF MATERIAL POSITION CAN BE MET ONLY BY A GOVERNMENT WITH TOTALITARIAN POWERS.”⁵⁴

“‘EMERGENCIES’ HAVE ALWAYS BEEN THE PRETEXT ON WHICH THE SAFEGUARDS OF INDIVIDUAL LIBERTY HAVE BEEN ERODED.”⁵⁵

Friedrich August von Hayek



GLOBAL GOVERNMENT: THE ULTIMATE SURROGATE

”GOOD INTENTIONS WILL ALWAYS BE PLEADED FOR EVERY ASSUMPTION OF AUTHORITY...THERE ARE MEN IN ALL AGES WHO MEAN TO GOVERN WELL, BUT THEY MEAN TO GOVERN. THEY PROMISE TO BE GOOD MASTERS, BUT THEY MEAN TO BE MASTERS.”⁵⁶

Noah Webster

In the last century, the proponents of centralized top-down governance have adopted a strategy of transferring the sovereignty of individual nations to world government. The United States, being the only government in the world with founding documents totally dedicated to the concept of indigenous power, has been the major target of efforts toward globalization. The goal of the proponents of total surrogate power is straightforward: weaken the United States in every conceivable way and gradually transfer the national sovereignty of the United States to the United Nations.

It is not possible to explain this entire story in this pamphlet. To learn more, read *The Creature from Jekyll Island: A Second Look at the Federal Reserve*, by G. Edward Griffin. This book offers one of the best and most comprehensive explanations of the situation, including the historical perspective.

The United Nations does not have a constitution founded on the principles of indigenous power. The U.N. charter and founding documents are patterned after the constitution of the former Soviet Union, which allowed all constitutional rights to be abrogated by enforcement provisions.⁵⁷ The Soviet constitution had a clear provision for freedom of religion. However, it also had a clause in it that allowed any provision in the constitution to be overridden by the Soviet penal code. Under this code, parents who tried to teach their children religion were subject to life imprisonment; many Soviet citizens spent their lives in prison under this provision.⁵⁸

In other words, the U.N. charter, like the Soviet constitution, has no meaning. It is a fraud. The United Nations is the perfect government for collectivists. The people have no

rights. It is truly a government of the governments, by the governments, and for the governments. It is a process of surrogates supporting the power of other surrogates, working together to increase surrogate power to create the ultimate surrogate, a global government with absolutely no connection or responsibility to the people. The result is the total elimination of mankind’s indigenous power.

On Feb. 17, 1950, James Paul Warburg, the former president of the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR), told the U.S. Senate: “We shall have world government whether or not you like it, by conquest or consent.”⁵⁹

Is this really happening in the United States? Isn’t this just a conspiracy theory? It all seems so unbelievable! Yet, Texas Congressman Ron Paul, a medical doctor and one of the few congressmen with the guts to stand up to the constant transfer of sovereignty to the United Nations, has reported that the World Trade Organization has demanded that the United States change its tax laws. In his newsletter, he wrote, “It’s hard to imagine a more blatant example of a loss of U.S. sovereignty. Yet there is no outcry or indignation in Congress at this naked demand that we change our laws to satisfy the rest of the world. I’ve yet to see one national politician or media outlet even suggest the obvious, namely that our domestic laws are simply none of the world’s business.”⁶⁰

A statement by former CFR president David Rockefeller at a 1991 Bilderberger meeting really sums up the whole ball of wax: “We are grateful to the Washington Post, the New York Times, Time magazine, and other great publications whose directors have attended our meetings and respected their

promise of discretion for almost forty years. It would have been impossible for us to develop our plan for the world if we had been subject to the bright lights of publicity during those years. But the world is now more sophisticated and prepared to march towards a world government. The super-national sovereignty of an intellectual elite and world bankers is surely preferable to the national auto-determination practiced in past centuries.”⁶¹

After reading the above quote, it’s not difficult to believe that a large percentage of the leaders of U.S. media, government, major political parties, wealthy foundations, and large corporations believe that the world would be better off with them as a ruling elite. Even people who can’t, or won’t, believe what is described here must at least acknowledge that people in government, and those who influence government, do what they do not only to increase their power, but because they honestly believe that they are smarter than everyone else and that they know best how others should live their lives.

Is this happening right now? After the 2008 Iowa caucus, one of the leading Republican presidential candidates announced that one of his chief foreign relations advisors was the current president of the CFR, Richard Haass. Here is an excerpt from Haass’ article in the *Tapai Times* (Feb. 21, 2006):

“Moreover, states must be prepared to cede some sovereignty to world bodies if the international system is to function...The goal should be to redefine sovereignty for the era of globalization, to find a balance between a world of fully sovereign states and an international system of either world government or anarchy.”

Given these three quotes by two former CFR presidents and the current president of the CFR, it does not take an extraordinary level of perception to realize that their common agenda is the weakening of the sovereignty of individual nations and the transfer of that power to a global government.

This is not conspiracy theory, because a theory is not the same as a proven fact. This is conspiracy fact. These are real documented quotes from real people. Or you could look at it this way: it is just the long-term business plan of some very powerful families coming to fruition.

Admiral Chester Ward, a member of the CFR for over a decade, became one of its harshest critics, revealing its inner workings in a 1975 book, *Kissinger On The Couch*. In it he states, “The most powerful cliques in these elitist groups have one objective in common: they want to bring about the surrender of the sovereignty and national independence of the United States.”⁶²

Most members are one-world-government ideologists whose long-term goals were officially summed up in the September 1961 State Department Document 7277, adopted by the Nixon Administration: “...elimination of all armed forces and armaments except those needed to maintain internal order within states and to furnish the United Nations with peace forces...by the time it [U.N. global government] would be so strong no nation could challenge it.”

According to Ward, “The most powerful clique in these elitist groups have one objective in common—they want to bring about the surrender of the sovereignty of the national independence of the United States. A second clique of international members in the CFR comprises the Wall Street international bankers and their key agents. Primarily, they want the world-banking monopoly from whatever power ends up in the control of global government.”⁶³

Remember, this is not some lunatic fringe group. These are members of one of the most powerful private organizations in the world—the people who determine and control American economic, social, political, and military policy. Members’ influence and control extends, according to the CFR 1993 Annual Report, to “leaders in academia, public service, business, and the media.”⁶⁴

In case you were wondering:

- Why does the mainstream media seem to have a clear-cut agenda about who they want in power?
- Why do you never hear anything about the CFR, or the loss of national sovereignty to the United Nations anywhere, at anytime, in the mainstream media?
- Why does the mainstream media seem to favor establishment, pro-war candidates and censor anti-establishment, anti-war candidates?
- Why does the mainstream media never talk about the true nature of the Federal Reserve, i.e., that it is not part of the federal government and is a private corporation?
- Why does the mainstream media always promote global or federal solutions to environmental issues when top-down solutions to environmental problems never work?

The answer to all of those questions is that many of the most influential people in the mainstream media are members of the CFR. In addition, virtually every major media outlet is controlled by one of a few major companies. The boards of directors of those companies have many interrelated members, many of whom are also members of the CFR.

The following chilling statements from top-level media insiders tell the story:

- “We are going to impose our agenda on the coverage by dealing with issues and subjects that we choose to deal with.” Richard M. Cohen, former senior producer, CBS Political News, as quoted in *Losing Your Illusions*, by Gordon Phillips
- “We paid \$3 billion for these television stations. We will decide what the news is. The news is what we tell you it is.” David Boylan, Fox News, as quoted in

Genetic Engineering, Food, and Our Environment, by Luke Anderson

- “Our job is to give people not what they want, but what we decide they ought to have.” Richard Salant, former president, CBS News, as quoted in *Losing Your Illusions*, by Gordon Phillips

It is sometimes difficult to understand the mindset of people who believe they have the authority to control the minds of others in this manner. Edward L. Bernays was considered the father of modern public relations. His philosophy provides a deep insight into the thinking process

“IF WE UNDERSTAND THE MECHANISM AND MOTIVES OF THE GROUP MIND, THE ELITE COULD CONTROL AND REGIMENT THE MASSES ACCORDING TO OUR WILL WITHOUT THEM KNOWING IT... JUST AS THE MOTORIST CAN REGULATE THE SPEED OF HIS CAR BY MANIPULATING THE FLOW OF GASOLINE.”⁶⁵

“THE DUTY OF THE HIGHER STRATA OF SOCIETY—THE CULTIVATED, THE LEARNED, THE EXPERT, THE INTELLECTUAL—IS THEREFORE CLEAR. THEY MUST INJECT MORAL AND SPIRITUAL MOTIVES INTO PUBLIC OPINION.”⁶⁶

Bernays



of those within the mass media companies, and all other surrogates, who believe that they, rather than the people, have the indigenous power. Bernays believed that he and other members of the elite were exactly the leaders needed to protect the people from their primitive, animal-like selves. Bernays and his brethren felt it was their role to “create man-made gods who assert subtle social control” to “bring order out of chaos.”⁶⁷

However, the ruling elite’s view of chaos is what others would call freedom. Our Founders created a country that would function like a chaordic organization, embracing both the chaos of competition and the order of cooperation. The citizens of the United States all owe them a huge debt of gratitude. Fortunately, the Founders were focused on creating a country where indigenous power was supreme. For more than 100 years, the country enjoyed freedom from rulers who think like Bernays. Unfortunately, those who

