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"If we wish to be free, if we mean to preserve inviolate those inestimable privileges for which we have been so long contending, if we mean not basely to abandon the noble struggle in which we have been so long engaged, and which we have pledged ourselves never to abandon until the glorious object of our contest shall be obtained - we must fight!" Patrick Henry

Anyone who doesn't recognize that a police state is being erected right in front of their eyes is either in a state of denial or welcomes a repeat of Nazi Germany under Adolph Hitler. Two months ago a woman named Deborah Davis was reading a book while riding to work on a public bus. When her bus stopped outside the gates of the Denver Federal Center in Lakewood, Colorado (only three miles from my former home in Lakewood), a guard climbed aboard the bus and demanded that all the passengers produce identification. Mrs. Davis didn't bite:

"I told him that I did have identification, but I wasn't going to show it to him," Davis explains. "I knew that I wasn't required by law to show ID and that's why I decided I wasn't going to. The whole thing seemed to be more about compliance than security."

This guard who obviously has no understanding of the U.S. Constitution and the Bill of Rights, called the federal dragoons who proceeded to drag Mrs. Davis off this public bus, handcuffed her like some criminal, shoved her into the back seat of their Barney Rubble guard car and transported her to a police station within the Federal Center. For all this guard knew, Mrs. Davis could have been going anywhere outside the fencing of the Denver Federal Center (there is a post office just outside the gated entrance on the south side) once she got off the bus.

His apprehension of her in my opinion isn't just unlawful detention, but kidnapping. Mrs. Davis' son is in Iraq fighting Bush's war to control the oil in the middle East while his mother is being subjected to the same treatment as those who live in communist countries and did under Hitler's regime.

Mrs. Davis will be arraigned on December 9, 2005, and faces up to 60 days in jail on federal criminal misdemeanor charges. These charges would be that "citizens must, when requested, display Government or other identifying credentials to Federal police officers or other authorized individuals." The second would be that citizens must comply with "the lawful direction of Federal police officers and other authorized individuals."

Open your eyes America. First, Mrs. Davis was on a public bus, she was not on federal property. This guard had no right to demand any American produce papers of any kind whether they are riding a bus or walking.

Second, under the U.S. Constitution, Congress has the power to make criminal only four types of conduct: treason, piracy and felonies on the high seas, counterfeiting, and offenses against the laws of nations. Just because Congress has been getting away with passing a zillion laws with all kinds of "offenses" does NOT make it legal. They have only gotten away with it all this time because the American people have refused to hold their elected public servants accountable out of blind loyalty to their damn party. What you are seeing right now in this country is the result of foolish voters.

Despite the refusal by the sheeple to boot out rotten politicians, the law is still law:

"The highest law of the land is the Constitution of the United States." Stephen K. Huber, Professor of Law, University of Houston

"The general misconception is that any statute passed by legislators bearing the appearance of law constitutes the law of the land. The United States Constitution is the supreme law of the land, and any statute must be in agreement with it to be valid. It is impossible for both the Constitution and a law violating it to be valid; one must prevail over the other."

The Sixteenth American Jurisprudence, (2nd ed., Section 256), states:

"The general rule is that an unconstitu-

tional statute, though having the form and name of law, is in reality no law, but is wholly void and ineffective for any purpose; since unconstitutionality dates from the time of its enactment and not merely from the date of the decision so branding it. A void act cannot be legally consistent with a valid one. An unconstitutional law cannot operate to supersede any existing valid law. Indeed, insofar as a statute runs counter to the fundamental law of the land, it is superseded thereby." Dr. Jacques S. Jaikaran, author of Debt Virus

The same nonsense is about to be unleashed upon innocent, law abiding citizens in Miami, Florida. The announcement came November 28, 2005: local coppers will "...stage random shows of force at hotels, banks and other public places to keep terrorists guessing and remind people to be vigilant."

"Deputy Police Chief Frank Fernandez said officers might, for example, surround a bank building, check the IDs of everyone going in and out and hand out leaflets about terror threats." "This is an in-your-face type of strategy. It's letting the terrorists know we are out there,"

Fernandez said. The operations will keep terrorists off guard, Fernandez said. He said al-Qaida and other terrorist groups plot attacks by putting places under surveillance and watching for flaws and patterns in security.

"People are definitely going to notice it," Fernandez said. "We want that shock. We want that awe. But at the same time, we don't want people to feel their rights are being threatened. We need them to be our eyes and ears."

Deputy Police Chief Frank Fernandez is a fool who should be removed from his job as well as the Mayor and any member of the Miami City Council who approved this BS. First: There is no legal authority for coppers to demand anyone entering or leaving a bank, hotel or other public places "show their papers." The courts have consistently upheld the absolute right of Americans to travel freely without interference or harassment and walking is traveling, just like riding a horse or driving a car.

Second, the CIA's creation called 'al-Qaida' doesn't give a hoot about a bunch of local coppers acting like testosterone pumped goons harassing little old ladies.

