



BEST WISHES TO EVERYONE FOR A HAPPY THANKSGIVING, A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS, A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR, AND BEYOND!



Millennium Diggers Club
Having fun finding gold and treasure!



Hello all, this is to remind you that we will *not* be holding a meeting this Thursday, which is of course THANKSGIVING DAY. We will combine both our November and December meetings into one! (see below).

~INVITATION TO ALL~

On **THURSDAY DECEMBER 4th**, @ 6:30, we will be having our **Potluck Holiday Dinner**, and we hope to have a real good turnout. So we welcome all members and their families and/or friends to come join us for this celebration!

~For more details call Penny Esplin 503-588-9251

Dredging - The Fox Guarding the Henhouse, or Big Gov Takings?



By: Martin Schumann, **El Dorado County News**, 11-10-2014-
<http://molosyndicate.com/3/dredging-fox-guarding-henhouse-or-big-gov-takings>

Sierra fund has now become the authority on mining; they have jumped from cleaning the sediment from the reservoirs to mining the reservoirs for the possibility of becoming one of the biggest mining concerns in the state of California. They tell how all this gold has washed into the reservoirs along with mercury and sediment and that "they" can properly remove it and sell it to jewelers etc. I am a dredger that used to be able to make a living from gold mining the rivers, but the sierra fund along with their cronies felt that we didn't know how to mine for the gold, but they do. Our system of removing the gold from the rivers, along with mercury and other heavy metals, with a little new technology has proved to be the most efficient way to remove mercury and other toxic metals from the rivers.

Amazing how their main topic when it comes to dredging the reservoirs for sediment mercury removal becomes 2nd on their agenda and gold 1st. They are fighting tooth and nail to keep real miners from making a living while duping the public in the tune of millions of tax payer dollars to remove our jobs so that they can become the main producers of gold for the state of California. Not only are they wanting to be river and reservoir dredgers they are now looking at mining the abandoned mines that they are making safe to the public. When are we going to wake up to what special interest is doing to our state, they have become the law makers our country is bowing down and letting the legal system become a thorn in our sides, all they have to do is sue the government to get there way no matter what the evidence says, number one reason the individual or small groups don't have a chance at beating them at their own game; we don't have the money to fight them. The law that was suppose to help the small guy has become his worst enemy, (Equal Rights for Justice) the only people that get to use it are people like the Center for biological diversity which works hand and hand with the Sierra Fund and other special interest

groups. They get paid by the government to sue the government for what they want. They have kept us from making a living since 2009 with every conceivable way that their attorneys could come up with, placing moratoriums on us and using non-scientific methods of proving that “we” are polluting the rivers and they're not. When we win one battle they sue for something else when is it going to stop? People are being hurt by their wants and it is not in the best interest of the public; only theirs.

This is a quote from a news letter produced by the Sierra Fund: “Improving Incentives for Mine Lands Reclamation Activities Reclaiming the Sierra 2015 Issue Paper Version 1, October 29, 2014 Page 1

Multiple Benefits as a Result of Mine and Mine Waste Reclamation Reclaiming the Sierra October 29, 2014 This issue paper has been developed by The Sierra Fund and partners to frame the Multiple Benefits / E3 Gold track of the Reclaiming the Sierras 2015 conference. This and the three other issue papers associated with the three other event tracks are working documents intended to frame the issues that will be addressed at the conference. As a result, they will be revised and updated leading up to the conference. Background A great deal of gold and mercury remain in California's gold country, some of it mobilized during the heyday of gold mining and now trapped behind the dams below these old mines. These metals are mixed with in with huge amounts of gravel, sand, silt, and anything else flowing down the river during a rain storm. The gold comes to rest when the water stops moving when it gets to the reservoir. Almost every major river and creek in the Sierra Nevada was dammed as part of the mining era. These materials are filling up the reservoir s the operational, productive water storage capacity part of the reservoir and reducing water storage and water management options for many water suppliers. The Sierra Fund's Mining Toxins Work Group and its partners are exploring methods to identify the best available technologies and practices needed to remove this sediment from the reservoirs and treat it to remove mercury, returning only clean water back to the river”.