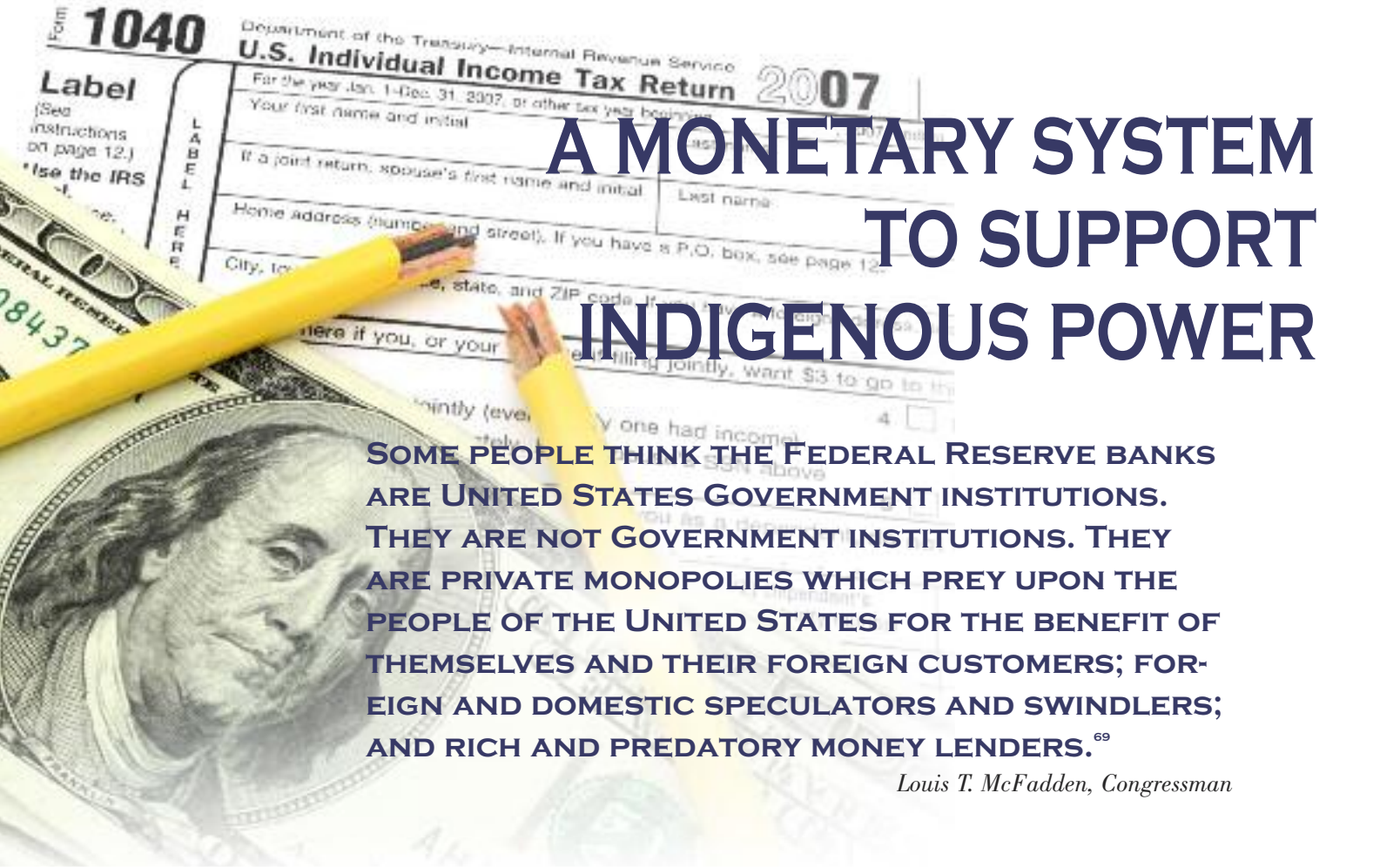
share this elitist philosophy have had the upper hand for the last several decades.

It is not the intent of this publication to frighten or discourage people by describing the full extent of the growth of surrogate power, but rather to educate. Knowledge is powerful. It gives people the strength, clarity of mind, and confidence to restore their indigenous power. It is very important to focus on the positive—the growth of freedom, love, and indigenous power. At the same time, however, it is dangerous to be totally ignorant of what the proponents of surrogate power are up to.

This is a battle between force and freedom, coercion and love, darkness and light. People have to know something about the darkness before they can bring in the light, otherwise they might be tripped before making it to the light switch. Once they understand and know how to utilize their indigenous power, they cannot fail.

“GOD HAS GIVEN TO MEN ALL THAT IS NECESSARY FOR THEM TO ACCOMPLISH THEIR DESTINIES. HE HAS PROVIDED A SOCIAL FORM AS WELL AS A HUMAN FORM. AND THESE SOCIAL ORGANS OF PERSONS ARE SO CONSTITUTED THAT THEY WILL DEVELOP THEMSELVES HARMONIOUSLY IN THE CLEAN AIR OF LIBERTY. AWAY, THEN, WITH QUACKS AND ORGANIZERS! AWAY WITH THEIR RINGS, CHAINS, HOOKS, AND PINNACLES! AWAY WITH THEIR ARTIFICIAL SYSTEMS! AWAY WITH THE WHIMS OF GOVERNMENTAL ADMINISTRATORS, THEIR SOCIALIZED PROJECTS, THEIR CENTRALIZATION, THEIR TARIFFS, THEIR GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS, THEIR STATE RELIGIONS, THEIR FREE CREDIT, THEIR BANK MONOPOLIES, THEIR REGULATIONS, THEIR RESTRICTIONS, THEIR EQUALIZATION BY TAXATION, AND THEIR PIOUS MORALIZATIONS! AND NOW THAT THE LEGISLATORS AND DO-GOODERS HAVE SO FUTILELY INFLICTED SO MANY SYSTEMS UPON SOCIETY, MAY THEY FINALLY END WHERE THEY SHOULD HAVE BEGUN: MAY THEY REJECT ALL SYSTEMS, AND TRY LIBERTY; FOR LIBERTY IS AN ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF FAITH IN GOD AND HIS WORKS.”⁶⁸

Frederic Bastiat



A MONETARY SYSTEM TO SUPPORT INDIGENOUS POWER

SOME PEOPLE THINK THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS ARE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT INSTITUTIONS. THEY ARE NOT GOVERNMENT INSTITUTIONS. THEY ARE PRIVATE MONOPOLIES WHICH PREY UPON THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES FOR THE BENEFIT OF THEMSELVES AND THEIR FOREIGN CUSTOMERS; FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC SPECULATORS AND SWINDLERS; AND RICH AND PREDATORY MONEY LENDERS.⁶⁹

Louis T. McFadden, Congressman

It could be argued that the single most important act of the Founders was to provide a sound monetary policy. Money must reflect real value. When a nation's money has no value the people lose power; those who control the monetary system can control the government and eventually have massive influence over the country's institutions.

The Founders clearly understood the agenda of bankers, and they frequently referred to them as "friends of paper money."⁷⁰ They mistrusted the Bank of England in particular, believing that even if they were successful in winning independence from England, the new country could never truly be a nation of free individuals unless it had an honest money system.

Through ignorance and apathy, former generations have allowed natural rights, liberties, and wealth to be plundered. Freedom has been handed over without resistance and paid for by *voluntary* tax contributions and the use of a debt-laden fiat currency.

The Founders established a system of coin money that was designed to prohibit the improper manipulation of the nation's medium of exchange while guaranteeing the power of the citizens' earnings. There is no more fundamental problem

in the country today than the current corrupt money system. It is virtually impossible for the people to be truly prosperous with the current debt-based system. It is also virtually impossible to have true indigenous power when politicians have been given the ability to borrow unlimited amounts of money.

"IF ALL BANK LOANS WERE PAID, THERE WOULD NOT BE A DOLLAR OF COIN OR CURRENCY IN CIRCULATION. SOMEONE HAS TO BORROW EVERY DOLLAR WE HAVE IN CIRCULATION. WE ARE ABSOLUTELY WITHOUT A PERMANENT MONEY SYSTEM."⁷¹

*Robert Hemphill,
Federal Reserve Bank, Atlanta*

The federal government has departed from the principle of coin money, as defined by the U.S. Constitution and the Mint Act of 1792, and granted unconstitutional control of the nation's monetary and banking system to the private Federal Reserve System.⁷² These violations now threaten our citizens' economic stability and survival.

“BY A CONTINUING PROCESS OF INFLATION, GOVERNMENTS CAN CONFISCATE, SECRETLY AND UNOBSERVED, AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE WEALTH OF THEIR CITIZENS. THERE IS NO SUBTLER, NO SURER MEANS OF OVERTURNING THE EXISTING BASIS OF SOCIETY THAN TO DEBAUCH THE CURRENCY. THE PROCESS ENGAGES ALL THE HIDDEN FORCES OF ECONOMIC LAW ON THE SIDE OF DESTRUCTION, AND DOES IT IN A MANNER WHICH NOT ONE MAN IN A MILLION IS ABLE TO DIAGNOSE.”⁷³

John Maynard Keynes

The Founders clearly understood the danger of allowing bankers to control the monetary system in this country. As James Madison wrote, “History records that the money changers have used every form of abuse, intrigue, deceit, and violent means possible to maintain their control over governments by controlling money and its issuance.”⁷⁴

According to John Adams, “All the perplexities, confusion and distress in America arise, not from defects in their Constitution or Confederation, not from want of honor or virtue, so much as from the downright ignorance of the nature of coin, credit and circulation.”⁷⁵ He was right. A government-managed educational system like ours will never reveal the truth about the fatally flawed monetary system. When the time comes to eliminate the current monetary system—and it will,

soon—there will need to be a substantial, well-educated group of citizens ready to implement an alternative. It is absolutely essential that the people understand this subject well enough to make sure that what has happened in this country never happens again.

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John Adams

This cannot be a sovereign nation, nor can the people enjoy their indigenous power, when a private corporation owns the central bank that controls the money-creation process of the nation. The power that has been given to a small group of individuals is so immense that calling the nation a free country under the current circumstances is an absurdity. If you don't believe this, please ponder these words from the President of the United States who signed the Federal Reserve Act in 1913. These remarks by President Wilson obviously show that he realized he had made an enormous mistake:

“A great industrial nation is controlled by its system of credit. Our system of credit is concentrated [in the Federal Reserve System]. The growth of the nation, therefore, and all our activities are in the hands of a few men.”⁷⁷

“We have come to be one of the worst ruled, one of the most completely controlled and dominated governments in the civilized world—no longer a government by free opinion, no longer a government by conviction and the vote of the majority, but a government by the opinion and duress of small groups of dominant men.”⁷⁸

The good news is that by returning to the monetary system envisioned by the Founders, inflation and potentially

all federal taxes, including the income tax, can be eliminated. By not requiring the federal government to borrow from the private Federal Reserve (instead, having the federal government re-assume its constitutional prerogative to create its own money), people would no longer have to pay interest on money they created themselves. The nation's people could also gain the right to charge commercial banks throughout the country a modest interest (say, 3 percent) on funds which they then loan to their customers. This interest, paid to the federal government, would be sufficient to pay for the essential, and constitutional, services provided by the federal government. There would be no need for an income tax, national retail sales tax, or any other kind of federal tax. This plan is fully explained by W. Cleon Skousen in *The Urgent Need for Comprehensive Monetary Reform* (see http://www.nccs.net/monetary_reform.html). This is just one of many proposed bottom-up solutions.

