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HOW WILL TODAY'S PATRIOT MOVEMENT BE DEFINED?

By MG William Flatt | 7 Dec 2008

Contrary to conventional wisdom, we are not defined by our experiences, nor are we defined by how we are changed by critical moments in our lives. Rather, we are defined by how we choose to face what life throws at us. So too, we are defined as a nation... by how we respond to crisis and change, by disaster and victory. The patriot movement does not represent the whole nation, but most of what we believe in represents most of the opinions held by a majority of people in this country.

We believe in positives, such as truth, liberty, fairness, justice. We stand against those things that represent the opposite of these values: things such as deception, tyranny, racism, terror, and death. We understand that goodness and decency is worth protecting, that principle is worth defending, and that freedom is worth fighting for.

We cherish everything that made this country great, and God willing, will continue to for ever.

All of this cannot happen unless we get involved, and none of it will amount to anything unless we resolve to actively resist the negative forces arrayed against us: destruction, evil, darkness. It has

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been truthfully said that the price of freedom is eternal vigilance.

As a movement, therefore, we are defined by the principles we stand for. We are defined by the decisions we make in the pursuit of liberty, and Americans who are just beginning to learn what the patriot movement is all about are forming their lasting impressions about us based on what we say and do today.

We determine how the patriot movement is defined and whether others will join us or not. Examine your heart and ask yourself how much you want to see our endeavor to succeed, and you will see the extent to which we'll be esteemed, but only if we put our thoughts and words into actions and results.



INHOFE: TREASURY SECRETARY PAULSON WAS THE SOURCE OF MARTIAL LAW THREATS

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fPcGS0BHVKI>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HIQVHT95M2Q>

Senator James Inhofe has revealed that Henry Paulson was behind the threats of martial law and a new great depression prior to the passage of the bailout bill, having made such warnings during a conference call on September 19th, around two weeks before the legislation was eventually approved by both the Senate and Congress.

On October 2, Democratic Congressman Brad Sherman gave a stunning speech [\[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UgMx2F41XD0\]](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UgMx2F41XD0) on the House floor during which he decried the fact that, "Many of us were told in private conversations that if we voted against this bill on Monday that the sky would fall, the market would drop two or three thousand points the first day, another couple of thousand the second day, and a few members were even told that

there would be *martial law in America* if we voted no."

A few days before, Rep. Michael Burgess also told the House, "Mr. Speaker I understand we are under Martial Law as declared by the speaker last night," referring to a temporary suspension of the rules and procedures of Congress by its leaders so that a bill can be passed quickly.

But the origin of the most dire warnings about physical martial law in America, to which Sherman was likely referring, has now been exposed.

Speaking on Tulsa Oklahoma's 1170 KFAQ, when asked who was behind threats of martial law and civil unrest if the bailout bill failed, Senator James Inhofe named Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson as the source.

"Somebody in D.C. was feeding you guys quite a story prior to the bailout, a story that if we didn't do this we were going to see something on the scale of the depression, there were people talking about martial law being instituted, civil unrest...who was feeding you guys this stuff?," asked host Pat Campbell.

"That's Henry Paulson," responded Inhofe, "We had a conference call early on, it was on a Friday I think – a week and half before the vote on Oct. 1. So it would have been the middle ... what was it – the 19th of September, we had a conference call. In this conference call – and I guess there's no reason for me not to repeat what he said, but he said – he painted this picture you just described. He said, 'This is serious. This is the most serious thing that we faced.'"

Inhofe said that Paulson told members of Congress the crisis would be "far worse than the great depression" if Congress didn't authorize the bill to buy out toxic debt, a proposal "which he abandoned the day after he got the money," added Inhofe.

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Inhofe is referring to the controversy the week before when it emerged that the bailout money was not going to buy up toxic debt but instead Paulson, the former CEO of Goldman Sachs, had pulled a bait and switch and ordered the money be injected directly into banks.



Ever get the feeling you're being followed?

BAILOUT HITS \$8.5 B NOW WASTED

<http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?file=/c/a/2008/11/26/MNVN14C8QR.DTL>

Another analysis of the November elections indicate that a number of voters, mindful that Bush wanted to privatize social security, voted against McCain (for Obama) because had Bush succeeded in privatizing all of social security the way he wanted, today's retirees and those intending to retire in the next ten years would have effectively lost everything in the ongoing banking & market crisis.

About the only people who stand to benefit from the crisis are those who temporarily pulled out of the market in advance (insider knowledge??) or

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those who have just begun looking to get into the market, now that stocks have fallen to just a fraction of their former value... and that assumes that the markets start picking up again.



PENTAGON PLANS ON DEPLOYING 20,000 TROOPS DOMESTICALLY

By Spencer S. Hsu & Ann Scott Tyson
Monday, December 1, 2008; A01y

The U.S. military expects to have 20,000 uniformed troops inside the United States by 2011 trained to help state and local officials respond to a nuclear terrorist attack or other domestic catastrophe, according to Pentagon officials.

The long-planned shift in the Defense Department's role in homeland security was recently backed with funding and troop commitments after years of prodding by Congress and outside experts, defense analysts said.

There are critics of the change, in the military and among civil liberties groups and libertarians who express concern that the new homeland emphasis threatens to strain the military and possibly undermine the Posse Comitatus Act, a 130-year-old federal law restricting the military's role in domestic law enforcement.

But the Bush administration and some in Congress have pushed for a heightened homeland military role since the middle of this decade, saying the greatest domestic threat is terrorists exploiting the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction.