You just wait until one of these little old ladies is so “shocked and awed” by a sudden show of force, they drop dead from a heart attack or massive stroke. Then the City of Miami will pay dearly. Walking into or exiting a hotel, bank or “other public places” is a fundamental right and an action freely chosen by an individual; it is not a mandated activity by any federal, state or local law, ordinance or statute. Free Americans have a constitutional right to travel which is protected by the U.S. Constitution; see *Crandall v. Nevada*, 73 U.S. (6 Wall.) 35, 49 (1868) (“We are all citizens of the United States, and as members of the same community must have the right to pass and repass through every part of it without interruption, as freely as in our own states”); *Kent v. Dulles*, 357 U.S. 116, 125, 78 S.Ct. 1113, 1118 (1958) (“The right to travel is a part of the ‘liberty’ of which the citizen cannot be deprived without the due process of law under the Fifth Amendment”); *United States v. Guest*, 383 U.S. 745, 757, 86 S.Ct. 1170, 1178 (1966) (“The constitutional right to travel from one State to another, and necessarily to use the highways and other instrumentalities of interstate commerce in doing so, occupies a position fundamental to the concept of our Federal Union”); *Shapiro v. Thompson*, 394 U.S. 618, 629, 89 S.Ct. 1322, 1329 (1969) (“This Court long ago recognized that the nature of our Federal Union and our constitutional concepts of personal liberty unite to require that all citizens be free to travel throughout the length and breadth of our land uninhibited by statutes, rules or regulations which unreasonably burden or restrict this movement”) *Dunn v. Blumstein*, 405 U.S. 330, 339, 92 S.Ct. 995, 1001 (1972) (“...since the right to travel was a constitutionally protected right, ‘any classification which serves to penalize the exercise of that right unless shown to be necessary to promote a compelling governmental interest, is unconstitutional’”); (The Court in *Dunn* also declared that “The right to travel is an ‘unconditional personal right, ‘ a right whose exercise may not be conditioned.” *Id.*, at 341); and *Memorial Hospital v. Maricopa County*, 415 U.S. 250, 254, 94 S.Ct. 1076, 1080 (1974) (“The right of interstate travel has repeatedly been recognized as a basic constitutional freedom”). See also *Schachtman v. Dulles* 225 F.2d. 938, 941 (D.C.Cir. 1955) (“The right to travel, to go from place to place as the means of transportation permit, is a natural right subject to the rights of others and to reasonable regulation under law”); *Worthy v. Herter*, 270 F.2d 905, 908 (D.C.Cir. 1959) (“The right to travel is a part of the right to liberty”); *Cole v. Housing Authority of City of Newport*, 435 F.2d 807, 809 (1st Cir.1970) (“...the right to travel is a fundamental personal

right that can be impinged only if to do so is necessary to promote a compelling governmental interest”); *King v. New Rochelle Municipal Housing Authority*, 442 F.2d 646, 648 (2nd Cir. 1971) (“It would be meaningless to describe the right to travel between states as a fundamental precept of personal liberty and not to acknowledge a correlative constitutional right to travel within a state”); and *Demiragh v. DeVos*, 476 F.2d 403, 405 (2nd Cir. 1973) (“...the right to travel...[is] a ‘fundamental’ one, requiring the showing of a ‘compelling state or local interest to warrant its limitation”); *United States v. Davis*, 482 F.2d 893, 912 (9th Cir. 1973) (“...it is firmly settled that freedom to travel at home and abroad without unreasonable governmental restriction is a fundamental constitutional right of every American citizen...At the minimum, governmental restrictions upon freedom to travel are to be weighed against the necessity advanced to justify them, and a restriction that burdens the right to travel ‘too broadly and indiscriminately’ cannot be sustained”); and *McLellan v. Miss. Power & Light Co.*, 545 F.2d 919, 923 n. 8 (5th Cir. 1977) (“The Constitutional right to travel is ‘among the rights and privileges of National citizenship”); *Costa v. Bluegrass Turf Service, Inc.*, 406 F.Supp. 1003, 1007 (E.D.Ken. 1975) (“...pure administrative convenience, standing alone, is an insufficient basis for an enactment which...restricts the right to travel”); *Coolman v. Robinson*, 452 F.Supp. 1324, 1326 (N.D.Ind. 1978) (“The right to travel is a very old and well established constitutional right”); *Tetalman v. Holiday Inn*, 500 F.Supp. 217, 218 (N.D.Ga. 1980) (“the constitutionally protected right to travel...is basically the right to travel unrestricted by unreasonable government interference or regulation”); *Bergman v. United States*, 565 F.Supp. 1353, 1397 (W.D. Mich. 1983) (“The right to travel interstate is a basic, fundamental right under the Constitution, its origins premised upon a variety of constitutional provisions”). This right to travel is also a constitutional right under our state constitution, embodied within its “liberty” provisions; *People v. Olivas* (1976) 17 Cal.3d 235, 131 Cal. Rptr. 55, 551 P.2d 375, 381 (right to travel is a fundamental liberty interest protected by the 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution; further “We conclude that personal liberty is a fundamental interest, second only to life itself, as an interest protected under both the California and United States Constitutions,” 551 P.2d at 384); *People v. Horton* (1971) 14 CalApp.3d 930, 92 Ca.Rptr. 666, 668 (“...the right of the citizen to drive on a public street with freedom from police interference...is a fundamental constitutional right”). The Bill of Rights is just that: rights, not

privileges and no federal or state agency can violate our rights as reaffirmed by the Bill of Rights. These are rights we are all born with, no government gave them to us nor can they take them away. These precious tenets are the very foundation of our Republic. In *Miller v. U.S.*, 230 F. 2d 286, 489 the court said: “The claim and exercise of a Constitutional Right cannot be converted into a crime.” The City of Miami has no compelling reason to demand it’s citizenry show identification papers while they practice a “show of force” to impress some would be terrorists. If the 80 million gun owners of this country would get off their hands and demand their state legislatures reconstitute the lawful, constitutionally authorized state militias, there would be no need for this ridiculous horse and pony “show of force” in any city in America. As for the question of terrorists, I cannot stress how important it is for the American people to get all the known facts at this time regarding 9/11 - the justification for the continued assault on our God given rights by Congress and state and local municipalities. Jefferson said it perfectly and city fathers, local law enforcement and the federal dragoons need to pay attention: “Under the law of nature, all men are born free, every one comes into the world with a right to his own person, which includes the liberty of moving and using it at his own will. This is what is called personal liberty, and is given him by the Author of nature, because necessary for his own sustenance.” —Thomas Jefferson: *Legal Argument*, 1770. FE 1:376
 We the people are not going to lay down and take this flavor of tyranny. Oh, there will be those who quiver at the very thought of standing up for their rights, but there will always be cowards who want others to fight for their freedom. Mrs. Davis drew her line in the sand and so should the tens of millions of Americans in this country who claim they will fight for their rights. We must let our local, state and federal elected servants hear the roar of NO from coast to coast, border to border.
 Will you fight by standing your ground or will you surrender yourself to slavery? I will leave you with these words from real warriors:
 “As long as a hundred of us remain alive we will never be subject to tyrannical dominion because it is not for glory or riches or honours that we fight, but for freedom alone which no worthy man loses except with his life.” The Declaration of Arbroath 1320
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“WE The People,” ARE the American Government