Note: The courts already have decided that you are not polluting the river when you move water from the river back into the same river without adding anything to it. There Idea that we pollute the river is wrong.

Trash pile in the forest? Leave it!

Zach Urness, Statesman Journal, November 14, 2014

<http://www.statesmanjournal.com/story/news/local/2014/11/14/forest-service-pick-trash/19054775/>

This illegal mining camp was found by a group of trail maintenance workers from the Siskiyou Mountain Club in southwest Oregon's Kalmiopsis Wilderness. They packed out the trash, but the U.S. Forest Service said they want anyone who comes across a camp like this to contact them first.



When Gabe Howe and five members of the [Siskiyou Mountain Club](#) came across an abandon mining camp overflowing with garbage in southwest Oregon's [Kalmiopsis Wilderness](#) last September, they decided the right thing to do was pack out the trash.

The team of trail maintenance specialists loaded up roughly 85 pounds of moldy clothes, rusting batteries, shredded tarps, razors and PVC pipe and carried it more than 13 miles out of the wilderness.

"It was just a nasty pile of garbage, and once we saw it, the totally natural thing to do was pack it out," said Howe, executive director of the Siskiyou Mountain Club, an Ashland-based nonprofit responsible for maintaining many of the trails in the [Kalmiopsis](#).

While the team's actions would be seen by many as admirable, not to mention a lot of work, the U.S. Forest Service saw it differently.

The Forest Service asked Howe — and other backpackers that come across active or abandon mining camps — to not pack out the trash, no matter how gross or toxic.

"Sometimes good intentions can lead to unintended consequences," said Virginia Gibbons, public affairs officer for the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest, which manages the Kalmiopsis. "The thing to do is mark down where it is and report it to the Forest Service. We can go out and investigate."

There are two issues with packing out trash, Gibbons said. The first is that it might be a legal, active mining claim. The second is that should the mining activity be illegal, the Forest Service wants to use clues from the site to help law enforcement officials track down the offender.

"Miners have rights, and as a federal agency we have to make sure we're honoring those rights and not having hikers disturbing a claim," Gibbons said. "If we do find out that it's an illegitimate claim, we don't want it disturbed since there could be a way to identify the person who is illegally mining."

In this case, the camp was not legitimate, since there are no active mining claims remaining in the 179,755-acre Kalmiopsis, which is located in the Siskiyou Mountains southwest of Grants Pass. The illegal camp was located near the confluence of Slide Creek and the Chetco River. (Nearby Emily Camp, a recently active gold mining camp is on private land).

Howe said he knew the mining wasn't valid and decided to act.

"We're a nimble, grassroots organization driven by passion for the wilderness, and if we find batteries leaching their acid into salmon-bearing streams, soiled underwear, used toilet paper, dull razors, bottomless buckets, shredded tarps and so forth, we're going to clean it up to the best of our abilities," Howe said. "It would be different if we came across a field box full of equipment, but this was just trash."

Gibbons stressed that she wasn't saying backpackers should never pick up trash, only to be careful of camps or caches of equipment.

"This was much larger than just someone being careless and dropping a wrapper on the ground," Gibbons said. "There was a dredge – a good sign that that there was mining activity – and equipment. We're asking people, if they find that, to contact us and let us take care of it."

Part of what made discovering the trash frustrating for the group was the timing. Since 2010, the crew of volunteers and paid staff of the club have spent more than 6,200 hours restoring trails in the Kalmiopsis damaged by the 2002 Biscuit Fire, one of the largest in Oregon's history.

On the trip in question, the team was celebrating the completion of "Trans-Kalmiopsis Route," a 26-mile trail system through the heart of the wilderness that includes stretches along the remote upper Chetco River. The project took almost five years to complete and included cutting some 2,300 downed logs and clipping out miles of thick brush that filled in trails to the point they had almost disappeared.

"As a group, they have done fantastic work, and I understand they have a very personal vested interest in this area," Gibbons said. "At the same time, we have to make sure we protect everyone's rights and that they do these things the right way."