Full text at: http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2008/11/30/AR2008113002217_pf.html

Command Note: The military's plan calls for the capability to evacuate a 3,000 square mile area (roughly the land mass twice that of

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2ND 9/11 ATTACK BEING PLANNED FOR USA

<http://www.globalresearch.ca/index.php?con text=va&aid=10767>



WEAPONS CHECK: THE KRISS SUPER-V

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jEex2UChBtw&feature=related>

Official website & civilian semiauto:
<http://www.kriss-tdi.com/products/kriss-crbs0-45-acp.html>



ELECTRIC-SHOCK OBEDIENCE BRACELET FOR AIR PASSENGERS

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s2I85lctWq0>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=34Pbd15VU3o&NR=1>

You check in at the airline ticket counter. But instead of a boarding pass, you get shackled with an electronic bracelet which tracks your every move, contains all your personal information, and can shock you senseless. This vision of the future of air security is being floated around the Department of Homeland Security's research and development office.

This technology was developed for our military over 10 years ago for UN refugee/detainee relocation. The new twist is that this ID bracelet, which cannot be removed by the wearer, will also contain a built-in 'taser' device that can be used to subdue the wearer.

According to a video promoting the so-called EMD Safety Bracelet, all airline passengers would be required to wear it "until they disembark the flight at their destination."

The device, in addition to storing all of your sensitive personal information and tracking you with

Rhode Island), which would be equivalent to the evacuation of at least 8 counties here in Indiana, or Indianapolis and all its surrounding counties. Their planned capability would also be the ability to evacuate and relocate over 1 million people, or approximately 1 out of every 6 Hoosiers. That would be over 16% of our state's present population.

Where would you put over 1 million people with little or no advance notice? Consider these articles confirming "vacancy is available":

"Halliburton Detention Camps for Political Subversives",
<http://www.prisonplanet.com/articles/february2006/010206detentioncamps.htm>

"American Prison Camps on the Way",
<http://www.alternet.org/rights/42458/>

U.S. Concentration Camps Already Built
http://www.libertyforlife.com/jail-police/us_concentration_camps.htm



MILITARY PLANS FOR MARTIAL LAW EXPLAINED

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UgMx2F41XD0>



MARTIAL LAW WARNING *Originally Aired on MTV*

Part 1:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jfpy1oUmjag>

Part 2:
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U8JCWn6mv_U&NR=1



GPS, would allow someone to activate it remotely and immobilize the wearer for several minutes. This is EMD, or electro-muscular disruption.

And the Department of Homeland Security is interested in buying them.

According to a [letter](#) from Paul S. Ruwaldt of the DHS Science and Technology Directorate, the department is interested in using them to control illegal immigrants as well as “prisoner transportation, detainee control, and . . . to improve air security on passenger planes.”

Not only could it be used as a physical restraining device, but also as a method of interrogation, according to the same aforementioned letter from Mr. Ruwaldt.

One “unruly” passenger starts making noise on the plane and the crew, who have this nice shock collar device, aren’t going to spend a few minutes looking up which of the 87 passengers he is, especially if they “feel threatened.” They’re just going to shock everyone on the plane. Including you and your kids.



**JOHN STOSSEL’S
POLITICALLY INCORRECT
GUIDE TO POLITICS
A 20/20 television special**

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Phs6CwnutoY>



**GUN CONTROL:
PROTECTING TERRORISTS
AND DESPOTS**

Texas Straight Talk | by Ron Paul

Tragically, over the Thanksgiving holiday, the world was reminded how evil and cruel people can be. According to emerging accounts of the events in India, about a dozen

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well-armed and devastatingly well-trained terrorists laid siege on the city of Mumbai, killing almost two hundred people, and terrorizing thousands.

Regardless of the reasons, the indiscriminate shooting on masses of unarmed and defenseless people is chilling and reprehensible. How were these terrorists able to continue so long, relatively unchallenged, killing so many?

India’s gun laws are her business, of course. However, once the shock of these events and the initial reaction of fear passes, Americans should take away a valuable lesson about real homeland security and gun control from this tragedy.

Gun control advocates tell us that removing guns from society makes us safer. If that were the case why do the worst shootings happen in gun free zones, like schools? And while accidents do happen, aggressive, terroristic shootings like this are unheard of at gun and knife shows, or military bases. It bears repeating that an armed society truly is a polite society.

The fact is that firearm technology exists. It cannot be uninvented. As long as there is metalworking and welding capability, it matters not what gun laws are imposed upon law-abiding people. Those that wish to have guns, and disregard the law, will have guns. Gun control makes violence safer and more effective for the aggressive, whether the aggressor is a terrorist or a government.

History shows us that another tragedy of gun laws is genocide. Hitler, for example, knew well that in order to enact his “final solution,” disarmament was a necessary precursor. While it is not always the case that an unarmed populace WILL be killed by their government, if a government is going to kill its own people, it MUST disarm them first so they cannot fight back. Disarmament must happen at a time when overall trust in government is high, and

under the guise of safety for the people, or perhaps the children. Knowing that any government, no matter how idealistically started, can become despotic, the Founding Fathers enabled the future freedom of Americans by enacting the second amendment.