by Nancy Levant

We, the citizens of the United States of America, ARE the American government. This Constitutional fact has been forcibly and underhandedly stolen from the conscious understand of the citizenry. We do not understand our Constitution. Most American people have never read the document.

For decades, the public school system has steadily removed the reading and study of the Constitution, and we now have a citizenry that is ignorant of their rights and responsibilities as American people. Equally, American students have never been taught the true meaning and history of Socialism, Marxism, Fascism, and Communism.

American people, minus older generations, are now a manufactured political body – one manufactured in the public school system and in American universities. They have never been privy to the knowledge that they are, according to the Constitution of the United States of America, themselves, the government. Instead, they have been manipulated into believing that once representatives are elected into power, those representatives ARE the power and must be believed and followed as elected powers. This misinterpretation of citizenship is the downfall of America as a sovereign nation and the downfall of freedom for American citizens. And this is why, at the end of 2005, the American people must read the Constitution, as families, and specifically to children of all ages. It's a small task and a small request. It's one dinner conversation, and I am asking all readers to take this request most seriously. We are at the end of the line. The last generation that has the intellectual ability to help to restore our government is aging. We MUST understand our Constitutional rights AND responsibilities AS DEFINED by our Constitution – THE DOCUMENT THAT ALL ELECTED ARE SWORN TO UPHOLD.

Once read, American people, including children, will realize that America IS the American people and so defined by that document. America IS NOT a government where decisions are made by elected representatives. THEY do not tell us what we are going to do. WE tell THEM what they are going to do. They have no power minus our dictates and decisions. But this is not the current state of affairs in this

nation, and we have got to get the control of our government back into our hands. Also note that the current re-districting, called “regionalizing,” that is taking place in all states, is being implemented, specifically, to eliminate local governance and local voting. When “stakeholders” arrive in your neighborhoods, they are political decision makers who are “appointed” to power instead of “elected” into power. The new stakeholding/partnership bureaucracy is systematically taking your voting power from you. When you hear about “partnerships, visions, and/or stakeholders” in your neighborhoods, you better get out there and fight against their plans and that system. Its specific mission is to remove your vote from your community.

Our Constitution has been literally destroyed by a smoke screen – literally destroyed. The ideological intent of globalist-corporate special interest has been steadfastly erasing our rights, our intellectual understanding and potential, and our ability to recognize what is clearly a cultural-communistic revolution – one that, due to our ignorance, is taking place right beneath our noses. We have been re-trained and re-socialized into a compliant and debt-ridden workforce that serves corporate intention, and one that is afraid to think and act outside of corporate mandates.

We were manipulated into un-payable debt, and fear was the foundation of that education. While they dismembered our national intellect and placed the entire population into chronic debt, they layered fearsome, futuristic scenarios, one after another, upon our psyches. They then told us they could fix all problems via THEIR expertise and wisdom, and then proceeded to tell us what THEY intended to do. And now, we have a government, with their many new policing forces, that is set up to protect them from us.

Americans who believe in their Constitutional rights are now considered by our elected representatives to be “terrorists”. Americans who disagree with our elected are considered to be aiding the enemy. Our community police forces are being trained, as we speak, that we, the people of the United States of America, are terrorists. This begs the question of why, and who decided to have law abiding American people listed as potential threats – and threats to what?

When I hear “elected” representatives tell the American people what they are going to legislate, either through out-and-out disregard for the laws of this nation, or through Executive Orders that are Communistic by their very natures, I realize that our government has been seized, and that we, the people, are operating outside of our government. I realize that OUR government is now in the hands of what appears to be Bolshevik-style dictators. We are not being represented by anyone. We are being dictated to, and our Constitutional rights are being completely, 100% ignored.

You will find the following in the 2nd Amendment of our Constitution:

“A well regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed.”

Every year and for decades, our “elected” have attempted to slice and dice the 2nd Amendment. Let's think about this. We are told, on a daily basis, that we are living in terror laden times, and that terrorism is right around our corners, in our neighborhoods, and that homeland “terrorism” is not “if” but “when.” We have politically dissolved international borders – all borders – that allow anyone from any country into our nation, day or night, 365 days a year. We have epidemic child kidnappings via the slave trade operating in the United States of America. How many children are missing from Katrina, and where are their bodies? We have a deployed American military that has been permanently deployed in “foreign” conflicts for nearly 100 years. Now, we have internationalized and trained, new-breed policing forces EVERYWHERE in the U.S., and our “elected” continue to pick away at the 2nd Amendment, with the specific intent (and United Nations mandate) to disarm the masses.

So the question is this – if, as per our Constitution, a militia is necessary to the security of our states, why then aren't state legislators reawakening and restoring the NEED for a well-regulated militia, which is REQUIRED by our Constitution to preserve freedom from tyranny? The 2nd Amendment is of far greater importance than simply the right to keep and bear arms. It demands that a fully armed population guards freedom from tyranny, including professional, corporate, political “ideological” tyranny. It was written to guard against overthrow. This is the overlooked meaning and intent of the 2nd Amendment. It is not simply the right to keep and bear. You must realize that the Constitutional right to keep and bear arms was written to ensure the freedom of each and every state in the United States of America. Each state was to have a well-organized militia to protect itself from tyrants – both foreign and domestic.