'Salmon Cannon' Shoots Fish Upstream to Spawn

By Laura Geggel, , November 15, 2014

<http://news.yahoo.com/whoosh-salmon-cannon-shoots-fish-upstream-spawn-143622946.html>

This subject has been reported here before. But, because of the many bogus attacks accusing the operations of small-scale gold suction dredges of causing harm to fish and the environment It is important to provide you with the latest article on this subject. If you go to the address above you can watch a video of the system in operation. -JCG

The long tube wiggled and then violently wobbled, shaking as a salmon came blasting out the end and belly-flopped into the water.

Still in its pilot phase, the cannon-type device, "o'fish'ally" known as the Whooshh Transport Conduit, can zip fish between 16 and 33 feet per second (5 and 10 meters per second) above obstacles, such as dams, and toward their destination.

The device is designed to [help salmon reach their spawning grounds](#), but late-night talk-show host and comedian John Oliver launched the so-called salmon cannon into the spotlight by giving his audience a preview of how it works, and pretending to use it to launch fake salmon at A-list celebrities, including Jon Stewart, Jimmy Fallon and Anderson Cooper. [[Video: 'Salmon Cannon' To Migrate Fish Upstream](#)]

But all jokes aside, the salmon cannon could play an important role in helping [fish journey upstream](#). The tube's speed and flexibility may provide a more affordable and sustainable solution than other manmade waterways around dams that are currently used by migrating fish, said Vince Bryan III, CEO of Whooshh Innovations, based in Bellevue, Washington, and the creator of the salmon cannon.

The great migration

Typically, dams have manmade fish ladders to help fish swim upstream. Water flows over a series of steps, and the determined fish leap up repeatedly, climbing up the steps until they exit into the river at the [top of the dam](#).

But sometimes fish will turn around if the water in a fish ladder is too warm. Other times, the ladder may disorient fish, causing them to turn around and go up and down the steps repeatedly, instead of straight toward the exit, said Dave Fast, a senior research manager at Yakima Nation Fisheries, which is conducting a pilot project on the cannon.

"This [conduit] is a much more rapid way to get [salmon] upstream," Fast said.

But how long can a [fish survive out of water](#)? Long enough, it seems, for a 120-foot (37 meters) tube to vacuum up the fish and shoot it upriver, closer to the salmon's spawning grounds, research shows.

"In a lot of the fish-handling facilities and hatcheries, fish are out of the water for a minute or two," Bryan told Live Science. "We were surprised how long that was. We just had in mind a few seconds."

Though the name "cannon" is catchy, the device doesn't actually operate like one. Instead, it acts a little like a vacuum cleaner. As a fish enters the tube, it is sprayed with a mist that keeps its gills moist and the inside of the tube wet. The fish immediately whizzes up the tube because the pressure in front of it is lower than the pressure behind it.

This differential pressure creates a seal around the fish's middle, holding it steady as the fish speeds along. As the seal lets go of the fish toward the tube's end, the fish slows down — [friction](#), gravity and increased water help it decelerate too — as it is released into the water, far from the hungry eyes of predators. [[Photos: The Freakiest-Looking Fish](#)]

"When you look at most fish, they're doing a belly-flop when they land," Bryan said. "We're trying to replicate that as if they were [jumping out of the water](#) in the wild."

How 'bout them apples?

The concept for the fish cannon began in a fruit field. Bryan's family owns an apple orchard in eastern Washington, but his father noticed that the workers spent only about half of their time picking apples. The other half of the time was spent carrying the picked apples to a collection point in the middle of the road.

"We set up to solve the problem, how do you get a piece of fruit from the tree into the bin softly?" Bryan said. "If you bruise the fruit, it's lost its value."

They developed a harvester that allowed pickers to stay in their ladders and drop the apples into tubes that gently transported the fruit to the bins.

Eventually, Bryan's family set out to repurpose the technology for other products. "The lowest hanging fruit seem[ed] to be in the arena of fish, whether it be in the processing plants or in the wild," Bryan said.

Still, fish are slippery, heavy and difficult to move. It's unclear whether the tube will stress out the fish, or even if the cannon will remove the slimy coating that

protects the fish from parasites and pathogens, though tests have shown that the tube leaves the slime intact, Bryan said.

The tube doesn't appear to increase short-term stress on rainbow trout, according to a 2013 U.S. Geological Survey study, published in the [North American Journal of Fisheries Management](#), that examined the fishes' cortisol levels. Now, Yakima Nation Fisheries is studying the salmon cannon's effects on long-term stress, Fast said.