The following list of the current taxes provides a perspective of what has happened since the advent of the Federal Reserve. None of these taxes existed before the monetary and economic policies created under the influence of the owners of the Federal Reserve:⁷⁹ federal income tax, federal unemployment tax (FUTA), dog license tax, fishing license tax, food license tax, fuel permit tax, gasoline tax, hunting license tax, inheritance tax, inventory tax, IRS interest charges (tax on top of tax), IRS penalties (tax on top of tax), liquor tax, luxury tax, marriage license tax, Medicare tax, property tax, real estate tax, service charge taxes, Social Security tax, road usage tax (truckers), sales taxes, recreational vehicle tax, school tax, state income tax, state unemployment tax (SUTA), telephone federal excise tax, telephone federal universal service fee tax, telephone

surcharge taxes, telephone minimum usage surcharge tax, telephone recurring and non-recurring charges tax, telephone state and local tax, telephone usage charge tax, utility tax, vehicle license registration tax, vehicle sales tax, watercraft registration tax, well permit tax, and workers compensation tax.

It is a daunting list. Not one of these taxes existed 100 years ago, when the nation was the most prosperous in the world. There was no national debt,⁸⁰ the middle class was the largest in the world, and one parent could stay home to raise the children and police the neighborhoods.

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Thomas Jefferson

WELFARE AND INDIGENOUS POWER

“YOU CANNOT BRING ABOUT PROSPERITY BY DISCOURAGING THRIFT. YOU CANNOT STRENGTHEN THE WEAK BY WEAKENING THE STRONG. YOU CANNOT HELP THE WAGE EARNER BY PULLING DOWN THE WAGE PAYER. YOU CANNOT FURTHER THE BROTHERHOOD OF MAN BY ENCOURAGING CLASS HATRED. YOU CANNOT HELP THE POOR BY DESTROYING THE RICH. YOU CANNOT KEEP OUT OF TROUBLE BY SPENDING MORE THAN YOU EARN. YOU CANNOT BUILD CHARACTER AND COURAGE BY TAKING AWAY MAN’S INITIATIVE AND INDEPENDENCE. YOU CANNOT HELP MEN PERMANENTLY BY DOING FOR THEM WHAT THEY COULD AND SHOULD DO FOR THEMSELVES.”⁸²

William J. H. Boetcker

The people are endowed with life, liberty, property, and the right to pursue happiness. It is up to them, however, to care for the needy, the sick, the homeless, the aged, and those who are otherwise unable to care for themselves. It is an American tradition and the natural inclination of humans to help those in need.

As the nation shifts from a top-down model to a bottom-up model, the people will develop the institutions necessary to take care of everyone in need. These institutions existed in this country in the past and they can be recreated very quickly. However, these institutions should never be based on the principle of force.

Forced charity is an oxymoron. It is impossible to feel charitable when the government is confiscating money from one family to give it to another—especially when the federal government keeps over two-thirds of what is budgeted for welfare for its own bureaucracy. Right now, 72 percent of the federal tax money that goes to federal welfare programs stays with the bureaucracy in Washington, D.C.⁸³ That is right,

only 28 percent goes to the people who are supposed to get help. On the other hand, 75 to 80 percent of the money raised by many private charities goes directly to the people they are helping.⁸⁴

What does common sense reveal about those numbers? A system based on local, private, or faith-based organizations will do a much better job of taking care of those in need than the system in place today, and it will do so at a much lower cost.

It is amazing that food stamps have a depiction of the Founding Fathers signing the Declaration of Independence. What could be more ironic than linking dependency on the federal government for food with the independence for which our Founders fought? Redirecting resources from wasteful government bureaucracies to private organizations and local entities will provide for the basic needs of the people, without the federal government’s involvement.

In many cases, federal welfare provisions are not only misdirected, but morally destructive. Poverty has increased

as freedom has decreased. If you want to reduce poverty, you must increase freedom. This is a natural law proven over and over again throughout 5,000 years of history. Everything done through the government that could be done privately increases government power, raises taxes, and reduces freedom and opportunity.

Renewing American Compassion, by Marvin Olasky, provides historic evidence that the welfare system in this country before the federal government became involved was far more effective in improving the lives of those who needed help. This book also outlines workable and realistic plans for transitioning from the current top-down, wasteful, ineffective welfare system to a bottom-up system that will work.

For example, as unconstitutional and wasteful federal programs are being phased out, every county could find volunteers to take part in mentor/sponsor teams for people in need. The teams' priority would be to help individuals who cannot support themselves find work in the community so that they do not have to go on welfare. Those who are already in the system would work with their mentor/sponsor team to develop a plan to get off of welfare as soon as possible.

This type of solution is based on natural human compassion, which drives the desire to help others. The meaning of compassion is "to suffer with."⁸⁵ Compassion is a personal response to another being's situation. It is a voluntary action and cannot be forced. This is the essence of why government-driven welfare, charity, or compassion will never work.

There are many people in every community who would be willing to take on these challenges, and they would do it for free out of the goodness of their hearts. Just consider the success of Habitat for Humanity, a private volunteer organization that has built over 300,000 houses around the world, providing more than 1.5 million people in 3,000 communities with safe, decent, affordable shelter.⁸⁶ People in every community are willing to voluntarily donate time, money, and skills to help others.

The mentor/sponsor team program would draw on community support to keep an individual or family out of the welfare system. As an incentive, the resulting reduction in welfare payments to the county could be matched with a reduction in the county's state sales tax rate for the following year. The creation of this community-based infrastructure is the first step to eliminating the incredibly wasteful and destructive role of the federal welfare bureaucracy.

To phase out federal programs, the bureaucracy can be cut first, rather than cutting payments to recipients. At the same time, proven community models can be developed. This will save enormous amounts of money for every American family and community, providing more wealth and resources for helping those in need.

The next step would be to phase out unnecessary state programs, which would provide additional savings for the taxpayers and further reduce the number of people who have to experience the vicious cycle of welfare dependency.

The goal of any program created to help people should ultimately be to help individuals and families increase their indigenous power. Dependency increases surrogate power; self-sufficiency increases indigenous power.

“THE WAR AGAINST ILLEGAL PLUNDER HAS BEEN FOUGHT SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE WORLD...BUT HOW IS LEGAL PLUNDER TO BE IDENTIFIED? QUITE SIMPLY. SEE IF THE LAW TAKES FROM SOME PERSONS WHAT BELONGS TO THEM, AND GIVES IT TO OTHER PERSONS TO WHOM IT DOES NOT BELONG. SEE IF THE LAW BENEFITS ONE CITIZEN AT THE EXPENSE OF ANOTHER BY DOING WHAT THE CITIZEN HIMSELF CANNOT DO WITHOUT COMMITTING A CRIME. THEN ABOLISH THIS LAW WITHOUT DELAY...IF SUCH A LAW IS NOT ABOLISHED IMMEDIATELY, IT WILL SPREAD: MULTIPLY AND DEVELOP INTO A SYSTEM.”⁸⁷

Frederic Bastiat

THE ENVIRONMENT AND INDIGENOUS POWER



“IN A MINDLESS, CRIMINALLY NEGLIGENT PROCESS, WE Poured RESOURCES INTO MILITARY EXPANSION BOTH AT HOME AND ABROAD WITHOUT ANY REGARD FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSEQUENCES. POLLUTION WAS IGNORED ON THE GROUNDS THAT ‘NATIONAL SECURITY’ TOOK ABSOLUTE PRIORITY OVER ALL OTHER CONSIDERATIONS.”⁸⁸

Admiral Eugene Carroll, U.S. Navy (Retired)

Surrogates rarely demonstrate any responsibility for the condition of the environment. In general, the history of government as a protector of the environment is very poor. There is a direct relationship between a citizenry’s indigenous power and a country’s environmental health. The more indigenous power, the less destruction of the environment. You will generally find that those countries where surrogate power has usurped indigenous power have the worst track records for environmental destruction.

The U.S. government has a horrible track record in regard to the environment. However, most of the major environmental organizations in the country raise millions of dollars and spend the vast majority of that money lobbying government,

rather than spending it directly on projects that would immediately provide a positive impact on the environment.

It is astonishing that people in America think that the government would be a good protector of the environment when the fact is that the government is the worst polluter in the country!⁸⁹

It is true. Government, both federal and local, is the single greatest polluter in the U.S. The sad reality is that surrogate power is so out of control in this country that this polluter literally gets away with murder because of sovereign immunity:

- In 1988 the EPA demanded that the Departments of Energy and Defense clean up 17 of their weapons

“THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS AMERICA’S BIGGEST POLLUTER AND THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE IS THE GOVERNMENT’S WORST OFFENDER...THE PENTAGON IS RESPONSIBLE FOR MORE THAN 21,000 POTENTIALLY CONTAMINATED SITES AND, ACCORDING TO THE EPA, THE MILITARY MAY HAVE POISONED AS MUCH AS 40 MILLION ACRES, A LITTLE LARGER THAN FLORIDA. THAT RESULT MIGHT BE CONSIDERED AN ACT OF WAR IF COMMITTED BY A FOREIGN POWER.”⁹⁰

Robert F. Kennedy Jr.

plants, which were leaking radioactive and toxic chemicals, causing enough contamination to cost \$100 billion in clean-up costs over 50 years! No bureaucrats went to jail or were sued for damages. Government departments have sovereign immunity.⁹¹

- In 1984, a Utah court ruled that the U.S. military was negligent in its nuclear testing, causing serious health problems (e.g., death) for the people exposed to radioactive fallout. The U.S. Court of Appeals dismissed the claims of the victims because government employees have sovereign immunity.⁹²
- Hooker Chemical begged the Niagara Falls School Board not to excavate the land where Hooker had safely stored toxic chemical waste. The school board ignored these warnings and taxpayers had to foot a \$30 million relocation bill when health problems arose. The EPA filed suit, not against the reckless school board, but against Hooker Chemical! Government officials have sovereign immunity.⁹³

Unfortunately, there are many, many examples like these. It is simply common sense not to rely on the fox to protect the hen house.

Currently, government employees and government contractors have immunity from liability for the environmental damage they create.⁹⁴ It is absolutely crucial that this immunity be eliminated.

There is no question that the Founders would have required the originators of environmental damage, regardless of who they were, to pay for the costs of correcting that damage. After all, why should individuals who work on behalf of governments or corporations be allowed greater rights than other individuals? Restorative justice—making full use of civil law and civil courts—would do more to restore the environment than any federal government program ever devised.

Changing government from a top-down to a bottom-up system will play a critical part in eliminating institutional resistance to environmentally friendly technologies. Indigenous power and environmental protection are not only compatible, they are essential to each other. The fundamental principles of a free society are based on an understanding of natural law. That understanding provides a model for restructuring institutions for maximum personal evolution, as well as resolving environmental problems.

It is already happening without the help of the government. Buildings are now being built according to natural principles that do not create pollution. Farming methods that mimic nature allow crops to be profitably grown without damaging the environment. Manufacturing processes based on observing natural processes are already gaining acceptance.