The massive web of international agreements, charters, and treaties, to which the American people were never privy, demonstrates that our elected leadership is running with ideological and political intentions of their own. They have violated the Constitution and their oaths of office ten thousand times and more, and the Judiciary is fully in compliance and following suit as it reinterprets and shreds the meaning and intent of OUR Constitution.

Do you want to see where America is headed? Type “Inter-American Democratic Charter” into your search engines. This charter, which was signed by the United States of America via the Organization of American States (www.oas.org), was adopted on September 11, 2001, in Peru. Read it! Your media didn't report the

adoption of this charter. Your politicians did not tell you about this charter.

Most importantly, read and understand Dr. Edwin Vieira, who can be found at NewsWithViews.com and via search engines. His understanding of Constitutional law is critical to all of us as a free people. He teaches us how to fight on the turf where this country's decisions are made and how to re-Constitute the states' militias, and understand this well: Dr. Vieira is not talking about "militias" as we now understand them – meaning radical fringe groups. He is talking about the Constitutional definition of militia, and the Constitutional REQUIREMENT that ALL people, in order to secure our states from foreign and domestic tyranny, be prepared to protect and defend Constitutionally guaranteed FREEDOM from conquering entities.

Here's our assignment:

Read, discuss, study, and debate YOUR Constitution and YOUR LAWFUL Constitutional rights as American people. This is a family assignment.

Read the "Inter-American Democratic Charter" to see where we are headed under the direction of our "elected" representatives. I also strongly suggest that you read Agenda 21 (United Nations Agenda for the 21st Century). This document is what initiated the land grabbing by eco-land trust organizations, kick-started the un-Constitutional abuse of Eminent Domain, and is the directorate document that has transformed the single-family household into "community" neighborhoods and landless living under corporate-political direction.

Read, discuss, study, and debate the [writings of Dr. Edwin Vieira](#). He has a plan to legally reinstate, through individual state legislatures, the Constitutional militia, as defined by American law. This may be the only real hope for a continuance of our law of the people, for the people, and by the people. We need help. Dr. Vieira is offering that help. If you are a patriot currently in office or intend to run for office, you need Dr. Vieira.

Our window of opportunity is waning. We, as united people, must get our government under our control or, guaranteed, we are going to lose it to a global and very elitist dictatorship, which THEY are calling a global democracy. The United States is not a democracy. All democracies, in all of history, have failed, and our Constitution was purposefully set up as a "Republic" and NOT a democracy. It's time to take back our knowledge, which was stolen from us. It's time to assert ourselves as the legitimate leaders of our government. Read, study, and pass all knowledge forward. This is our last chance. We've got to clean house in Congress, but we've got to know what to do once WE are back in power. WE are the United States of America – WE – the masses of the American people. The foreign-led aristo-

crats in office are on borrowed time. We are not outside of our government. We ARE our government, and we must step up to the plate before it's too late.

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Dear Citizen

by Harsha Sankar

Lawsuits for extreme amount of money is an embarrassment to any legal system that supposedly emphasizes the rights of man. While bureaucratic firings may border on the unethical, unprofessional, and distasteful. However, it is or should be the right and prerogative of any municipally elected body to discharge any management employee of municipal government. All administration employees are again supposed to work at their will. After all, they have to answer to voters. If voters are not pleased with their decisions, they can act accordingly. Elected officials are not supposed to be rubberstamps for the bar association.

Wrongful termination lawsuits signify a disturbing trend in America. 95 million lawsuits filed annually will only spell the death knell of American liberties.

Government, particularly the judicial branch, has been given expansive powers in order to provide the solution to all problems. Too many Americans have been conditioned to accept, if not embrace this. The organic American Constitution and its Bill of Rights is only supposed to protect people against government intrusion.

No one has the right to give any branch of government expanded powers to abrogate the basic rights of one or many for the benefit of another. These pseudo-lawful actions are an assault on common sense because even if claims are worthy of merit, the sum sought cannot be specifically documented and accounted. No one with dignity, including members of any group, will not reinstate anyone due to threats even if they realized their initial decision was erroneous.

It would establish a bad precedent for current and future interactions between, for example, elected officials, administration and all other employees.

Judicial abuse is an affront to possible plaintiffs who sustained definite financial loss with definite proof of damages and yet have no recourse. Vast majority of potential claims never go to trial because even an honest lawyer's fee are prohibitively high. Too many others are plagued by fee-gouging, sabotage, and other forms of mistreatment, if not by their own attorney, then by the attorney-dominated court system. Even when one is awarded judgment, collection is an entirely different and unnecessarily complicated issue in which other hurdles have to be crossed.

People should not sue for money over hurt feelings. Personally, if I sued everyone who made negative, distorted, or even false remarks about me, I would be in court on a non-stop basis for the re-remainder of my life.

While certain blatant slander and libel should be solely classified as a criminal offense, this last statement must be internalized. The seeking of money over a non-economic loss in the redress of grievances is a grave social evil.

This letter was written by John Mitchel, Republican candidate for United States Senate, in response to his invitation to speak at the Community Forum on good jobs and workers' rights scheduled for December 9th, 2005 at the King Arts Complex Theater in Columbus, Ohio.

Open Letter to Community Forum attendees:

Thank you for your invitation to speak at the December 9th event in Columbus. However, I regret that I will not be able to attend as I have a previously scheduled engagement with my coworkers at our company Christmas Party. As a candidate for United States Senate I would normally welcome the opportunity to speak, but I'm sure you understand that family and friends are more important than politics, especially during the Christmas season. In any case, I am grateful for the opportunity to submit my written remarks and Amanda Hodge's commitment to publish them in the event program.