In our own country, we should be ever vigilant against any attempts to disarm the people, especially in this economic downturn. I expect violent crime to rise sharply in the coming days, and as states and municipalities are even more financially strained, the police will be even less able or willing to respond to crime. In many areas, local police could become more and more absorbed with revenue generating activities, like minor traffic violations and the asset forfeiture opportunities of non-violent drug offenses. Your safety has always, ultimately been your own responsibility, but never more so than now. People have a natural right to defend themselves. Governments that take that away from their people should be highly suspect.



**GOVERNOR OF ILLINOIS
ARRESTED; POLITICOS
ARE STUNNED**

Dec. 9, 2008 — Associated Press

The words on the recording sound as if they were uttered by a mob boss. Instead, the feds say, it is the governor of Illinois speaking.

The Senate seat "is a (expletive) valuable thing, you just don't give it away for nothing," Democratic Gov. Rod Blagojevich said Nov. 3, according to a conversation intercepted by the FBI.

Federal prosecutors accused the 51-year-old Blagojevich of plotting to enrich himself by selling Barack Obama's vacant Senate seat for cash

or a lucrative job for himself. In excerpts released by prosecutors, Blagojevich snarls profanities, makes threats and demands and allegedly concocts a rich variety of schemes for profiting from his appointment of a new senator.

Shortly after Gov. Blagojevich was taken into federal custody, prosecutors secured an indictment with little difficulty; grand jurors handed the indictment after hearing the undercover recordings in which the governor is implicated.

"I want to make money," he declares, according to court papers. Blagojevich allegedly had a salary in mind: \$250,000 to \$300,000 a year. (He earns \$177,412 a year.)

Even in this city inured to political chicanery — three other governors have gone to prison in the past 35 years, and numerous officeholders from Chicago have been convicted for graft — the latest charges were stunning. And not just for the vulgarity, but for the naked greed, the recklessness and the self-delusion they suggest.

What is mystifying is why Blagojevich spoke so openly and so brazenly. He knew the feds were looking into his administration for the past three years for alleged hiring fraud; one of his top fundraisers has been convicted, another is awaiting trial. He even warned some associates not to use the phone because "everybody's listening ... You hear me?"

Blagojevich also is no neophyte. He was baptized in the nitty gritty of Chicago Machine politics and confirmed in back-room bargaining and big money deals. He spent years climbing the ladder, first as a state representative, then a congressman and finally governor. He was boosted to power by his father-in-law, Alderman Dick Mell, a veteran Democratic ward boss and longtime stalwart of the once mighty Machine. The two became estranged in recent years.

And yet, in conversations recorded from late October to last

week, Blagojevich seemed almost oblivious as he vented his frustrations about being "stuck" as governor, complained of "struggling" financially, and allegedly talked of using the Senate appointment to land a high-paying job in the private sector, or even an ambassadorship or a Cabinet post.

"It's about greed," said Don Rose, a longtime political strategist in Chicago. "He's got to be completely off his rocker to be talking like that at a time when he knows the feds are looking at him. ... He's out there like he's talking to his wife in bed."

He added: "I think this is beyond ordinary sanity. We're talking about something clinical here. This is beyond logic. It's beyond greed as we know it."

He also scoffed at the notion that Blagojevich had any chance of obtaining a post in Obama's Cabinet.

"I consider myself a student of corruption, but I've never heard of this kind of thing going on," Rose said. "The way he's talking about it is lunacy. ... 'Maybe they'll make me secretary of health and human services.' Who's going to hire this guy?"

Paul Green, a political scientist at Roosevelt University, said: "If you're under so much scrutiny by an unbelievably dedicated U.S. attorney's office, why would you risk it all? This is a case less about politics and more about social psychology. ... A hard-nosed Illinois politician wouldn't even dream of doing this, considering the situation."

One of the most intriguing aspects of the story was that Blagojevich was elected as Mr. Clean, promising to clean up state government. His predecessor, Republican Gov. George Ryan, is behind bars for graft.

Blagojevich "had everything going for him," Green said. "He could have been the Serbian

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Obama. He was young, handsome, articulate."

In court papers, prosecutors said Blagojevich also tried to strong-arm political contributions in exchange for jobs and contracts, and tried to use his authority to get editorial writers from the Chicago Tribune who criticized him fired.

He also discussed getting his wife, Patti, who has been in the real estate business, on corporate boards where she could earn up to \$150,000 a year.

Some of the most shocking conversations came in the days before and after Obama's victory, when Blagojevich seemed intent on capitalizing on his role in choosing the president-elect's successor in the Senate.

According to court papers, on Nov. 3, the day before the election, Blagojevich talked with someone identified only as Deputy Governor A about the Senate seat, and said: "If ... they're not going to offer anything of any value, then I might just take it" — that is, make himself senator.

That same day, he talked tough, and said he intended to "drive a hard bargain" to get what he wants.

On Election Day, as crowds were gathering in Grant Park to celebrate Obama's victory, Blagojevich spoke with John Harris, his chief of staff, who also has been charged in the case. The governor likened himself to a sports agent shopping a free agent to teams, and said, "How much are you offering, (president-elect)?"

Days later, according to the documents, Blagojevich said he was willing to "trade" that Senate seat for the position of the secretary of health and human services in Obama's Cabinet. There is no indication that Obama ever considered him.

In another conversation, though, the governor seemed aware he was not going to get a Cabinet post or an ambassadorship, noting

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all the negative publicity swirling around him.

In the documents, Blagojevich raised the possibility of starting a nonprofit organization and perhaps getting billionaire investor Warren Buffett or someone else to help.