Moving away from a top-down system will also result in the elimination of government subsidies, which are destructive to the environment. Federal subsidies to the oil, gas, and coal industries have kept fossil fuel prices low, discouraging the development of cleaner alternatives. Federal subsidies to agriculture encourage farmers to cultivate their lands to the hilt. This has resulted in larger farms and more intense applications of fertilizers, pesticides, and herbicides, with sometimes disastrous results for neighbors downstream.⁹⁵ Therefore, the elimination of all agricultural subsidies as well as all government subsidies to the oil, gas, and coal industries is essential to preserving the environment.

At the same time, it is up to each individual to make environmentally sound decisions. Everything makes a difference, from what light bulbs you use to how well insulated your home is to what vehicle you choose to drive. Fortunately, in almost every instance there is an economic incentive already built into being environmentally aware. For example, insulation retrofits on homes usually pay for themselves within 18 months.⁹⁶ After that, it is pure profit.

If properly done, community-based financial incentives that encourage individuals to be more environmentally conscious can have wide community support and foster good relations among people who are working together to improve the quality of their community. For instance, in 2007 National Public Radio (NPR) reported that over 600 communities are taking it upon themselves to reduce pollution on their own.

These individuals and communities are doing exactly what they should be doing: cleaning up their environment from the bottom up. Unfortunately, the report insinuates that the federal government should be taking the initiative. Grand schemes from the top down, however, just don't work and in many cases create more damage to the environment.

“MAYORS ACROSS THE NATION ARE TRYING TO DO SOMETHING MEANINGFUL IN THEIR COMMUNITIES TO ADDRESS CLIMATE CHANGE. MORE THAN 600 HAVE PLEDGED TO TRY TO MEET THE TARGET FOR CUTTING GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS SET BY THE KYOTO PROTOCOL, EVEN THOUGH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WON’T MAKE THE COMMITMENT.”⁹⁷

National Public Radio, “All Things Considered,” July 31, 2007

The involvement of world government in the management of environmental issues, including global warming, will be even more counterproductive than relying on the federal government. The Kyoto Protocol, for example, results in a loss of money and sovereignty for all the so-called developed nations that participate, while giving incentives to the worst polluters to do nothing to improve.

So what is it really about? At this level, it’s always about money. The Kyoto plan will require developing nations to pay potentially hundreds of billions of dollars to underdeveloped nations by means of purchasing excess carbon credits. Those credits are not to be paid or bought directly from one nation to another. Powerful financial institutions will facilitate the exchange process and extend additional carbon credit loans to developing countries. This serves as yet another way for countries to remain indebted to the central banks.

Top-down, command-and-control, force-based schemes, politically and financially motivated by the special interests who control political entities like the EPA, FDA, and the U.N., will never accomplish their altruistic stated goals. They will, in fact, just make matters worse.

Consider the difference in environmental quality between West Germany and East Germany before they were united, and between North Korea and South Korea. In North Korea and East

Germany, where the people had absolutely no ability to demand anything, environmental damage has been extreme compared to their free counterparts.⁹⁸ In a free society, the people have at least some control over the situation and will demand some level of action regarding damage to the environment.

A government that has no accountability to the people is never a good steward of the environment. Enlivening civil law and recognizing the legal rights of individuals as paramount will provide the best chance to protect against continuing degradation of the environment. Whenever possible, individuals and communities must be given the primary responsibility to make decisions (such as if and where to allow the placement of a Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation). Common sense demands that the primacy of individuals and communities be honored over top-down, government-imposed restrictions and exemptions favoring the powerful.

Fortunately, a revolutionary and evolutionary way of approaching environmental problems that is more in tune with the bottom-up approach is beginning to take hold in this country. As people move in this direction, they are finding much more effective solutions to environmental problems. They are coming together in a non-coercive manner to create alternative institutions, rather than relying on regulatory agencies to solve environmental problems.

There are many examples of this new principle in action. One is the Lobster Coalition, which is one of the country’s most interesting experiments in cooperative self-government. A coalition of lobster fishermen, restaurant owners, environmentalists, and other interested parties are working together to protect and preserve Maine’s lobster market. Reporter Alan Ehrenhalt described the group’s efforts in *Lessons From the Lobster Legislature*:

“More than 7,000 individuals are engaged in lobster fishing in Maine. In a good year, they bring in 50 million pounds of crustaceans, worth half a billion dollars—roughly 2 percent of the gross state product. So the health of the industry is central to Maine’s economy. Of course, when things are good in the industry, anyone can enter the business, and that is exactly what has happened in Maine in the past. Before long the number of lobsters begins to dwindle, and there are not enough to support the families who are dependent on that way of life.

“...This is a classic problem of the commons, a situation in which the relentless pursuit of self-interest by members of a community eventually destroys the livelihood

of everyone within it. But it is now a different story in Maine. The lobster coalition created local legislative bodies that made regulatory decisions without bureaucratic input from Washington, D.C. The group divided the state into seven lobster-fishing zones. Each zone contains between eight and 14 districts, and every district has 100 licensed fishermen. The job of each of these units is to cooperate in crafting rules that will prevent overfishing and stave off the dreaded intrusion of the federal bureaucrats.

“The first thing the local legislative bodies did was to agree that they wouldn’t put a limit on fish; instead, they would put a limit on the number of traps each fisherman could put in the water. A form of grassroots government created in

response to a difficult situation has been able to make hard political choices that have eluded mainstream government.”⁹⁹

This is an example of solving a serious environmental problem without coercion. It represents an incredibly important and positive development for the environment and the people’s freedom. The irrefutable conclusion when comparing top-down coercive environmental programs with these non-coercive bottom-up approaches is that the bottom-up approach is actually more effective at dealing with the environment. The constant struggle between environmentalists on the one side and property owners and freedom lovers on the other side will disappear once there is a paradigm shift to a bottom-up approach to governing.

“IN ALL THAT I’VE HEARD ABOUT THE ANIMAL CONFINEMENT ISSUE, I FIND THAT PEOPLE ON BOTH SIDES CAN’T SEE THE FOREST FOR THE TREES...IN PROMOTING REGULATION OF THE LIVESTOCK BUSINESS THE ANTI-CORPORATE PEOPLE HAVE TRANSFERRED THE RESPONSIBILITY OF PEOPLE TO GOVERNMENT. THIS FACT HAS, IN EVERY CASE, WORKED AGAINST THE ANTI-CORPORATE CAUSE. THEY SHOOT THEMSELVES IN THE FOOT AND GO ON LIKE MIND-NUMBED ROBOTS DEMANDING MORE GOVERNMENT INTERVENTION IN OUR LIVES. THE CORPORATES SMILE ALL THE WAY TO THE LAGOON AS THEY SEE THE RIGHTS OF THE PEOPLE HANDED TO GOVERNMENT AND INDEPENDENT FARMERS QUIT. THEIR BUILDINGS KEEP GOING UP AND THERE’S NOTHING WE CAN DO, BECAUSE PROPERTY RIGHTS HAVE BECOME A FORGOTTEN CONCEPT. IF THEIR STENCH POLLUTES OUR PICNIC WE CAN’T COMPLAIN, BECAUSE THEY’VE COMPLIED WITH THE REGULATIONS WE BEGGED FOR, AND THE LEGISLATURE PASSED TO BUY VOTES. IN A WORLD WITHOUT ALL THESE REGULATIONS, THE STENCH WOULD BE CALLED AN INFRINGEMENT ON PROPERTY RIGHTS, THE BUILDING WOULDN’T HAVE BEEN BUILT, AND THE PICNIC WOULDN’T STINK.”¹⁰⁰

Fritz Grotzkruger, Farmer

EDUCATION AND INDIGENOUS POWER

“THE AIM OF PUBLIC EDUCATION IS NOT TO SPREAD ENLIGHTENMENT AT ALL; IT IS SIMPLY TO REDUCE AS MANY INDIVIDUALS AS POSSIBLE TO THE SAME SAFE LEVEL, TO BREED A STANDARD CITIZENRY, TO PUT DOWN DISSENT AND ORIGINALITY.”¹⁰¹

H.L. Mencken

Individuals are as different as leaves on a tree. Each can do one special thing better and with less effort and more joy than anyone else on the planet. The goal of education should be to help students find out what their unique potential is and then help them develop it.

However, the nation’s federally run schools do not focus on developing individual potential. The result is a deep dissatisfaction among young people, which in turn leads to drug abuse, crime, depression, and societal breakdown. It is vital that education in this country be restructured and that it be done on the local level. The federal government will never create the kind of education needed. Parents must be involved, and local communities must have the freedom to develop education in the way that works best for them.

When it comes to education, look at the motivation of those in charge. At the local level the parents have one primary goal: to see that their children receive a great education that prepares them to be successful, happy, and prosperous human beings who are using their full potential. That is what any parent wants for his or her child.

Government's number one priority is to maintain its own power. The best way to do this is to create citizens who conform. Citizens who are too bright and too well educated may ask too many questions and challenge the accepted order.

So is it any surprise that because the federal government has taken more authority over our education, our education system is now ranked number 21 out of 21 of the developed nations of the world?¹⁰² Or that a huge percentage of young

children are placed on psycho-active drugs for an endless number of disorders? Or that children are being dumbed down by the entire experience of public education? Or that they learn that the great presidents were the ones who greatly expanded the federal government and the worst were those who attempted to contain the growth of government?

For many years, the United States has operated under the fallacy that the more money spent on education, the better it will get. This just isn’t true. The amount spent per student has continued to increase,¹⁰³ and yet, the quality of education has declined. In fact, there is increasing evidence that home-schooled students are outperforming all others on tests and in college classrooms.¹⁰⁴

The politicians who run the public schools keep creating new regulations and mandating new programs. As these are imposed on local schools, there is more bureaucracy and less innovation, more red tape and less creativity, and more resources are spent on regulatory requirements. So the cost of education goes up and the quality of education goes down.

As former Education Secretary Gary Bauer pointed out during his 2000 campaign, more than 75 percent of our tax money that goes to the federal government for education stays in Washington, D.C., to pay bureaucrats.¹⁰⁵

How could parents believe that those bureaucrats are helping to educate their kids? The bureaucrats spend most of their time thinking about how to increase the size of their department, not about teaching the children.

The U.S. Department of Education should be abolished. No money for education should be given to the federal government. It should have no role whatsoever in educating children. The resulting tax savings would mean more money at the local level to educate children the way parents choose.