Ohio is clearly headed in the wrong direction economically as evidenced by the fact that our young adults are leaving in droves, faster than any other state. Between 2000 and 2003 Ohio lost more than 79,000 people aged 20 to 40. The simple truth is that there are better opportunities elsewhere, and in my opinion, it's not because of a low statutory minimum wage or a failure of organized labor. The free market has already repealed the former, as entry level wages at MacDonald's, Wal-Mart and many other employers are already significantly higher than the statutory minimum wage. Further-

more, what good is labor's right to organize in Ohio if the good-paying jobs are no longer in Ohio? That is the crux of the problem, and it has little to do with political affiliation as both Democrats and Republicans got us into this mess in the first place. The truth is we were put in this situation by both parties and their bipartisan support for one-sided trade deals and a tax code that punishes earnings and savings rather than rewarding them.

In 1993 a Democratic majority in the House, along with President Clinton, led the charge to implement the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), which went into effect in January, 1994. Then in 1995, after the Republicans gained a majority in the House and Senate, President Clinton continued to push free trade agreements for the rest of his presidency. The Republican Administration sustained those efforts, and along with a GOP majority in the House and Senate and Fast Track Trade Negotiation Authority, pushed through a series of trade deals including Permanent Normalized Trade Relations (PNTR) with China, allowed China to enter the World Trade Organization, and passed the Central American Free Trade Agreement. The truth is, these trade deals have nothing to do with "free" trade and everything to do with "managed" trade, but that's a debate for another day. In any case, the constant litany of so called "free trade" deals has put in danger the economic and national security of future generations of Americans. Without a strong economy we cannot have a strong defense, and without a strong defense, we can say goodbye to the American Dream, including a safe, secure, and relaxing retirement.

Corporations are shedding "defined benefit" plans as fast as they can. The only way Social Security will remain viable is by reducing benefits and increasing retirement age. The bottom line: Americans are going to have to fight hard to keep their hopes alive for a secure retirement. First, they will have to take more responsibility for their own destiny. IRAs, 401ks, and other pretax savings plans can be very effective if we start early and maintain a disciplined approach. Another thing we can do is lobby our government to adopt a fair, simple tax code to bring investment in the manufacturing base back inside our borders. That should help the economy grow and facilitate savings. For too long employees have relied on the promises of government and corporations to save them from declining life styles in their golden years. We must take control of our own lives and stop relying on promises that government and corporations can never keep.

What else can the citizens do to encourage recapitalization of the industrial base inside the US? In my opinion, one alternative is to change the tax code from one that punishes those who earn a paycheck to one that rewards savings and investment. We need a tax code that is fair, simple, and pays the bills. In my opinion, The Fair Tax is the remedy, but don't take my word for it. I encourage you to check it out yourself at www.fairtax.org, and after you've done your due diligence, I would be most interested in discussing it with you. You can contact me through my website at www.reformcongress.com.

Thank you again for inviting me to the Community Forum on good jobs and workers' rights. I look forward to working with you in the future.

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"Retirement Fund Rip-Off's"

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Have you ever heard of the phrase, "The Golden Years" ? I heard that phrase very often while growing up. I always thought it meant that after you work all of your life, you eventually get to do the things you have always wanted to do, and live out your remaining years in solitude.

When Social Security was first implemented during the Franklin D. Roosevelt tenure in the White House, Social Security was there to HELP people get through those so-called "GOLDEN YEARS". Much like a savings account. The government deducted a certain amount from each workers pay check, deposited those deductions into the Social Security fund to be there when each worker retired and was able to draw cash money from it when the time came to make those withdrawals.

The system was great when it first started. People had something to look forward to, knowing their money would be there when retirement age approached. So what has happened? During the course of time and different leaderships in government, the Social Security fund was being pilfered by those in power. The government made withdrawals from this fund, spent the money on different projects and promised to repay the Social Security fund, which by the way, THEY NEVER DID! This jeopardized the Social Security system! The trust between Government and Citizen (contributor) has become very precarious! Thus this was the beginning of the woes of the Social Security that affected every AMERICAN WORKER. When retirement age approached for some, it was too late to save in other ways! Expenses to cover those "GOLDEN YEARS" are and still are rising above the amounts each social security recipient are entitled to.

Medicare and Medicaid was introduced to help with medical needs. But the scams that medical professionals committed have bilked billions of dollars from Medicare by double billing the recipients and Medicare, driving the costs above what medicare can pay for! So with that, Medicare was spun into a peril just like its counterpart, SOCIAL SECURITY! So in this condition, many elderly people have to make decisions between eating, getting their out priced meds and paying the good ole mortgage or rent. I have a mother in law that is on social security and she has to play the game of surviving each month while Wal-Mart plays with her med applications for her meds, that she needs to live from month to month. Sometimes she will go a whole month without her meds because some-one drops the ball on her medication prescrip-

tions! No one suffers but the med recipient waiting for his/her meds they desperately need to get through the month. Then the ridiculous circus starts all over again. All recipients are victims of these careless medical giants. The service is poor and without regards. Meanwhile this careless activity affects not only the recipient, but THE WHOLE FAMILY! Is this what you and I have to look forward to? If it is, I DON'T WANT IT!

The government needs to repay the money they have stolen from each American worker and deposit it back where they got it from. This would shore up the shortage of money in the Social Security fund and should be strictly managed and accountable to the depositors (the working public). The public must make the Government accountable to this fund! If you don't trust retirement funds, it's best you take control of your own futures and invest in something like gold and silver. I have read and have been told that these type of investments keeps their value and it's yours by managing it yourself and you can use it for any emergency without penalty from the government, like those 401k plans. Discipline is the key for a good retirement. You must be able to refrain from using it prematurely or you will have only yourself to blame for your woes after retirement.