Command Note: Having originally grown up in Gary, Indiana in the shadow of Chicago and their politics, I can aver to the rampant, institutionalized corruption there and throughout the state. Consider again what the news article had to say about Illinois government:

Even in this city inured to political chicanery — three other governors have gone to prison in the past 35 years, and numerous officeholders from Chicago have been convicted for graft — the latest charges were stunning. And not just for the vulgarity, but for the naked greed, the recklessness and the self-delusion they suggest.

This is the inevitable outcome of corruption in government, and tyranny is its companion. This is the root of why I consider Illinois to be a police state on the same level as New York and California. The trust of the people in their government has been broken, not just in Illinois but everywhere.

It is worth considering that corruption in government is institutionally entrenched in all fifty state governments as well as in the federal. Can all 50 states inadvertently fall into corruption and abandon constitutional principle simultaneously? No. The present example demonstrates it is by design, and the arrogance displayed by tyrants like Gov. Blagojevich lend proof to that conclusion.

Because Illinois was formed from part of the territory that was established in the Northwest Ordinance <http://www.constitution.org/cons/northwes.htm>, certain guarantees of liberty were mandated. The Northwest

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he is the divine exception that can make that different result occur.

When it's displayed in private pursuits, megalomania is a harmless if pitiable condition. When coupled with political power, it becomes the propellant of large-scale social experiments that ruin societies and kill people by the tens of millions.

Barack Obama suffers from an acute case.

There are many things to like about Mr. Obama. As far as the public record attests, in personal terms he is genial, polite, and gracious. These traits contrast quite sharply with the casual bullying favored by the withered little cretin who presently occupies the White House.

Obama appears to be a devoted husband, and an exceptional father to his adorable daughters – traits which provide a very welcome contrast to the previous Democratic occupant of the Oval Office.

He is a remarkably disciplined individual and a decent writer. He has a good jump shot.

And if he manages to acquire a title of the power he seeks, Mr. Obama – or, more properly, the government over which he will preside – will probably end up killing many of us, either indirectly through the privations that result from a centrally planned economy, or through the direct application of the lethal force on which such economies depend.

Obama is a reasonably bright fellow. Somebody he respects – assuming there is any great enough to command his attention and rebuke his errors – needs to ask him this question, and compel him to answer:

If the key to prosperity is a centrally planned economy fueled by fiat currency, why isn't Zimbabwe the wealthiest nation in history?

Ordinance also mandated that the states formed from the Territory should be a Republic in nature; a mandate and requirement that these states, including Illinois and Indiana, have abrogated for quite some time. When de jure government ceases, the people retain the power enumerated in the 10th Amendment to assume the mantle of government upon themselves, in order to re-establish justice, maintain order and insure domestic tranquility.

For this and many other reasons, we will continue to support and advise our neighbors in adjacent states and organizations such as the Illinois State Militia. May they, as we pray for all of America, succeed someday in rooting out corruption and those who criminally subvert our government.



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<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qDC0qcf0kzE>



SOVIETIZING THE ECONOMY: THE FINAL PHASE

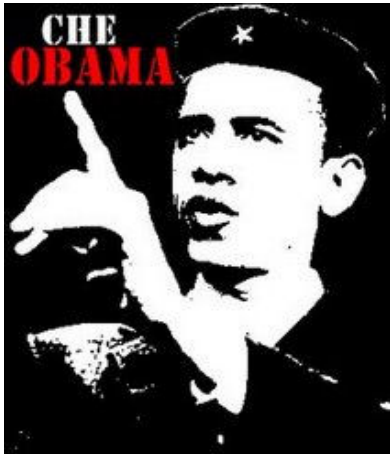
By William N. Grigg
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<http://freedominourtime.blogspot.com/2008/12/sovietizing-economy-final-phase.html>

“Insanity,” according to a famous definition, is a condition revealed by the habit of doing exactly the same thing repeatedly in earnest anticipation of a different result. A closely related form of derangement is *megalomania*, a prominent symptom of which is an individual's self-exalting belief that

The Electoral College has yet to elect Mr. Obama to anything, yet he and his *Gosplan* are putting the finishing touches on a grandiose plan to collectivize the entire American economy – that is, what remains of it – as an “economic stimulus.” Toward that end, Obama and his comrades have made it clear that they aren’t concerned about the number of zeros they add to the national debt.

http://www.nytimes.com/2008/12/07/us/politics/07radio.html?_r=1&bl&ex=1228798800&en=8a47220b90bc54e4&ei=5087%0A

There is a significant difference between “stimulus” as practiced by Bush the Lesser and the variety envisioned by Barack the Blessed (Peace Be Upon Him).



Bush and Greespan dispatched “tax rebate” checks to American consumers and flooded the country with “liquidity,” bidding all and sundry to go spend as their appetites dictated.

Obama and Bernanke, however, prefer to dictate the spending priorities on behalf of the population. Or as the Chicago Tribune summarized: “In recent years, federal stimulus packages sometimes amounted to giving Americans checks with a goal of stoking consumer spending. Obama’s transition team wants to mold a package that tracks the policy ideas he laid out during his

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presidential campaign and put people to work immediately.”

<http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/nation/world/chi-stimulusdec07.0.1336351.story>

In just the past three months, the Bush Regime – with the conspicuous support of Mr. Bush’s successor – has appropriated the equivalent of half our Gross Domestic Product to bail out Wall Street. Obama apparently seeks to pick up the spare, as it were, by putting the rest of the economy under the control of the political class – for our own good, of course.