Allowing local communities to choose the education model that best fits their situation will dramatically improve the quality of education. Many superb models exist throughout the United States and the world. Every community can choose among the very best programs available, without the federal or state government imposing a system that by its very nature requires uniformity. Educators could attend statewide conferences that focus on the most successful education technologies. By doing so, the state would have a low-cost, minimalist role in facilitating the most intelligent choices for each community. The marketplace of ideas will rule, instead of a centralized government. This will dramatically reduce taxes and allow people's funds to directly support their local schools.

Charter schools are an excellent example of a bottom-up education system. These are publicly funded schools run by parents, educators, and sometimes companies. A 2001 study by the Rand Corporation found that with charter schools, parents are more satisfied, children are well integrated, and academic achievement tends to grow after the child's first year. The report also suggests that to ensure that an adequate supply of charter schools are available, multiple chartering authorities should exist. The most successful charter schools are generally in states with laws that provide local communities and parents the most freedom.¹⁰⁶

Charter schools are just one of many models for improving education at the community level. Once the fundamental principle of bottom-up government is reestablished, there will be flexibility to consider the full range of models that have been successfully implemented in communities throughout the world. Local educators, school boards, and especially the parents will create the best educational environment for their students when given the freedom to develop what they feel is the best system. By understanding and implementing the vision of a free society, unencumbered by surrogate power, it

is possible to implement an educational system that will be envied and unrivaled throughout the world.

The current educational program run by the federal government has its roots in the General Education Board, which was founded in 1902 by John Rockefeller.¹⁰⁷ The following two quotes shed some light on the process occurring within our government-run schools. From these statements it's clear that the reason young people are losing sight of the natural law-based concept of indigenous power is because they are purposely being taught the ideology of surrogate power.

From the General Education Board's first newsletter:

"In our dreams, we have limitless resources and the people yield themselves with perfect docility to our molding hands. The present education conventions fade from their minds, and unhampered by tradition, we work our own good will upon a grateful and responsive rural folk. We shall not try to make these people or any of their children into philosophers or men of learning, or men of science. We have not to raise up from among them authors, editors, poets or men of letters. We shall not search for embryo great artists, painters, musicians nor lawyers, doctors, preachers, politicians, statesmen, of whom we have an ample supply...The task we set before ourselves is very simple as well as a very beautiful one, to train these people as we find them to a perfectly ideal life just where they are. So we will organize our children and teach them to do in a perfect way the things their fathers and mothers are doing in an imperfect way, in the homes, in the shops and on the farm."¹⁰⁸

From *The New York Times*, regarding the General Education Board's proposed experimental school at Columbia:

"Unblushing materialism finds its crowning triumph in the theory of the modern school. In the whole plan there is not a spiritual thought, not an idea that rises above the need of finding money for the pocket and food for the belly...It is a matter of instant inquiry, for very sober consideration, whether the General Education Board, indeed, may not with the immense funds at its disposal be able to shape to its will practically all the institutions in which the youth of the country are trained."¹⁰⁹

HEALTH CARE AND INDIGENOUS POWER



“THE CURE FOR THESE PROBLEMS? REMOVE THE STATE BACKING FROM THE AMA AND FDA, AND UNLEASH THE POWER AND CREATIVITY OF THE FREE MARKET. MANY PEOPLE HAVE BEEN BRAINWASHED INTO THINKING THE STATE PROTECTS THEM. THE TRUTH IS THE EXACT OPPOSITE.”¹¹⁰

Bob Wallace

One of the biggest fallacies regarding the health care discussion in America is the notion that individuals are not responsible for their own health, but rather that responsibility falls on someone else or on some institution. The related foolishness is that cradle-to-grave health care is somehow a natural right. There is no natural right that involves the forcible confiscation of one person’s assets by the government to pay for another person’s needs.

It is each individual’s responsibility to take care of his or her own health. Why would one who has neglected one’s health have the right to demand that someone else pay for one’s lack of self-responsibility?

The health care system in this country is not based on common sense. Common sense would dictate that each individual’s health care efforts should focus on remaining healthy. However, under the current health system, health care resources are directed toward taking care of problems after they have manifested as a disease or injury. This is extremely expensive and lacks common sense. It is, however, a great system for the medical and pharmaceutical industries. These powerful industries hire lobbyists to influence all of the nation’s federal and state health policies to maximize their profit.

In 2008, health care spending in the United States reached \$2.4 trillion, and was projected to reach \$3.1 trillion in 2012. Health care spending is projected to reach \$4.3 trillion by 2016.¹¹¹ In 2008, the United States spent 17 per-

cent of its gross domestic product on health care. It is projected that it will reach 20 percent by 2017.¹¹² Although nearly 46 million Americans are uninsured,¹¹³ we spend six times more per capita on the administration of the health care system than our peer Western European nations.¹¹⁴ Even those families who have insurance are finding that health care costs are an increasing burden to already strained family budgets.

Proposals for socialized medicine are worse than the disease. These plans would increase costs, destroy jobs, impose broad new taxes on the American people, and lead to the rationing of care. The only health care reforms that are likely to have a significant impact on America’s health care problems are those that draw on the strength of the free market and individual responsibility. As with virtually everything in this country, the health care industry has suffered from centralization.

Individuals are ultimately responsible for their own health, and families are responsible for family members unable or unwilling to take care of their own health. The community is next in line for taking care of the health concerns of its citizens. State government should be involved only to the extent that the citizens want it to be involved, and the federal government should not be involved in health care at all.

Essentially, government policies have been responsible for rising health costs and the unavailability of health

care services. The people of America can help lower health care costs and expand health care access by taking immediate steps to deregulate the health care industry, including elimination of mandated benefits, repeal of the Certificate-of-Need program, and expansion of the scope of practice for nonphysician health professionals.

Within the current Medicare and Medicaid systems, costs are skyrocketing.¹¹⁵ About 1.5 million families lose their homes to foreclosure every year due to unaffordable medical costs.¹¹⁶ The first step should be a restructuring of the system to give Medicaid and Medicare recipients more flexibility to purchase private health insurance.

Another positive step would be the elimination of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). The regulatory agencies of other countries are able to safeguard their citizens for far less money and still allow innovative products to enter the marketplace. The FDA has probably protected fewer people than it has let die waiting for new therapies to come to market. In addition, it is a significant factor in the cost of bringing drugs to market, a process that can cost a manufacturer more than \$200 million.¹¹⁷

There is little evidence that the agency offers Americans any real protection, but there is massive evidence that it is causing great harm by driving up health care costs and depriving millions of Americans of the medicine they need. The FDA should be replaced by a voluntary certification system run by private-sector organizations, similar to the way Underwriters Laboratories certifies electrical appliances.

There are many ways to reduce the costs of health care and simultaneously increase quality and choice. One critical measure is to expand the scope of services offered by health care professionals other than physicians. One

excellent example is having midwives provide prenatal care and attend deliveries. In Europe, midwives assist more than 70% of natural births. In 2003, midwives delivered only 7% of American babies. Midwives see these women from the beginning of their pregnancies onward, helping them to remain healthy and deliver healthy babies. The rate of problematic births is significantly lower in Europe than it is in America. The cost of the European system is significantly less as well.¹¹⁸

Our current system offers no real choice for the patient. Each individual must have freedom of choice of practitioner and treatment, and absolute say over the care of his or her body. If a person feels a particular treatment is the best one for him or her, he or she must have the freedom to make that decision.

A health care system that would help people help themselves would involve education in proper diet, exercise, rest, stress management, environmental concerns, and other prevention-oriented knowledge. Communities could offer these types of courses through adult education programs and the schools. Hundreds of private companies already offer excellent preventative health educational programs as part of training programs for their distributors and customers.

This is a private or a community function and should not involve federal funding. If the people of a particular state want state government to be involved, it could play a minimal role by offering knowledge and support, and creating a communications infrastructure for sharing information about successful preventative health programs in communities around the state.

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“BUT WE LIVE IN AN ERA OF UNBRIDLED GOVERNMENT REGULATION OF BOTH OUR PERSONAL LIVES AND THE ECONOMY, AND FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION BUREAUCRATS BURN TO REGULATE SUPPLEMENTS IN THE SAME MANNER AS PRESCRIPTION DRUGS.

“THE HEALTH NANNIES INSIST THAT MANY DIETARY SUPPLEMENTS ARE UNTESTED AND UNPROVEN, AND THEREFORE DANGEROUS. BUT THE TRACK RECORD FOR FDA-APPROVED DRUGS HARDLY INSPIRES CONFIDENCE. IN FACT, FAR MORE AMERICANS HAVE DIED USING APPROVED PHARMACEUTICALS THAN SUPPLEMENTS. NOT EVERY DIETARY SUPPLEMENT PERFORMS AS CLAIMED, BUT NEITHER DOES EVERY FDA DRUG.”¹¹⁹

Ron Paul, M.D., U.S. Congressman



FOREIGN RELATIONS, DEFENSE AND INDIGENOUS POWER

**“I HOPE OUR WISDOM WILL GROW WITH OUR POWER,
AND TEACH US THAT THE LESS WE USE OUR POWER
THE GREATER IT WILL BE.”¹²⁰**

Thomas Jefferson

There was a strong consensus among the Founders about foreign relations that was based on their experience, wisdom, and common sense. They certainly did not believe in pacifism and they knew that the nation could not appear weak to potential adversaries. They also knew that your friend's enemy becomes your enemy, so they advocated having a strong defense combined with a foreign policy that would keep the country out of foreign entanglements. It was not a policy of isolationism. They believed in commerce and friendship with all nations.

The idea, in fact, was to be fully engaged with all nations in commerce without getting involved in the alliances and wars that plagued the rest of the world. The hope was that the United States would set an example as a free nation that did not get involved in wars unless attacked. With that policy in place, people of other nations would strongly desire the peace and prosperity of America and follow its example, thus creating a free, prosperous, and more peaceful world.

The idea of a strong defense was balanced with the belief that a large standing army was also a danger to the peace of any nation. Those who insisted on including the phrase, "a well regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free state,"¹²¹ in the bill of rights had a well founded fear of standing armies.¹²²

Instead of a large standing army, the Founders wanted a strong militia, and the militia, they believed, consisted of all of the people. The Second Amendment is not

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Benjamin Franklin

just about the right to bear arms, it is also about having a citizenry that is armed, well trained, and organized to come to the defense of the nation if necessary.