Spring swim

In the spring, salmon swim around the Roza Dam on the Yakima River on their journey back to their spawning grounds. Some of the salmon are taken to the Cle Elum Hatchery in a special truck, where workers spawn the fish for the next season.

About 120 Chinook, also known as king salmon, traveled through a 40-foot (12 m) cannon during their migration in the spring. Experts are studying whether the fish that were shot through the tube have a higher death rate than fish transported by hand into the truck, Fast said.

"They shoot through this tube rather painlessly for 5 seconds," he said. "We don't expect any long-term impact, but we're checking."

The study is ongoing, but so far the researchers have not found any statistical difference in the mortality of the fish, Bryan said.

Improving the technology

The company is also working on a tube that will accommodate all sizes of fish, from young jacks to mature adults. Whoosh currently has two cannon sizes, one that accommodates fish between 8 and 12 pounds (3.6 and 5.4 kilograms) and another one for fish larger than 12 pounds.

"It can handle over a range of sizes, but it can't handle all of the sizes of a salmon coming back," Fast said. "We're working on it so we don't have some great big fish come along and stick his head in and plug the whole thing up."

The portable 120-foot (37 m) tube costs roughly \$148,000, about half as much as a pesculator, a large corkscrew-type device that brings fish to the surface, said Eric Kinne, a hatchery reform coordinator at the Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife. Pesculators can reach up to 30 feet (9.1 meters) tall, but are typically used at [hatcheries](#), not dams, Bryan said.

The department used the 120-foot tube to transport fish from the Washougal River in southern Washington to a truck that took them to the Washougal hatchery, about 14 miles (23 kilometers) away, Kinne said.

Elsewhere, the salmon cannon is also catching on. A fish-processing plant in Norway is using a 500-foot (152 m) tube for commercial purposes for fish that are already dead, and the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory, one of the U.S. Department of Energy's national labs, just tested a 40-foot and 250-foot (12 m and 76 m) section of the tube in October, comparing it to the traditional "[trap and haul](#)" process that trucks fish upriver.

In 2015, Whooshh expects to have its first full-time operational cannon at a river in Washington, Bryan said. The cannon will likely speed up the fish's journey and save them energy, he said. "That should translate to a higher return rate of the fish at the spawning grounds."

Russia Hoards Gold While Miners Feel the Pinch

Mike Gleason, Money Metals Exchange, November 14th, 2014

https://www.moneymetals.com/podcasts/2014/11/14/russia-hoards-gold-while-miners-feel-the-pinch-000630?utm_source=141116-HDL-PD&keycode=141116-HDL-PD&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=weekly_headlines&AID=3818

This week, tensions between the United States and Russia flared up again. The Russian military announced it would be sending long-range bombers on regular patrols into the Gulf of Mexico. Meanwhile, Russian President Vladimir Putin continues to forge tighter political and economic relations with China in response to sanctions imposed by the U.S.

The sanctions have contributed to a precipitous decline in the Russian ruble. But the Russians are busily refortifying their currency with gold. The Russian Central Bank purchased 55 metric tons of gold in the third quarter. That's twice the amount purchased by the next largest buyer, according to the World Gold Council.

Russia and other large buyers are taking advantage of low gold prices. And this week gold prices got a little lower. As of Thursday's close, the gold market fell another 1.3% for the week to \$1,163 an ounce. However, gold is still holding above the lows it put in last Wednesday at \$1,140.

Turning to silver, it's showing a similar pattern to the yellow metal – down for the week but holding above the lows seen earlier last week. Silver prices closed Thursday at \$15.69 per ounce, off just about 1% since last Friday's close.

At current silver prices, primary silver mines can't make it. Metals analyst Steve St. Angelo, [who was recently a featured guest on this program](#), reported on just how dire the situation is. He wrote on his SRSrocco Report Wednesday that 7 of the 12 primary silver miners he follows had an estimated break-even cost of \$18.50 per ounce in the third quarter. That means they are losing \$3.00 for every ounce they mine and sell at current market prices.