The plan is to put people to work on projects ordained by Obama and his omniscient vanguard of visionaries. The immediate priority would be “Green jobs, health-care technology and infrastructure,” one aide informed the Tribune. The paper ominously notes that “Obama aides have been privately consulting a range of interest groups about economic recovery.”

The New York Times uncharacteristically told something close to the truth when it observed that the Obama plan “would be in part a government-directed industrial policy, with lawmakers and administration officials picking winners and losers among private projects and raining large amounts of taxpayer money on them.”

Of course, a “private” project that receives taxpayer funds is now a government program.

During the reign of Bush the Lesser, this approach was called “privatization,” an artfully dishonest term that effectively inverts the truth. Who knows what tortured neologism will be coined to describe that process under Obama. But the substance of the matter is this: Bush presided over the most radical expansion of government control over the American economy in history, and Obama promises to regiment whatever embattled remnants of the private economy Bush may have overlooked.

Without the benefit of an inaugural ceremony, Obama is

already dictating the terms of survival for those troubled industries who, in their panic over the unfolding depression, seek federal assistance. [Speaking on Meet the Press today \(Sunday, December 7\)](#), Obama wasn’t at all shy about specifying what he expects from the auto industry – such as the development of environmentally correct cars to radical reductions in executive pay – in exchange for taxpayer-subsidized loans.

While granting that the plight of top-echelon auto executives wouldn’t wrench so much as a tiny sob even from the chronically lachrymose, it’s worth remembering that Obama and his handlers won’t stop with that unsympathetic cohort. Just as they will use the leverage of government largesse to bring the auto industry into conformance with the will of the Gosplan, they’ll use similar means – and, most likely, even more draconian measures – to compel general submission to their Regime’s designs.

To understand the scope of Obama’s [dirigiste](#) designs, it’s useful to recall his campaign gaffe (a “gaffe,” of course, is an instance in which a politician is caught candidly disclosing his intentions) in which he informed an audience in Roseburg, Oregon that “We can’t drive our SUVs and eat as much as we want and keep our homes on 72 degrees at all times ... and then just expect that other countries are going to say OK.”

Obama seeks not merely to control the means of production, but also to regiment individual consumption in order to bring the population into compliance with his vision of a better society. He won’t be content merely to restructure the auto industry, or to preside over vast, corruption-fattened liturgies of infrastructure renovation; he’s after nothing less than a complete reconstruction of our individual lives. That’s the hideous truth lurking behind his anodyne promise

to be the “president of all Americans,” whether we care to have someone preside over us or not.

George W. Bush was a conspicuous failure as a dilettante businessman. Barack Obama – so far as we can tell from his uniquely opaque biography – has never operated a business, met a payroll, or set his hands to honest work in the productive sector. His brow has never been beaded with the sweat of honest private labor, nor has it been creased by the stress familiar to businessmen seeking to meet the needs of customers while navigating the hazards of government regulation and taxation.

Yet he assures us that he possesses some numinous quality – “the vision of change ... comes from me,” to quote one of his more recent Olympian pronouncements -- that equips him to direct a \$16 trillion economy, correct the multifarious errors of made by lesser beings in their private transactions, and reorient that economy in order to address the future that he and his enlightened associates infallibly foresee it.

Given the wonder-working powers Obama implicitly claims for himself, the most intriguing question is [not whether he was born in Hawaii or in Kenya](#), but rather if he was immaculately conceived.

Obama must be nothing less than a necromancer if he is serious about spending trillions of dollars on Keynesian public works projects: With the dollar’s demise imminent, Obama’s plans will require the ability to transmute a worthless currency into real money with actual value. Either than, or he will simply task Ben Bernanke to run the printing presses at such a speed that their friction-heated surfaces could be used to fry bacon.

Which brings us back to the Zimbabwe scenario.

For most students of hyperinflation, Weimar Germany – with its shoppers toting huge stacks

of worthless marks in bags or wheelbarrows, and the government issuing single-side mark notes because the presses couldn’t keep pace with currency depreciation -- exemplified the worst case scenario.

But Zimbabwe – land of the \$200,000,000 dollar note and the \$2 million loaf of bread – has overtaken Weimar as the most potent negative example.

People in that nation – once the chief agricultural producer for the entire continent – are dealing with [the full menu of misery](#) offered by a centrally planned fiat money state.

The basics of daily life are constantly priced beyond their income; food shortages are commonplace, as are shortages of cash when the Government imposes arbitrary limits on daily withdrawals. Some of those residing in the country that was once the breadbasket of the Dark Continent have been reduced to devouring dirty, canine offal, or bovine excrement, and Zimbabwean children by the thousands are being felled by cholera.

Hyperinflation is the fastest and most efficient way to strip-mine a society of its civility. The barbarization of Zimbabwe is merely the latest example, but it won’t be the last. **The architects of our economic distress have deliberately created the conditions for global hyperinflation in the knowledge that doing so will result in hardship and death on an unimaginable scale.**

“The world is not going back to normal after the magnitude of what [central bankers and the political class] have done,” wrote Tom Fitzpatrick, chief technical strategist for Citigroup, in an “internal client note” privately circulated by the bank. “When the dust settles this will either work, and the money they have pushed into the system will feed through into an inflation shock. Or it will not work because too much damage has already been

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done, and we will see continued financial deterioration, causing further economic deterioration.”