Being in total control of your retirement funds by investing yourself, is better than relying on the Government to do the job for you.

Social Security is ok, as long as the government stays out of it! But that's the problem, the government thinks it's their money and not yours. The government makes investments with it and capitalize on the returns, gives us, if we're lucky, a 1% interest rate on our involuntary contributions. The old saying goes like this, "IF YOU WANT IT DONE RIGHT, DO IT YOURSELF". Meaning, if you are concerned about your "GOLDEN YEARS", make your own investments, collect your own interest, and hang onto it until it's time to use it!

Victims of the Darkness: Government Surveillance and Intimidation

by John W. Whitehead

"As nightfall does not come at once, neither does oppression. In both instances there is a twilight where everything remains seemingly unchanged, and it is in such a twilight that we must be aware of the change in the air, however slight, lest we become unwitting victims of the darkness."

—Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas

Not since the notorious McCarthy era of the 1950s, when American freedoms faced extinction, has there been such an attack against the Bill of Rights. The recent media focus on President Bush's authorizing the

National Security Agency to spy on ordinary Americans has brought this issue to the forefront. On secret orders from President Bush, the NSA has been monitoring the international phone calls and emails of Americans without warrants.

Moreover, the Bush Administration has consistently harassed citizens who exercise their First Amendment freedoms and voice concerns about government policies. The main weapon used in this war is intimidation, specifically through governmental surveillance and government agents.

Indeed, the American government has a near paranoia about dissenting citizens. "The Administration and campaign of George W. Bush," writes former Congressman Bob Barr (R-Ga.), "is squelching any possible hint of disagreement or protest at every political rally or gathering." For example, in March of this year, three citizens were removed from President Bush's town hall meeting in Aurora, Colo., because the car they arrived in featured the bumper sticker, "No More Blood for Oil."

This past summer, FBI agents went to Windsor, Conn., with a document marked for delivery by hand. On Matianuk Avenue, across from the tennis courts, two special agents found their man. They gave George Christian the letter, which warned him to tell no one—ever—what it said. The letter, which was on FBI stationery, directed Christian to surrender "all subscriber information, billing information and access logs of any person" who used a specific computer at a library branch some distance away.

Christian, who manages digital records for three dozen Connecticut libraries, said in an affidavit that he configures his system for privacy. But the vendors of the software Christian operates said their databases can reveal the websites that visitors browse, the e-mail accounts they open and the books they borrow. Christian refused to hand over the records, and his employer, Library Connection, Inc., filed suit for the right to protest the FBI demand in public.

This case affords a rare glimpse of an exponentially growing practice of domestic surveillance under some of the heinous provisions of the USA Patriot Act. National security letters, such as the one issued to George Christian, were created in the 1970s for espionage and terrorism investigations.

They were originally intended as narrow exceptions in consumer privacy law, enabling the FBI to review in secret the customer records of suspected foreign agents. However, the Patriot Act and Bush Administration guidelines for its use have transformed those letters by permitting clandestine scrutiny of U.S. residents and visitors who are not alleged to be terrorists or spies.

"The FBI now issues more than 30,000 national security letters a year," writes Barton Gellman in *The Washington Post*, "a hundred-fold increase over historic norms. The letters—one of which can be used to sweep up the records of many people—are extending the bureau's reach as never before into the telephone calls, correspondence and financial lives of ordinary Americans."

Indeed, according to a previously classified document released recently, the FBI has conducted clandestine surveillance on some U.S. residents for as long as 18 months at a time without proper paperwork or oversight.

Thus, the government does not limit its attacks to actual terrorists. Ordinary American citizens are the focus as well. Take the case of Selena Jarvis, a social studies teacher at Currituck County High School in North Carolina. She assigned her senior civics and economics class to use photographs to illustrate their freedoms as found in the Bill of Rights. One student photographed a picture of George W. Bush next to his own hand in a thumbs-down position as a way to express his freedom to dissent.

However, while developing the student's photographs, a Wal-Mart photo department employee, in obvious need of some education on the Bill of Rights, called the police. They then contacted the Secret Service. But rather than dismissing the case, the Secret Service decided to investigate the matter. The agents interrogated the student and questioned Jarvis. While questioning Jarvis, an agent asked her if she thought the photo was suspicious. Dumbfounded, Jarvis responded, "No, it was a Bill of Rights project!" Jarvis was startled at the claim that the student was a terrorist and called the whole thing "ridiculous."

Why would the Secret Service, which is not run by incompetent individuals, take the time to investigate a high school student and his class project? It is safe to assume that the Secret Service knew the student was not a terrorist and wanted to make an example of him for others who might be bold enough to use their right to dissent. After the ordeal, Selena Jarvis commented, "I blame Wal-Mart more than anybody. I was really disgusted with them. But everyone was using poor judgment, from Wal-Mart up to the Secret Service."

Unfortunately, this is not the only "ridiculous" case of individuals tattling on their neighbors. For example, Barry Reingold was questioned by the FBI after he criticized the war in Afghanistan in the locker room of his local health club. In another case, Derek Kjar's neighbors reported his bumper sticker of George Bush wearing a crown with the heading "KING GEORGE—OFF WITH HIS HEAD." As a result, Kjar was interrogated by the Secret Service. In both instances, close contacts of the two men reported them to the authorities.

And as if things weren't bad enough, the military is now spying on us. A secret database obtained by NBC News recently reveals that the Department of Defense and the Pentagon have also increased intelligence collection on American citizens inside the country. This includes monitoring peaceful anti-war groups and protests and involves video taping, monitoring the Internet and collecting the name of anyone critical of the government.