Platinum and palladium producers are starting to feel the pinch as well. Platinum prices dipped toward fresh five-year lows this week to close Thursday at an even \$1,200 an ounce. Palladium prices have fared much better over the past five years. In fact, they've more than doubled. But they've taken a hit this fall. After closing above \$900 an ounce in late August, palladium now trades at \$770 as of this Thursday evening recording.

Some see falling metals and commodity prices as a sign of a coming deflation. But deflationists don't seem to understand how central bankers operate. One man who does is former Federal Reserve chairman Alan Greenspan. He recently cautioned that the economy faces "turmoil" and the prospect of higher inflation due to the Fed's stimulative monetary policies. Greenspan also unequivocally called gold a good investment.

News Reporter: *Do you think that gold is currently a good investment given what you're saying about the potential for turmoil?*

Alan Greenspan: Yes.

News Reporter: *(laughing at Greenspan's short and to-the-point answer)*

Alan Greenspan: *Economist are usually perfect in equivocating. In this case, I didn't equivocate. Remember what we're looking at. Gold is a currency. It is still by all evidences the premier currency where no fiat currency including the dollar can match it. The issue is if you're looking at question of turmoil, you will find as we always have in the past, it moves into the gold price.*

Intrinsic currencies like gold and silver, for example, are acceptable about a third party guarantee.

Well, it's interesting to hear the former Fed chairman acknowledge silver as a form of money without counterparty risk. Some say that silver is no longer a currency because governments no longer use it in coinage and central banks don't hold in their reserves. But silver was, is, and will be the hard money of the everyman. Silver coins are what people will be bartering with if they can't use or no longer trust the U.S. dollar.

Silver prices have been hammered so low relative to gold and relative to mining costs that savvy individual investors are rushing to get their hands on silver in physical form. Last week the U.S. Mint sold out of Silver Eagles. It now says it will be able to fulfill demand for 2014 American Silver Eagles by next Monday, November 17th.

Given the huge demand and the fact that there was very little margin to spare to begin with, the near two week embargo on sales of Eagles by the Mint has resulted in a cascading effect on silver supply throughout the retail bullion market. The private mints, who supply the industry with bullion rounds and bars, have been overwhelmed by demand and are all having a hard time producing enough to keep up with customer demand. The increased premiums and scarce supply of Silver Eagles has driven even more investors into the now even more affordable rounds, causing production bottlenecks and longer than normal delays on new orders at private mints as well.

Minerals Make Life

A National Mining Association Initiative

[Hal Quinn, National Mining Association](#), Nov 13, 2014

<https://us-mg6.mail.yahoo.com/neo/launch?.rand=3lfbfks5grnj#2554570926>

The economy is still the number one priority for voters as last week's midterm elections indicated. The administration and Congress need to get serious about adding jobs and growing the economy. If they are serious, it is time to prioritize manufacturing and the mining industry on which it relies.

A recent [survey](#) commissioned by the National Mining Association (NMA) emphasizes the need for such reform. The survey reveals that most senior executives in the manufacturing sector are concerned about minerals and metals supply to the success of their businesses, and 90 percent are concerned about supply chain disruptions outside of their control. The United States has one of the world's largest mineral repositories (\$6.2 trillion worth), and yet, **less than half** of the minerals American manufacturers use come from domestically mined resources. As the United States once again becomes a global manufacturing hub, domestic companies will bolster demand for minerals and metals, demonstrating the need for strong, stable supply chains of these critical raw materials.

Moreover, a majority of manufacturers — **80 percent** — recognize the importance of sourcing minerals and metals from the United States, which they believe will decrease our dependence on foreign countries, strengthen U.S. national security and ensure job and economic growth. In fact, in 2013 alone, industries utilized minerals to add more than [\\$2 trillion to the U.S. GDP](#).

The bottom line is this: America has a vast supply of minerals and the capacity to mine it. What we need is Congress to enact legislation that provides timely and efficient access those raw materials, which in turn, supports American manufacturers and drives our nation forward. If you support us, won't you [join us?](#)

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DEMAND FOR U.S. MINERALS AND METALS

Manufacturers are increasingly concerned with minerals and metals supply

A large majority of U.S. manufacturing executives are concerned about the issue of minerals and metals supply

Supply concerns



Most believe minerals and metals demand will only increase over the next 5-10 years

U.S. manufacturers are concerned about the stability of their mineral and metal supply chains. Check out this [infographic](#) that explains why most manufacturers believe streamlined access to our domestic supply is the solution.