Commenting on Fitzpatrick’s analysis, [Ambrose Evans-Pritchard of the London Telegraph observes](#) that the possible outcomes he predicts include a strong possibility of “a downward spiral into depression, civil disorder, and possibly wars.” As Fitzpatrick pointed out, “There is a risk of domestic unrest, starting with strikes because people are feeling disenfranchised. What happens if there is a meltdown in a country like Pakistan, which is a nuclear power[?] People react when they have their backs to the wall.”

Bear in mind here that if the strategy Fitzpatrick describes is successful, the result will be an “inflationary shock” – which would mean the utter pauperization of everyone whose earnings, savings, and investments (such as they are) are in dollars. The only weakness in Fitzpatrick’s assessment is the false dichotomy found therein between the prospect of a continued, deepening depression on the one hand, and hyperinflation on the other. **Thanks to the ministrations of the Power Elite, we’re going to have both.**

By waging two eminently avoidable and utterly disastrous wars abroad, and engaging in unprecedented domestic profligacy, George W. Bush and his cronies burned our economy to the ground. Obama and his comrades are now ready to sow salt and leave it entirely barren for a generation or more.



FEDS ATTEMPTING TO ENTRAP TRUTHERS?

Bizarre conversation in bar suggests ex-military personnel are being employed to entrap liberty activists and 9/11 truthers.

By Paul Joseph Watson
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<http://www.prisonplanet.com/feds-attempting-to-entrap-truthers.html>

A bizarre bar room conversation related to us by a reader suggests that ex-military personnel are possibly being used to provoke 9/11 truthers and liberty activists into making violent statements as a potential pretext for entrapment.

A reader who wishes to remain anonymous informs us about a strange individual who entered his local bar and suddenly started spouting off in a loud voice about Jews, 9/11 and even allegedly made death threats against Barack Obama:

Last night at about 6pm, I decided to go have a scotch and pizza at a nearby pub. I've been there several times and like most of the times in my life of visiting bars, I have never sat next to someone that wanted to (in this case) encourage open statements against the Jews, against Obama, against the government, but not necessarily at George Bush, Jeb Bush, or even Marvin Bush.

Out-of-the-blue, a fairly educated looking individual sits down next to me and began bashing Jews, faster than I could say "What?"

He ordered a pizza and a coke, and began bashing FoxNews as the "Jew Tube" and kept trying to get my input. My antennas went-up immediately and I made the mistake of engaging in a conversation with him, and mentioned that FoxNews was

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typical of mainstream media now. He continued to bash Jews at every single level and tells me he knows who exactly was behind 9/11. "I know I sound like a Jew basher, but it's the truth," he says...and that "Alex Jones is right and he bashes Jews too!" (He didn't ask me if I had seen "Loose Change") but he assumed that I did. I told him that Alex does not bash Jews, and I asked, "What station do you listen to Alex on?" He paused and said, "I only saw Loose Change!" And added..."I don't listen to him on any station." He went-on about 9/11 being an inside job, and of course, "the Jews did it," he said.

I told him several times that I have nothing against the people of Israel, but I am sure that Mossad and the Pakistani ISI were involved, I continued..."That's a theory and all my expertise is on the act itself, since I am a retired airline captain of large jets, therefore, leave it to a new investigation to determine who actually did it!" He goes-on..."The Jews were behind 9/11, they're behind everything!" I just shuddered, as most everyone around us could hear him.

*He went-on about everyone, including Obama being a Jewish descendent and "somebody should K*** him" etc. He continued to stay on that a few minutes and trying to get me to agree. I didn't...*

I told him that he can't just walk into a bar, up to someone he doesn't know, and begin bashing Jews! "That can get you in an immediate bar fight!" He said..."I have a right to express my 1st amendment rights and if nobody likes it...tough!"

I was eating my pizza as fast as I could, because I was beginning to get sick. I felt strongly that he

was a federal agent, attempting to (either) initiate me into a supremacist group, or openly state something against Obama (to determine a threat level of me), or use a taped conversation later as evidence to lock me up. BTW...he knew nothing about REX 84.

He was in full agreement that 9/11 was an inside job, and told me his name....but if you look at his article on "Defense Link" below, it paints a different picture. He's retired from the Navy and seems to have become very disgruntled about 9/11, or he's an agent. Something tripped this guy, and it would be remarkable if "Loose Change" did it, but certain things don't add up here. I was definitely being prompted to agree and talk on his terms.

The moral of this story is to NOT engage in open conversation about sensitive issues at a bar. Hand them a DVD (outside) and ask them to tell you later as to what they think about it. If you are the initiator of a sensitive conversation, you have a better chance of not encountering a federal agent that wants to drag you into their world. And by all means...don't open conversations by bashing Jews, Christians, and telling people what you would like see happen to Obama. ONLY federal agents can get away with that dialogue when prompting a subject to fall into their trap. Our new world will get real testy soon and people need to be aware of who they are talking to, because the search for dissidents, patriots, 9/11 truthers, bloggers, and radio/journalists is on the move.

I ate my last piece of pizza and told him I had to go feed my dog. I get-up, didn't wait for the bartender to take my money...I walked over to the end of the bar and paid her. He gets up and

*walks over to where I am standing and pays his bill too! He leaves out the front door...I walk into the bathroom, and a guy, that was sitting near us, (now in the bathroom) had been listening to the conversation, asked me "What in the hell was that all about? That guy was F***** strange!"*

If that were the entirety of the story then one would be inclined to dismiss the individual as just a disturbed nutcase.