The fundamental philosophy of the Founders toward other nations is just as valid today as it was 230 years ago. Its basic principle is the Golden Rule: Do unto others as you would have them do unto you. While the wording might be slightly different in various countries, religions, and cultures, this same principle is found in every major religious and spiritual tradition:

- Christianity: “Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets.” Matthew 7:12, King James Bible

- Confucianism: “Do not do to others what you do not want them to do to you.” Analects 15:23
- Hinduism: “This is the sum of duty: do not do to others what would cause pain if done to you.” Mahabharata 5:1517
- Islam: “None of you [truly] believes until he wishes for his brother what he wishes for himself.” Number 13 of Imam Al-Nawawi’s Forty Hadiths
- Judaism: “...thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.” Leviticus 19:18
- Buddhism: “...a state that is not pleasing or delightful to me, how could I inflict that upon another?” Samyutta Nikaya v. 353

This is a rule that applies as much to nations, which are made up of individuals, as it does to individuals. This is the fundamental policy that needs to be followed today.

Many argue that the world is more dangerous today because of advanced weapons technologies, terrorism, biological weapons, scarce resources, and so on. It is precisely

“THERE IS A RANK DUE TO THE UNITED STATES AMONG NATIONS, WHICH WILL BE WITHHELD, IF NOT ABSOLUTELY LOST, BY THE REPUTATION OF WEAKNESS. IF WE DESIRE TO AVOID INSULT, WE MUST BE ABLE TO REPEL IT; IF WE DESIRE TO SECURE PEACE, ONE OF THE MOST POWERFUL INSTRUMENTS OF OUR RISING PROSPERITY, IT MUST BE KNOWN THAT WE ARE AT ALL TIMES READY FOR WAR.”¹²⁴

George Washington

because of all these factors that the United States, the most powerful nation on earth militarily, must set an example that creates less volatility and acrimony in the world.

The words that best described the nation’s original foreign policy and the policy that should be pursued now were spoken by Thomas Jefferson during his first inaugural address in 1801: “Peace, commerce, and honest friendship with all nations, entangling alliances with none.” Unfortunately, this is not the policy that has been followed in the last century.

Ever since the proponents of surrogate power took over the country, the government has grown in excess of constitutional boundaries on all levels. The nation is now involved militarily all over the world. Defense spending, added to all of the unconstitutional domestic programs, has bankrupted the country and made its people much more fearful and vulnerable to attacks.

As Douglas MacArthur said, “Our country is now geared to an arms economy bred in an artificially induced psychosis of war hysteria and an incessant propaganda of fear.”¹²⁵

Does this sound familiar to the situation today? No one could say that Douglas MacArthur didn’t know what he was talking about. Immediately after John Kennedy’s assassination, MacArthur strongly encouraged Lyndon Johnson to get out of Vietnam while he still could. On his death bed in Walter Reed Hospital, the General begged Lyndon Johnson to stay out of Vietnam.¹²⁶

The CIA and other covert government organizations have fomented revolutions, organized coups, and ordered assassinations of leaders who were not in harmony with the U.S./U.N. agenda (see *Confessions of an Economic Hitman*, by John Perkins). Coercion and force have been used to interfere in the affairs of other nations for the last 60 years, yet people wonder why others hate the United States. At the same time, the current administration has the gall to say the U.S. is hated because it is free!

The powerful interests who benefit from a constant state of war must maintain a climate of fear. In order for them to do this, the public must be ignorant of the country’s true actions. To learn more about this, every American of voting age should read Michael Scheuer’s book, *Imperial Hubris, Why the West is Losing the War on Terror*. (Scheuer is a former U.S. CIA officer and was in charge of the agency’s Osama bin Laden unit.) Apathy and ignorance of the impact of the country’s actions on other nations and cultures have allowed surrogates to take control of U.S. foreign policy.

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Michael Scheuer, Imperial Hubris, Why the West is Losing the War on Terror

Dwight Eisenhower told the country that “we must never let the weight of the military-industrial complex endanger our liberties or democratic processes.”¹²⁸ His famous speech originally referred to “the military-industrial-congressional complex” but his advisors convinced him to delete the word “congressional.”¹²⁹ Eisenhower was clearly concerned about what already existed and was continuing to grow stronger: an extremely powerful group that benefited from war and that was easily able to buy influence in government.

This is the situation currently endangering the people’s safety. Remember, the federal government is the people’s surrogate. The people must take back control of their surrogate for many reasons, but retaking control of foreign policy is crucial. The 9/11 Commission Report says that “the American homeland is the planet.”¹³⁰ To defend this “homeland,” the United States funds more than 5,429 military bases¹³¹ with 1,379,551 soldiers,¹³² 369,000 of them stationed throughout more than 150 countries.¹³³ This is the greatest military colossus ever forged.

How did a nation start out with such a sane foreign policy and then become involved in a completely insane foreign policy that is not only making the world more dangerous but also creating an exponentially growing debt bubble that will inevitably cause an economic collapse? In the 1820s the very perceptive Alexis de Tocqueville wrote: “Hence it is chiefly in war that nations desire, and frequently need, to increase the powers of

the central government. All men of military genius are fond of centralization, which increases their strength; and all men of centralizing genius are fond of war, which compels nations to combine all their powers in the hands of the government. Thus the democratic tendency that leads men unceasingly to multiply the privileges of the state and to circumscribe the rights of private persons is much more rapid and constant among those democratic nations that are exposed by their position to great and frequent wars than among all others.”¹³⁴

A foreign policy based on our founding principles would increase harmony throughout the world. What would such a foreign policy look like going forward? All alliances and treaties with foreign countries would be eliminated, as would all foreign aid. In addition, the nation would immediately withdraw from the United Nations and encourage all other nations to do the same. The country’s leaders would meet with the leaders of other nations and let them know that the U.S. will not be meddling in their affairs and that the U.S. is willing to replace the U.N. with a non-coercive arbitration organization to enhance harmonious relationships between countries. This organization would have absolutely no enforcement role, no troops, no police, no guns, no courts, and no intelligence agencies. It would have a charter based on the principles of the Declaration of Independence, totally dedicated to the proposition that every individual on the planet is a sovereign with indigenous power and that all governments are surrogates that can be replaced at any time by the individuals within that country. The World Bank, World Trade Organization, World Court, International Monetary Fund, and all the other spawn of the current United Nations would be dissolved. Withdrawal of U.S. troops from other nations would also begin.

The result would be a lessening of tensions with other nations. Once the process of withdrawing U.S. troops from other nations has begun, and it is understood that the U.S. is serious, the fear and level of animosity in the world will decrease. The U.S. could then start to phase out additional bases around the world and bring even more of its troops home. This will allow our nation to have a stronger defense at a far lower cost, making the U.S. virtually invincible. The book, *World War One*, by Richard Maybury does an extraordinary job of explaining how our country got away from the principle of neutrality and into a belief that we have to be the world’s policeman. It also explains how we can have an invincible defense in America for a small fraction of our current military budget.

This is all common sense. The problem is the fear-mongering of those who benefit from war and the threat of war. The nation is now governed by powerful interests who have purchased their position of control. It is in their interests to keep people afraid and angry at some foreign enemy. Even better for them is a worldwide, never-ending war on terror. This is the perfect war for the military-industrial-congressional complex.

The following quote should be placed on the bathroom mirror of every American citizen, so they can see it every day

“NATURALLY THE COMMON PEOPLE DON’T WANT WAR. NEITHER IN RUSSIA, NOR IN ENGLAND, NOR FOR THAT MATTER IN GERMANY. THAT IS UNDERSTOOD. BUT, AFTER ALL, IT IS THE LEADERS OF THE COUNTRY WHO DETERMINE THE POLICY AND IT IS ALWAYS A SIMPLE MATTER TO DRAG THE PEOPLE ALONG, WHETHER IT IS A DEMOCRACY, OR A FASCIST DICTATORSHIP, OR A PARLIAMENT, OR A COMMUNIST DICTATORSHIP. VOICE OR NO VOICE, THE PEOPLE CAN ALWAYS BE BROUGHT TO THE BIDDING OF THE LEADERS. THAT IS EASY. ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS TELL THEM THEY ARE BEING ATTACKED, AND DENOUNCE THE PEACEMAKERS FOR LACK OF PATRIOTISM AND EXPOSING THE COUNTRY TO DANGER. IT WORKS THE SAME IN ANY COUNTRY.”¹³⁵

*Hermann Goering, Hitler's Successor,
Commander of the German Air Force*

of their lives as a reminder of the propaganda machine that they are exposed to daily in all mainstream media.

Perhaps an even better place to put this quote would be on each television screen.

Thankfully, Americans are beginning to wake up to the disastrous effects of the current government policies. Ultimately, as the dollar declines in value, the countries and investors who have been buying U.S. debt instruments will discontinue their purchases. At that point, the government will not be able to keep the printing presses going to continue to finance this enormous military machine.

“THE BUDGET SHOULD BE BALANCED. PUBLIC DEBT SHOULD BE REDUCED. THE ARROGANCE OF OFFICIALDOM SHOULD BE TEMPERED, AND ASSISTANCE TO FOREIGN LANDS SHOULD BE CURTAILED, LEST ROME BECOME BANKRUPT.”¹³⁶

Cicero

The sooner the people of this nation wake up and start following the common sense-based foreign policy of the Founders, the better it will be. Does the U.S. have to make the same mistake so many empires have made before? Not if the people remember that we are the ones with indigenous power. We own the government; it is our surrogate!

“THOSE WHO CANNOT REMEMBER THE PAST ARE CONDEMNED TO REPEAT IT.”¹³⁷

George Santayana



DRUGS AND INDIGENOUS POWER

“NO ONE, ABSOLUTELY NO ONE IS EVEN REMOTELY TALKING OF INCREASING YOUNG PEOPLE’S ACCESS TO HARMFUL DRUGS. BUT WHAT WE ARE DOING SIMPLY ISN’T WORKING. THE WAY THINGS ARE NOW, YOUNG PEOPLE TELL ME IT’S EASIER FOR THEM TO FIND MARIJUANA OR COCAINE THAN IT IS ALCOHOL...THE WAR ON DRUGS ISN’T WINNABLE, BUT IT’S FUNDABLE...IT’S NOT ONLY THE DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION’S NEARLY \$20 BILLION ANNUAL BUDGET BUT GOVERNMENT AGENCIES OF EVERY KIND RECEIVE EXTRA FUNDING FOR DRUG ENFORCEMENT...THINGS MUST CHANGE; IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO HAVE BOTH A FREE SOCIETY AND A DRUG-FREE SOCIETY. WE WILL HAVE DRUGS; EITHER WITH DRUG LORDS OR WITHOUT THEM. THE ANSWER IS TO HOLD PEOPLE ACCOUNTABLE FOR THEIR ACTIONS, AS WE DO WITH ALCOHOL. AND LET’S GET RID OF THIS ENORMOUS AND EXPENSIVE BUREAUCRACY. IF YOU REALLY THINK ABOUT IT, MOST DRUG RELATED PROBLEMS STEM FROM DRUG PROHIBITION; NOT DRUGS.”¹³⁸

Judge James P. Gray, author of Why our Drug Laws have Failed and What We Can Do About It

There is no doubt that drug use and abuse increase dependency and reduce one’s indigenous power. Virtually everyone would agree that drugs are an extremely negative influence. Those who argue that somehow drugs can be a positive influence are involved in serious self-deception. Drugs and alcohol damage the human physiology and reduce the natural powers of perception.