There is even a toll-free number for anyone interested to report on fellow Americans to the military. And the spying even includes religious groups such as those attending the

Quaker Meeting House in Lake Worth, Florida. "On a domestic level, this is unprecedented," says NBC News analyst William Arkin. "I think it's the beginning of enormous problems and enormous mischief for the military."

Since 9/11, it has been consistently drummed into our heads by the government, with all its alerts and multi-colored alarms, that terrorists are everywhere and even your next door neighbor could be one. As a result, the government's promotion of fear and paranoia has moved us closer to an Orwellian state where citizens inform on one another. The result is that the citizens often do the job of the police and no longer use good judgment before reporting their neighbors. In the process, such informing citizens are doing away with their own freedoms.

These tactics are not new to the world. The Nazi and Soviet secret police of former regimes were infamous for such tactics. The police controlled the people through fear, and the subsequent result was a totalitarian state. They turned their respective population into a society of informers.

Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn, the Nobel Peace Prize-winning author and former Soviet dissident, once spoke of how fear destroys the will of the people. He noted how the Russian people would kneel inside the doors of their apartments, pressing their ears to listen when the KGB came at midnight to arrest a neighbor who had spoken out against the government. Solzhenitsyn said that if all the people would have come out and driven off the secret police, sheer public opinion would have demoralized the effort to subdue a free people. But fear and paranoia kept the people at bay.

We should not be afraid of government agents, whether employed by the FBI, the military or local authorities. Their salaries are paid through our tax dollars. Supposedly, they are our servants. Truly free societies do not function that way. Our fear of government servants is a clear indication of ominous things to come. If citizens are too frightened to use their freedoms, then those freedoms will become extinct. And the darkness will be complete.

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IPERS Dilemma

by Ed Moses, NFC~Iowa

Now that the politicians are in place and they will meet next month to start to solve the problems of the state, I am sure that they will have to address the dilemma with the Iowa Public Employees Retirement System's (IPERS). I hope that they realize that it is not the taxpayers responsibility to pay for the projected increase in the cost of the program as the problem was created by the legislature by granting more benefit than an individual contributions paid for during their time of work.

There was a study conducted in 2003 that indicated that the IPERS program had an unfunded liability of such proportion that it required a recommendation to increase the contribution by employers and employees by 40 percent. The study made several proposals, but the proposal endorsed by all of the affected employees organizations and some of the employers organizations was the proposed increase of the employers and employees contribution to 8.02 percent from 5.75 percent and 5.23 percent from 3.7 percent respectively.

The problem of the unfunded liability is not the fault of the taxpayers, but of their representatives in the legislature. Therefore the legislators should bite the bullet and solve the problem without increasing the taxpayers contributions. To understand the problem the history of IPERS should be examined by both the older legislators as well as the newcomers to the legislature. I will try to explain the creation of the problem as I remember the history of the program. I will have to admit that the many various changes in IPERS benefits created the unfunded liability that exist today. However much of the problem has been created since 1994-1996.

In 1953 the IPERS program was created to replace the original public employees retirement program, the Iowa Old Age Survivor Insurance (IOASI). IOASI was created in 1946 to give Iowa public employees a retirement program similar to Social Security. The benefits offered under the IOASI was greater than the contributions could afford and by 1952, the program was going bankrupt. This was recognized by the legislature and IPERS was created. It would seem that the legislature by not visiting the past is committing the problem all over again.

The original program under IPERS was a money purchased program or a "Contribution Defined" pension. This was changed to a "Formula Defined" program in 1975 when the benefit was to be computed by a percentage of the average of the top 3 years of covered

salary. Prior to 1975 the pension was determined by a variable percentage from as low as 40 percent and was adjusted upward to 50 percent by the legislature over the 22 years. This percent was multiplied by the career average of cover salary for each individual to determine the benefit for the individual instead of the average of the top 3 years. The covered salary prior to 1996 did not include the total salary an individual earned. The maximum covered salary prior to 1996 topped at \$44,000.

The covered salary rose over the years from 1953 by increments from approximately \$4,000, \$4,800, \$7,800, \$10,800, \$20,000, \$22,000, \$24,000, \$28,000, \$31,000, \$34,000, \$35,000, \$38,000, \$41,000, \$44,000 and ultimately in 1996 to cover the total salary of the individual. When the covered salary began to be increased automatically in 1975, the original ceiling amount on which contribution could be made was limited to no more than \$55,000. This would ultimately establish a \$33,000 pension as the highest amount that an individual could receive. By using the total salary as a basis of a retirement benefit there was an unfunded liability created by the increased pension benefit

In 1988, the legislature adopted a "Rule 92" as a basis of determining the benefits for the public employee. This was amended in 1996 to be "Rule 88". This means that when a person's age and years of service equals 88 then they were entitled to receive 60 percent of the average of their top 3 years.

The percentage use for the calculation of the pension program was increased from 1975 to the present percentage from 50 percent to 60 percent over a period of about 8 years. An additional benefit was granted for those who exceeded "Rule 88" that was adopted in 1996. This type of improvement also contributed to the unfunded liability. Changing from "Rule 92" to "Rule 88" in about 1996 created a large unfunded liability.

Up to the year 1994, the IPERS studies limited the percentage of return on the fund at 6.5 percent. In 1994, the IPERS study adjusted the percentage used for the return on the fund to 7.5 percent. This additional one percent based upon the balance of the IPERS fund freed up \$140 to \$170 million for additional benefits for the future retired public employees while ignoring the fact that the fund was built up by the low benefits of the previously retired employees.

In 1996 the ceiling of the employees salaries was removed so that the employees could now contribute on their total salaries. Realizing that the program would create an unfunded liability the legislature created a pension reduction formula within the program.

If the 3 years average was over \$55,000, additional years would be used to calculate the pension of the retirees. This was later increased to \$75,000 and in 2003 that pension reduction formula ceased.