However, despite this individual making vague but hostile statements against Jews, the government, the media and the official 9/11 story, he is prominently featured on the U.S. Department of Defense website as a recently retired Navy officer who expressed vehement support for the war on terror. His real name and photo are carried on the defenselink.mil website, according to the reader who related the story, and were provided to us. The reader knows it is the same guy because he mentioned a very specific thing about himself during the conversation that is also detailed on the Defense Department website page.

The contradiction between this and the individual's statements and behavior in the bar suggest that he was putting on an act in an attempt to attract anyone of a radical bent that might be a target for an undercover entrapment operation.

His blanket statements yet distinct lack of detailed knowledge about 9/11, along with his claim that "Alex Jones bashes Jews," and the alleged death threat made against Obama **are very suspicious indicators that this individual is on the payroll as a Federal informant involved in some kind of entrapment dragnet.**

Far from being a paranoid fantasy, this is a method commonly employed by intelligence agencies to entrap alleged terrorists who are

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[Manna Storehouse](#) on the western side of the greater Cleveland area for many years.

There were agents from the Department of Agriculture present, one of them identified as Bill Lesho. The search warrant is reportedly suspicious-looking.

Agents began rifling through all of the family's possessions, a task that lasted hours and resulted in a complete upheaval of every private area in the home. Many items were taken that were not listed on the search warrant. The family was not permitted a phone call, and they were not told what crime they were being charged with. They were not read their rights. Over ten thousand dollars worth of food was taken, including the family's personal stock of food for the coming year. All of their computers, and all of their cell phones were taken, as well as phone and contact records. The food cooperative was virtually shut down. There was no rational explanation, nor justification, for this extreme violation of Constitutional rights.

Presumably Manna Storehouse might eventually be charged with running a retail establishment without a license. Why then the Gestapo-type interrogation for a 3rd degree misdemeanor charge? This incident has raised the ominous specter of a restrictive new era in State regulation and enforcement over the nation's private food supply.

This same type of abusive search and seizure was reported by those innocents who fell victim to oppressive federal drug laws passed in the 1990s. The present circumstance raises the obvious question: is there some rabid new interpretation of an existing drug law that considers food a controlled substance worthy of a nasty SWAT operation? Or worse, is there a previously unrecognized provision pertaining to food in the Homeland Security measures? Some have suggested that it was merely an out-

later presented to the media as dangerous Al-Qaeda affiliated operatives, as we saw in the case of the "Chicago Seven," who were in actual fact a near-retarded street gang who took cash from an FBI provocateur in return for making violent remarks and drawing up crude plans to attack the Sears Tower.

The 9/11 truth movement is completely peaceful and no 9/11 truther has ever been criminally charged from activities relating to a protest or demonstration. Despite this fact, smear attempts to link the truth movement with crude terror attacks, such as the fire-bombing of the US military recruiting center in New York's Times Square, have repeatedly been attempted.

We advise readers to express extreme caution when approached by strangers who begin talking in this manner and also to report any death threats made against public figures to the relevant authorities.



SWAT TEAM RAIDS FOOD CO-OP IN RURAL OHIO

By John-Loeffler
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On Monday, December 1, a SWAT team with semi-automatic rifles entered the private home of the Stowers family in LaGrange, Ohio, herded the family onto the couches in the living room, and kept guns trained on parents, children, infants and toddlers, from approximately 11 AM to 8 PM. The team was aggressive and belligerent. The children were quite traumatized. At some point, the "bad cop" SWAT team was relieved by another team, a "good cop" team that tried to befriend the family. The Stowers family has run a very large, well-known food cooperative called

of-control, hot-to-trot ODA agent, and, if so, this would be a best-case scenario. Anything else might spell the beginning of the end for the freedom to eat unregulated and unmonitored food.

[One blogger](#) familiar with the Ohio situation has reported that:

"Interestingly, I believe they [Manna Storehouse] said a month or so ago, an undercover ODA official came to their little store and claimed to have a sick father wanting to join the co-op. Both the owner and her daughter-in-law had a horrible feeling about the man, and decided not to allow him into the co-op and notified him by certified mail. He came back to the co-op demanding to be part of it. They refused and gave him names of other businesses and health food stores closer to his home. Not coincidentally, this man was there yesterday as part of the raid."

The same blog also noted that the Ohio Department of Agriculture has been chastised by the courts in several previous instances for its aggression, including trying to entrap an Amish man in a raw milk "sale," which backfired when it became known that the Amish believe in a literal interpretation of "give to him that asketh thee, and from him that would borrow of thee turn not thou away" (Matthew 5:42).

The issue appears to be the discovery of a bit of non-institutional beef in an Oberlin College food service freezer a year ago that was tracked down by a county sanitation official to Manna Storehouse. Oberlin College's student food coop is widely known for its strident ideological stance about eating organic foods. It seems that the Oberlin student food cooperative had joined the Manna Storehouse food cooperative in order to buy organic foods in bulk

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from the national organic food distributor United, which services

<http://www.unitedbuyingclubs.com>

buying clubs across the nation. The sanitation official, James Boddy, evidently contacted the Ohio Department of Agriculture. After the first contact by state ODA officials, Manna Storehouse reportedly wrote them a letter requesting assistance and guidelines for complying with the law. This letter was never answered. Rather, the ODA agent tried several times to infiltrate the coop, as described above. When his attempts failed, the SWAT team showed up!