[Make Policy More Efficient](#)

MINING: THE FOUNDATION OF U.S. MANUFACTURING

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Minerals are vital to manufacturing the products and technologies that make U.S. companies world leaders in innovation, propel our economy and enable U.S. industries to compete globally. The growing global population and the development of new technologies and products that rely on greater combinations of minerals have increased the manufacturing industry's demand for raw materials.



Minerals and metals are critical to high-tech products like computers and electric vehicles

About the survey:

To examine the importance of minerals to the U.S. manufacturing industry and overall U.S. competitiveness, the National Mining Association (NMA) commissioned Edelman Berland to conduct a survey of more than 400 senior executives in the manufacturing industry. All executives surveyed have familiarity with their companies' supply chain operations.



MORE THAN
90% of U.S. manufacturers are concerned about supply disruptions

U.S. Minerals and Metals Supply

The issue of minerals and metals supply is a growing concern among U.S. businesses, as U.S. manufacturers currently rely on foreign countries for more than half of the minerals and metals they use. Without a stable domestic supply chain, their access to critical and strategic minerals and metals is susceptible to disruption.

More than 90 percent of executives are concerned about supply disruptions outside of their control, citing geopolitics and increasing global demand as the most pressing factors. Most executives surveyed also believe minerals and metals demand will only increase in the next five to 10 years. Without access to minerals and metals, the items we depend on every day—ranging from medical devices and transportation to communication, energy and even national defense—would cease to exist.

The survey's findings further confirm the need for legislation that provides for a more predictable and efficient permitting process to feed the manufacturing supply chain. [Click here](#) to view a summary of the survey results.

[Minerals Critical to Manufacturing](#)

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See NMA's newest study, "[U.S. Mines to Market](#)" to learn about the tracking of minerals mined and refined in the U.S. through to their end-use in finished products. This report highlights the key findings and insights.

Copper's Contribution

Hal Quinn, National Mining Association

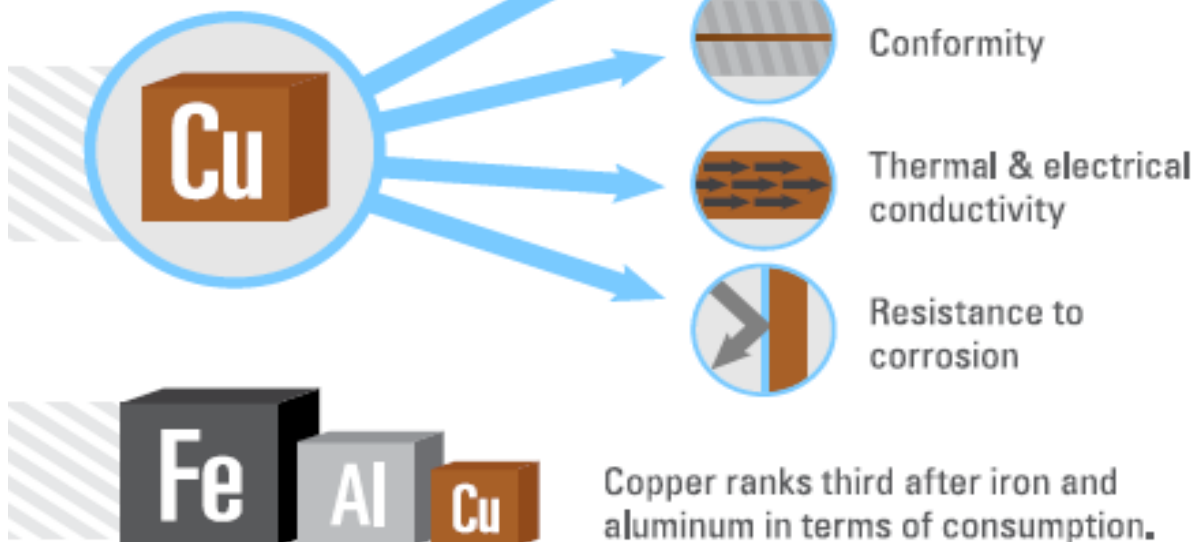
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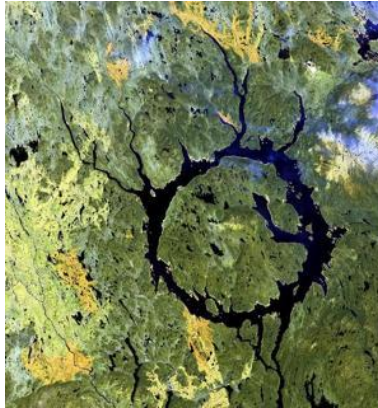