A society based on indigenous power, rather than surrogate power, would create a culture and educational program that would foster the development of young people’s indige-

nous power through religious, spiritual, cultural, and family traditions. Drug use and abuse would be minimal with a strong family-based, bottom-up society. This is not happening in the country today.

The massive welfare/warfare federal surrogate has made it difficult for families to survive economically unless both parents are working. This puts a tremendous strain on parents and weakens their ability to create the appropriate family environment for a child’s holistic growth. The full growth of the child’s indigenous power is not going to happen in government-run schools; it can

only occur within the family. Therefore, the conditions today set the stage for substance abuse among young people.

The federal war on drugs has done nothing to curtail the availability of drugs. Today any young person can obtain virtually any harmful illegal drug he or she wants. At the same time, the war on drugs has increased the power of law enforcement officials at all levels of government. In the name of this drug war, perfectly law-abiding citizens have had their property seized, with no recourse to restorative justice.¹³⁹

Compounding the problem is a rehabilitation system based on the idea that once an addict, always an addict. The belief is that the addict is permanently flawed with an incurable life-long disease and that relapse is normal. Parents, kids, siblings, society, television shows, and bad genes are just a few of the so-called causes for this disease. An individual, supposedly, is neither responsible for his or her actions, nor able to cure him- or herself without a recovery group.

Within this concept, the addict in recovery may be trading his or her dependency on drugs for a dependency on the recovery group. Those who cure themselves by declaring their independence from substance abuse without the group are considered dry drunks, who are deluding themselves into thinking that they can actually decide to stop their addictive behavior and live a normal life.

Common sense can turn this dependent culture around.

There is overwhelming evidence that the government's war on drugs should be ended, including several extremely well-researched books by highly esteemed members of the law enforcement profession who convincingly make the common sense case for ending this nightmare. Both Judge Jim Gray and Sheriff Bill Masters have excellent books, which are listed at www.CommonSenseRevisited.com.

The solution to the drug war is straightforward: end the federal government's unconstitutional involvement in people's personal choices that do not harm others. There should be absolutely no role for the federal government regarding what people decide to put into their bodies. The resources of the state and local governments, local community groups, and primarily the family unit can be much more effective in eliminating the substance abuse problem.

Skeptics need only look to the past. Remember Prohibition, when the federal government banned the sale of alcohol?

Prohibition 1:

- turned millions of otherwise law-abiding citizens into criminals,
- put families on welfare by arresting breadwinners,
- made the illegal business of selling and transporting alcohol very profitable,
- encouraged alcohol traffickers to arm themselves to defend their turf,
- led to almost universal corruption of law enforcement professionals, breeding disdain for law enforcement among the public,¹⁴⁰
- created much more powerful crime syndicates, and
- resulted in an overcrowding of the judicial system, jails and prisons.¹⁴¹

Does this sound familiar? The public became angry enough to put an end to Prohibition 1 because it became obvious that attempting to manage the private activities of the people through government force is counterproductive on every level.

The present-day war on drugs, Prohibition 2, is an even bigger failure than Prohibition 1. Neighborhoods all over the country have turned into battlegrounds because gangs are now involved in drug dealing. Jails are filled with nonviolent drug offenders and prisons are filled with drugs! If there was ever an irrefutable argument against the use of force to curtail drug abuse (the Drug War), it is the wide availability of drugs within U.S. prisons!¹⁴²

It has been reported that 40% of the nation's local police agencies depend on seized assets as a budgetary supplement. Property owners need not be charged with a crime for their property to be taken. Innocent people who have had property seized rarely get their property back, and they rarely get compensated. This gives law enforcement officers a strong financial incentive to raid whenever they have an opportunity.¹⁴³

Decriminalizing drugs at the federal level would automatically take away the profit incentive that is now the lifeblood of violent gangs. It would also free up the court system. A time magazine article reports, "The U.S. is, by far, the most 'criminal' country in the world, with 5% of the world's population and 25% of its prisoners. We spend \$68 billion per year on corrections, and one-third of those being corrected are serving time for nonviolent drug crimes."¹⁴⁴

Of course, under a bottom-up system the people in any state could decide to make any drug they want illegal. However, it is more likely that people will have learned their

lesson and will use their resources for education and rehabilitation, rather than for law enforcement and providing free housing (jail) for nonviolent drug offenders.

Many people wonder if decriminalizing drugs will encourage their use. The exact opposite is true. Ending the government's involvement in this arena and letting the people reassume their sovereignty and personal responsibility for themselves, their families, and their communities will create the greatest opportunity to succeed in reducing harmful drug use. All of the human and financial resources misused at the governmental level would be directed to the family and local level, where they can actually make a difference.

If individuals were free to be open about their inappropriate drug usage without fear of criminal prosecution, they would be much more likely to deal honestly with their problem. If resources were focused on a rehabilitation program that worked and that emphasized personal responsibility and the growth of indigenous power, drug abuse would be dramatically reduced.

Fortunately there is such a program, one that has had such tremendously successful results that it is spreading like wildfire across the country. The program is called Rational Recovery and was created by Jack and Lois Trimpey. In this program each individual takes responsibility and uses his or her own indigenous power to recover. Participants start to live a totally normal life and restore relationships with family members. The family plays an important part in the Rational Recovery program.

The technique used in the Rational Recovery program, called Addictive Voice Recognition Technique (AVRT), has been proven more effective than any other form of addiction treatment or recovery group participation. With AVRT, everyone has a 100 percent chance of prompt and full recovery. Over 60 percent of recoveries from addiction occur without groups, counselors, or rehab.¹⁴⁵ As Rational Recovery demonstrates, the scourge of drug abuse in this country can be turned into an insignificant issue by returning to the bottom-up model in which the family unit makes up the solid base of the power pyramid.

"WHAT KIND OF PEACE OFFICER, WHAT KIND OF SOCIETY WOULD ALLOW A PEACE OFFICER TO USE ONE MINUTE OF TIME, SPEND ONE DOLLAR, OR USE ANY JAIL CELL FOR A MARIJUANA SMOKER, WHEN VICIOUS CHILD MURDERERS ARE ON THE LOOSE?...OUR POLICE DEPARTMENTS SUFFER CORRUPTION AS A DIRECT RESULT OF DRUG PROHIBITION. THE MOST OBVIOUS PROBLEM IS THAT POLICE OFFICERS CAN MAKE BIG MONEY DEALING DRUGS, PROTECTING DRUG DEALERS, OR SIMPLY LOOKING THE OTHER WAY. BUT DRUG PROHIBITION ALSO CREATES PROBLEMS THAT AREN'T SO OBVIOUS...ZEKE [HERNANDEZ] WAS AN 18-YEAR-OLD HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT WHO STUMBLED UPON A GROUP OF CAMOUFLAGED AND ARMED U.S. MARINES ASSIGNED TO JOINT TASK FORCE SIX DRUG INTERDICTION TEAM. THE MARINES SHOT AND KILLED YOUNG ZEKE, MISTAKING HIM FOR A DRUG RUNNER...VIOLENCE IN DRUG SALES IS CAUSED BY PROHIBITION, NOT BY THE DRUGS THEMSELVES."¹¹¹⁴⁶

Sheriff Bill Masters, author of Drug War Addiction

CREATING A PARADIGM SHIFT TO INDIGENOUS POWER

“THE SPIRIT OF THE TIMES MAY ALTER, WILL ALTER. OUR RULERS WILL BECOME CORRUPT, OUR PEOPLE CARELESS...FROM THE CONCLUSION OF THIS WAR WE SHALL BE GOING DOWNHILL. IT WILL NOT THEN BE NECESSARY TO RESORT EVERY MOMENT TO THE PEOPLE FOR SUPPORT. THEY WILL BE FORGOTTEN, THEREFORE, AND THEIR RIGHTS DISREGARDED. THEY WILL FORGET THEMSELVES, BUT IN THE SOLE FACULTY OF MAKING MONEY, AND WILL NEVER THINK OF UNITING TO EFFECT A DUE RESPECT FOR THEIR RIGHTS. THE SHACKLES, THEREFORE...WILL BE MADE HEAVIER AND HEAVIER, TILL OUR RIGHTS SHALL REVIVE OR EXPIRE IN A CONVULSION.”¹⁴⁷

Thomas Jefferson

Jefferson and the other Founders had an incredibly deep understanding of human nature and the nature of surrogate power to expand. Drawing on their vast knowledge of history, government, and natural law, they set out to create a civilization that would offer the most freedom and opportunity possible. They were determined to provide an environment conducive to the full development of the individual, even though they realized from the beginning that the nature of some humans to expand their influence over others would begin eroding individual freedom.

The Founders did everything they could to limit the power of the newly formed central government, creating checks and balances between the branches of the federal government as well as between federal, state, and local governments. Even so, they realized their safeguards would not be enough; eventually a future generation of Americans would be called upon to revive the fundamental principles

upon which the founding documents were based. Jefferson and the others clearly foresaw that if this future generation did not answer the call, the freedoms they fought for would be lost.

Conditions right before the Revolutionary War were similar to those today. The Founders knew that to achieve freedom, they would have to stir the hearts of the people so they would support the effort to separate from the top-down, command-and-control regime of King George. So too do the hearts of the people today need to be awakened to the fact that we are no longer governed by people who understand or believe in the fundamental principles that inspired the founding documents.

What will it take to flip the power pyramid back to where it belongs, with the people in charge once again?

Fortunately, there is a model from the past to emulate. Remember that in January 1776 about two-thirds of the

delegates to the Continental Congress were not planning to vote for independence. Then the small pamphlet *COMMON SENSE* so powerfully and effectively articulated the case for liberty that a passion for independence swept the country, and on July 4th, the United States of America was born.

A paradigm shift occurred in a matter of months! A paradigm shift is a significant change in an existing pattern or model. In this case, it is a change in the structure of the people's government. However, in order for a change in the people's government, what really needs to happen is a change in people's hearts. A change of heart will drive a return to a bottom-up structure based on love and freedom, instead of the top-down model based on fear and control.

Every human being, deep within his or her heart, yearns for freedom and love. Fortunately, millions of young people in our country have already started to declare their dissatisfaction with the monstrous debt that is being left to their generation. So the paradigm shift has already begun. In order to be most successful, everyone should continue to articulate the freedom message with loving hearts, minds, thoughts, and words to every person with whom they connect.