Food cooperatives and buying clubs have been an active part of the American landscape for over a generation. In the 1970s, with the rise of the organic food industry (a direct outgrowth of the hippie back-to-nature movement) food coops started up all over the country. These were groups of people who freely associated for the purpose of combining their buying power so that they could order organic food items in bulk and case lots. Anyone who was part of these coops in the early era will remember the messy breakdown of 35 pounds of peanut butter and 5 gallon drums of honey!

These buying clubs have persisted and flourished over the years due to their ability to purchase high quality organic foods at reduced prices in bulk quantities. Most cooperatives have participated greatly in the local agrarian economies, supporting neighborhood organic farmers with purchases of produce, eggs, chickens, etc. The groups also purchase food from a number of different local, regional and national distributors, many of them family-based businesses who truck the food themselves. Some of these food cooperatives have become large enough to set up mini-storefront operations where members can drop in and purchase items leftover from case lot sales. Manna Storehouse had established itself in such a

manner, using a small enclosed breezeway attached to their home. It was a folksy place with old wooden floors where coop members stopped by to chat and snack on bags of organic corn chips.

The state of Ohio boasts the second largest Amish population in the country. Many of the Amish live on acreages where they raise their own food, not unlike Manna Storehouse, and sell off the extras to neighbors and church members. There is a sense of foreboding that this state crackdown on a longstanding, reputable food cooperative operation could adversely impact the peaceful agrarian way of life not only for the Amish, but homeschoolers and those families living off the land on rural acreages. It raises the disturbing possibility that it could become a crime to raise your own food, buy eggs from the farmer down the road, or butcher your own chickens for family and friends - bustling activities that routinely take place in backwater America.

The freedom to purchase food directly from the source is increasingly under attack. For those who have food allergies and chemical intolerances, or who are on special medical diets, this is becoming a serious health issue. Will Americans retain the right to purchase food that is uncontaminated by pesticides, herbicides, allergens, additives, dyes, preservatives, MSG, GMOs, radiation, etc.? The melamine scare from China underscores the increasingly inferior and suspect quality of modern processed institutional foods. One blog, commenting on the bizarre and troubling Manna Storehouse situation, observed that:

"No one is saying exactly why. At the same time the FDA says it is safe to eat the 40% of tainted beef found in Costco's and Sam's all over the nation. These farm raids are very common now. Every farmer needs to fully equipped [sic] for the

possibility of it happening to them. The Farmer To Consumer Legal Defense Fund [<http://www.ftclfd.org>] was created just for this purpose. The USDA just released their plans to put a law into action that will put all small farmers out of business. Animals for the sale of meat or milk will only be allowed in commercial farms, even the organic ones."



SWAT RAID ON FAMILY'S HOME & ORGANIC FOOD CO-OP CHALLENGED

Buckeye Institute Press Release

Columbus - The Buckeye Institute's 1851 Center for Constitutional Law today took legal action against the Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA) and the Lorain County Health Department for violating the constitutional rights of John and Jacqueline Stowers of LaGrange, Ohio. The Stowers operate an organic food cooperative called Manna Storehouse. ODA and Lorain County Health Department agents forcefully raided their home and unlawfully seized the family's personal food supply, cell phones and personal computers. The legal center seeks to halt future similar raids. The complaint was filed in Lorain County Court of Common Pleas.

"The use of these police state tactics on a peaceful family is simply unacceptable," Buckeye Institute President David Hansen said. "Officers rushed into the Stowers' home with guns drawn and held the family - including ten young children - captive for six hours. This outrageous case of bureaucratic overreach must be addressed."

The Buckeye Institute argues the right to buy food directly from local farmers; distribute locally-grown food to neighbors; and pool

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resources to purchase food in bulk are rights that do not require a license. In addition, the right of peaceful citizens to be free from paramilitary police raids, searches and seizures is guaranteed under the Fourth Amendment to the United States Constitution and Section 14, Article 1 of the Ohio Constitution.

"The Stowers' constitutional rights were violated over grass-fed cattle, pastured chickens and pesticide-free produce," Buckeye Institute 1851 Center of Constitutional Law Director Maurice Thompson said. "Ohioans do not need a government permission slip to run a family farm and co-op, and should not be subjected to raids when they do not have one. This legal action will ensure the ODA understands and respects Ohioans' rights."

On the morning of December 1, 2008, law enforcement officers forcefully entered the Stowers' residence, without first announcing they were police or stating the purpose of the visit. With guns drawn, officers swiftly and immediately moved to the upstairs of the home, finding ten children in the middle of a home-schooling lesson. Officers then moved Jacqueline Stowers and her children to their living room where they were held for more than six hours.

Such are raids are beyond the scope of the purely administrative authority delegated to ODA and county health departments. In enforcing licensure laws, these agencies are only permitted to contract for routine enforcement services. Forceful raids and sweeping searches and seizures are not routine, and exceed the authority granted to ODA and county health departments.

The Buckeye Institute seeks an injunction against similar future raids, and a declaration that such licensure laws are unconstitutional as applied the Stowers and individuals like them.

There has never been a complaint filed against Manna Storehouse or the Stowers related to the quality or healthfulness of the food distributed through the co-op. The Buckeye Institute's legal center will defend the Stowers from any criminal charges related to the raid. A copy of the complaint is available at <http://www.buckeyeinstitute.org/stowers.pdf>. A video of the Stowers describing the raid is available [here](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FdLxMKuxy4). <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FdLxMKuxy4>