To take a look at the problem with the program, we merely have to examine the case of Dr. Ed Stanek of the Lottery Commission. In the year 2004, Dr. Stanek was given a \$81,000 raise. The amount that Dr. Stanek would have to contribute on his raise would only be \$2,997 ($\$81,000 \times 0.037$) annually for a total of \$8,991 for the next three years. His pension based upon the next three years will be increased by \$48,600 ($\$81,000 \times 0.60$). If Dr. Stanek years of service and age exceeds the "Rule 88" he could receive up to an additional 5 percent and I am sure that Dr. Stanek would qualify for the higher rate under the "Rule 88" formula for an additional \$4,050. I am sure that with his employment with that state that Dr. Stanek contributed on the lower amount listed in the fifth paragraph. The total pension for Dr. Stanek will be approximately \$133,250 per year. This does not include any Social Security benefit that he might receive. Dr. Stanek is being used as an example as I am sure that there will be many individuals in public employment that would experience the same outlandish increase in their pensions.

At the present time, the state, city, county, school district and quasi-governmental agencies are contributing 13.35 percent of the employees salaries into a pension program. This does include the contributions made to Social Security and Medicare. With the increase as proposed to the study committee, the public employers would be contributing 15.67 percent of the employees salaries into a pension program for their employees.

I believe that the program should be returned to the "Contribution Defined" benefit or at least use the career average of the employee salary to calculate the benefit that an individual might receive from the IPERS program as was used in the first 22 years of the program. Any thirteenth check that retirees now receive should be eliminated for those who receives 60 to 65 percent of their top three years of total salaries or adjust all of the people that have retired to the "Rule 88" benefit and remove all of the thirteenth checks that are being issued to the present retirees at this time.

To better explain the difference between "Contribution Defined" and "Formula Defined" benefit. A "Contribution Defined" program is like a 401 (K) program that your benefits are determined by what you have in the account and an actuarial basis on life expectancy at the time of retirement. A "Formula Defined" program does not take into account what an individual

contributes into the fund, but only what one person earns during the last 3 years of work. Most public pension are designed on the "Formula Defined" benefits and is the reason that most public employees pension program is in trouble.

Retirement Fund Fraud

by Dan Kairis, NFC-Illinois

There have been many stories written recently about the under funding of private pensions. The airline industry, the automotive industry, and other industries are either bailing out of their pension requirements or reducing them dramatically.

An article in the October 31 issue of Time Magazine, the situation of Polaroid and its retirees was reported. The retirees, in order to help the company, the employees took an 8% reduction in their pay to put it into company stock into their retirement account. Polaroid started losing money and the stock dropped from \$60 to pennies. The employees were unable to sell their shares because of laws passed by Congress. But of course, the executives could unload their shares. The end result was for the average worker, in some instances working for decades, received a check for \$47. That is not a monthly check, but a one-time check. This is happening more and more often, with

more and more workers having little in the way of retirement benefits. Unfortunately, private business is not the only cause. We can also take a look at our government retirement packages. Illinois is a prime example of what's going wrong. The Governor and legislatures of Illinois, in order to pass a "balanced budget" is diverting \$2.3 billion over the next two years from the state retirement systems. Steve Cunningham is the NIU associate vice president for administration and human resources. He has been working with the State University Retirement System on reforms since last year. Mr. Cunningham said part of the crisis was inherited from former Gov. George Ryan. "The Pension Commission really outlined the unfunded liability problem in bold relief. They talked about how important it was to not make the crisis worse," he said. Unfortunately, our politicians has made the crisis even worse. The University retirement system is just one of the retirement systems in Illinois that is under funded. As a result of the actions of the General assembly's, the Governor's and the last 30 years, the State will have to provide \$275 billion to the five retirement systems in the State by the year 2045. That equates to the total state revenue for six years! A Crain's Chicago article indicates, the CTA, "Chicago Transit Authority" retirement system will be completely depleted by 2014 unless serious changes are made in the retirement of funding the system.

The big question is what is going to happen to everyone when all of these pension systems collapse? Are we in for a major depression? How many people will be out in the streets? Could we have total chaos? It is going to be interesting, if not frightening to

see just what happens in the next 10 to 15 years. Do we have any Republicans or Democrats that have a clue as to what to do? They haven't had so far. Maybe it's time people start thinking about independent candidates? Just a thought!

Christmas joy is still upon us. New Year's Eve is coming nigh, a time most raucous and rowdy, of celebration and partying ... but somewhere there are men dying, and suffering, wounded and sore afraid ... longing for home. This is dedicated to them: New Year's Eve in a foxhole

by Gary Jacobson © December 2005

**New Year comes as an eagle flies, on wings of morning
As death surrounds you in foxhole lying
Fearing, devoid of hope, the enemy watching
Out there scheming of your departing
His midnight dream is of reuniting
You with the dust from whence you came.
Breathe hatred's enmity passing in air same-same.**

**As New Year bells ring peace on earth
Raucous sound brings in new year mirth
Celebrating new year's rebirth
When old sins are washed away
Listen, listen, to bells on steeples play?
Is it too much to dream the killing stay away?**

**Where grim death surrounds you in foxholes lying, Fearing, devoid of hope, the enemy watching
Out there preoccupied with your dying
Laid his hellish booby traps to you dedicating
In a world gone so terribly wrong
The very breeze wails war's discordant song.**

**Ghosts of fallen brothers pass before bone weary eyes
Nightmares in war's nocturnal review rise
Cast war's decrepit mistakes and blunders by
Things done which make you wonder, why?
Where old soldiers hope their children will war eschew
Their sacrifices for them will the good life renew.**

Read the Rest of the Poem at:

[http://namtour.com/
NewYearEvefoxhole.html](http://namtour.com/NewYearEvefoxhole.html)

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