If everyone does this, all of the force and power of the "laws of nature and of nature's God" will create a tipping point for the paradigm shift from surrogate power to indigenous power. In fact, it will take the country and the world to a level of prosperity, peace, and harmony well beyond that envisioned by the Founders. It will create a force so attractive that even those individuals working for the most power-hungry surrogate institutions will want to be part of the paradigm shift!

"I AM ONLY ONE; BUT STILL I AM ONE. I CANNOT DO EVERYTHING, BUT I STILL CAN DO SOMETHING. I WILL NOT REFUSE TO DO THE SOMETHING I CAN DO."¹⁴⁸

Helen Keller

In 1776, the paradigm shift set in motion by *COMMON SENSE* grew rapidly. The last century of institutional consolidation of power can also be overturned in a few months or years—as soon as enough people wake up. Each individual

is important in this shift. One person can bring together a small group of people who believe in bottom-up government and common sense solutions. A small group can transform a community and set an example for others in other towns. Soon the whole state is affected and eventually the whole country. That is the whole idea—it all starts with you, the individual.

The Nation's Inspired Youth

It is the incredible enthusiasm of America's youth, uniting behind a peaceful revolution to restore the country's eternally valid founding principles, that finally inspired the writing of this pamphlet. The young people get it, and hopefully they will awaken in their parents and grandparents the flame of freedom that burns within every individual.

Young people know intuitively that there is something very wrong about the current government and institutions. They know that top-down, command-and-control surrogates increasingly create an oppressive environment. They are responding to the freedom message with great enthusiasm and energy.

Young people across this nation are realizing that when the power of love exceeds the love of power, the world will know peace, prosperity, and freedom. The creative solutions to our problems will occur spontaneously and naturally, from the bottom up.

"YOUTH IS THE SEED TIME OF GOOD HABITS, AS WELL IN NATIONS AS IN INDIVIDUALS. IT MIGHT BE DIFFICULT, IF NOT IMPOSSIBLE, TO FORM THE CONTINENT INTO ONE GOVERNMENT HALF A CENTURY HENCE...THE MORE MEN HAVE TO LOSE THE LESS WILLING ARE THEY TO VENTURE. THE RICH ARE IN GENERAL SLAVES TO FEAR, AND SUBMIT TO COURTLY POWER WITH THE TREMBLING DUPLICITY OF A SPANIEL."¹⁴⁹

Thomas Paine, COMMON SENSE, 1776

RECOMMENDED READING



“ENLIGHTEN THE PEOPLE GENERALLY, AND TYRANNY AND OPPRESSIONS OF BODY AND MIND WILL VANISH LIKE EVIL SPIRITS AT THE DAWN OF DAY.”¹⁵⁰

Thomas Jefferson

People must educate themselves, their friends, and their families about the principles of freedom. For an up-to-date, comprehensive list of educational resources, including websites, books, and essays, visit www.CommonSenseRevisited.com.

Below is a list of must-reads:

Whatever Happened to Penny Candy? and *Whatever Happened to Justice?* by Richard J. Maybury, www.BluestockingPress.com

These two books brilliantly teach the basic economic and legal principles that comprise the freedom formula for a civilized society. Maybury's entire "Uncle Eric" series is strongly recommended. If your children are not being taught the history, law, and economic principles found in these books in their current schools you should consider teaching them at home, using these as textbooks along with the study guides available for each book. Every book is written so that someone with an eighth grade education can fully comprehend the knowledge.

The Law, by Frederic Bastiat

An incredibly powerful essay on the nature of the relationship between government and the individual. This is a classic. 15 pages. This is available online for free at www.Bastiat.org.

The 5,000 year Leap, by W. Cleon Skousen

This is also a classic. Skousen explains all the fundamental principles of nature that guided the Founders while they created the freedom formula. Available at www.NCCS.net.

Economics in One Lesson, by Henry Hazlitt

Another classic. This blows away the nonsense that is now taught about economics. This is the basis for understanding freedom-based economics. Available online for free at www.Fee.org/wp-content/files/EconomicsInOneLesson.pdf.

The Revolution: A Manifesto, by Ron Paul

Congressman Ron Paul's latest book covers how to achieve economic freedom, civil liberties, and personal responsibility, and what role the government is supposed to play in people's lives.

The Creature from Jekyll Island, by G. Edward Griffin

A comprehensive history of the creation of the Federal Reserve and its impact on society. Available at www.RealityZone.com/Creature.html.



THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

IN CONGRESS, JULY 4, 1776

The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America

When in the Course of human events it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. — That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, — That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shewn that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future

security. — Such has been the patient sufferance of these Colonies; and such is now the necessity which constrains them to alter their former Systems of Government. The history of the present King of Great Britain is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having in direct object the establishment of an absolute Tyranny over these States. To prove this, let Facts be submitted to a candid world.

He has refused his Assent to Laws, the most wholesome and necessary for the public good.

He has forbidden his Governors to pass Laws of immediate and pressing importance, unless suspended in their operation till his Assent should be obtained; and when so suspended, he has utterly neglected to attend to them.

He has refused to pass other Laws for the accommodation of large districts of people, unless those people would relinquish the right of Representation in the Legislature, a right inestimable to them and formidable to tyrants only.

He has called together legislative bodies at places unusual, uncomfortable, and distant from the depository of their Public Records, for the sole purpose of fatiguing them into compliance with his measures.

He has dissolved Representative Houses repeatedly, for opposing with manly firmness his invasions on the rights of the people.

He has refused for a long time, after such dissolutions, to cause others to be elected, whereby the Legislative Powers, incapable of Annihilation, have returned to the People at large for their exercise; the State remaining in the mean time exposed to all the dangers of invasion from without, and convulsions within.

He has endeavoured to prevent the population of these States; for that purpose obstructing the Laws for Naturalization of Foreigners; refusing to pass others to encourage their migrations hither, and raising the conditions of new Appropriations of Lands.

He has obstructed the Administration of Justice by refusing his Assent to Laws for establishing Judiciary Powers.

He has made Judges dependent on his Will alone for the tenure of their offices, and the amount and payment of their salaries.

He has erected a multitude of New Offices, and sent hither swarms of Officers to harass our people and eat out their substance.

He has kept among us, in times of peace, Standing Armies without the Consent of our legislatures.

He has affected to render the Military independent of and superior to the Civil Power.

He has combined with others to subject us to a jurisdiction foreign to our constitution, and unacknowledged by our laws; giving his Assent to their Acts of pretended Legislation:

For quartering large bodies of armed troops among us:

For protecting them, by a mock Trial from punishment for any Murders which they should commit on the Inhabitants of these States:

For cutting off our Trade with all parts of the world:

For imposing Taxes on us without our Consent:

For depriving us in many cases, of the benefit of Trial by Jury:

For transporting us beyond Seas to be tried for pretended offences:

For abolishing the free System of English Laws in a neighbouring Province, establishing therein an Arbitrary government, and enlarging its Boundaries so as to render it at once an example and fit instrument for introducing the same absolute rule into these Colonies:

For taking away our Charters, abolishing our most valuable Laws and altering fundamentally the Forms of our Governments:

For suspending our own Legislatures, and declaring themselves invested with power to legislate for us in all cases whatsoever.

He has abdicated Government here, by declaring us out of his Protection and waging War against us.

He has plundered our seas, ravaged our coasts, burnt our towns, and destroyed the lives of our people.

He is at this time transporting large Armies of foreign Mercenaries to compleat the works of death, desolation, and tyranny, already begun with circumstances of Cruelty & Perfidy scarcely paralleled in the most barbarous ages, and totally unworthy the Head of a civilized nation.

He has constrained our fellow Citizens taken Captive on the high Seas to bear Arms against their Country, to become the executioners of their friends and Brethren, or to fall themselves by their Hands.

He has excited domestic insurrections amongst us, and has endeavoured to bring on the inhabitants of our frontiers, the merciless Indian Savages whose known rule of warfare, is an undistinguished destruction of all ages, sexes and conditions.

In every stage of these Oppressions We have Petitioned for Redress in the most humble terms: Our repeated Petitions have been answered only by repeated injury. A Prince, whose character is thus marked by every act which may define a Tyrant, is unfit to be the ruler of a free people.

Nor have We been wanting in attentions to our British brethren. We have warned them from time to time of attempts by their legislature to extend an unwarrantable jurisdiction over us. We have reminded them of the circumstances of our emigration and settlement here. We have appealed to their native justice and magnanimity, and we have conjured them by the ties of our common kindred to disavow these usurpations, which would inevitably interrupt our connections and correspondence. They too have been deaf to the voice of justice and of consanguinity. We must, therefore, acquiesce in the necessity, which denounces our Separation, and hold them, as we hold the rest of mankind, Enemies in War, in Peace Friends.

We, therefore, the Representatives of the united States of America, in General Congress, Assembled, appealing to the

Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions, do, in the Name, and by Authority of the good People of these Colonies, solemnly publish and declare, That these united Colonies are, and of Right ought to be Free and Independent States, that they are Absolved from all Allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the State of Great Britain, is and ought to be totally dissolved; and that as Free and

Independent States, they have full Power to levy War, conclude Peace, contract Alliances, establish Commerce, and to do all other Acts and Things which Independent States may of right do. — And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes, and our sacred Honor.

New Hampshire:

Josiah Bartlett
William Whipple
Matthew Thornton

Massachusetts:

John Hancock
Samuel Adams
John Adams
Robert Treat Paine
Elbridge Gerry

Rhode Island:

Stephen Hopkins
William Ellery

Connecticut:

Roger Sherman
Samuel Huntington
William Williams
Oliver Wolcott

New York:

William Floyd
Philip Livingston
Francis Lewis
Lewis Morris

New Jersey:

Richard Stockton
John Witherspoon
Francis Hopkinson
John Hart
Abraham Clark

Pennsylvania:

Robert Morris
Benjamin Rush
Benjamin Franklin
John Morton
George Clymer
James Smith
George Taylor
James Wilson
George Ross

Delaware:

Caesar Rodney
George Read
Thomas McKean

Maryland:

Samuel Chase
William Paca
Thomas Stone
Charles Carroll of Carrollton

Virginia:

George Wythe
Richard Henry Lee
Thomas Jefferson
Benjamin Harrison
Thomas Nelson, Jr.
Francis Lightfoot Lee
Carter Braxton

North Carolina:

William Hooper
Joseph Hewes
John Penn

South Carolina:

Edward Rutledge
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Thomas Lynch, Jr.
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