Minerals like copper are critical to advancement of the manufacturing sector. Learn more about copper's contributions to industry development in our newest [infographic](#).

Rare Mineral Discovered in Ancient Meteorite Impact Crater

By Becky Oskin, , November 4, 201

<http://news.yahoo.com/rare-mineral-discovered-ancient-meteorite-impact-crater-133147572.html>



Manicouagan crater

A rare mineral known from just three massive meteorite impacts has now turned up in a Wisconsin crater.

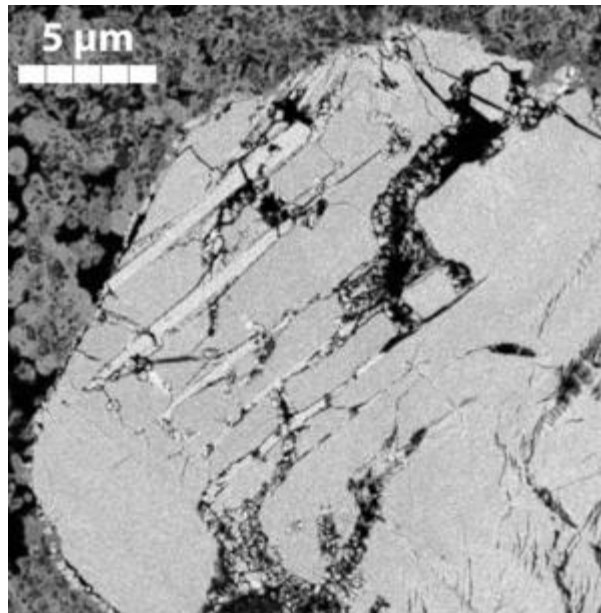
Researchers discovered the mineral, called reidite, at the Rock Elm impact structure in western Wisconsin. Reidite is a dense form of [zircon](#), one of the hardest minerals on Earth.

This is the oldest reidite ever found,, said Aaron Cavosie, a geochemist at the University of Puerto Rico in Mayagüez. The Rock Elm meteorite crater is 450 million to 470 million years old, he said.

Scientists first discovered the unusual high-pressure zircon in a laboratory in the 1960s. Reidite was finally identified in nature starting in 2001, at three impact sites: the Chesapeake Bay Crater in Virginia, Ries Crater in Germany and Xiuyan Crater in China.

The reidite was an utterly unexpected find for Cavosie, who was collecting zircons to establish a more precise impact age for the Rock Elm crater. "No one in their right mind would have looked for reidite in sandstone," he told Live Science. The Rock Elm crater was gouged out of carbonate rocks and sandstone that contains tiny fragments of quartz and zircon. The earlier reidite discoveries were all in impact melt breccias — a mix of rock that melted and cooled into glass during the impact and unmelted rock fragments.

"I work with the oldest zircons on Earth, and reidite is so much rarer than 4.4-billion-year-old zircons," said Cavosie, who presented the results of the research Oct. 22 at the Geological Society of America's annual meeting in Vancouver, British Columbia.



The rare mineral reidite was discovered in Wisconsin's Rock Elm Crater.

Zircon morphs into reidite when shock waves from meteorite impacts hike up pressures and temperatures to extreme levels, equal to those deep inside the Earth where diamonds form. The pressure makes minerals tightly repack their molecules into denser crystal structures. Reidite has the same composition as regular zircon but is about 10 percent denser.

The specks of reidite Cavosie spotted are smaller than the diameter of a human hair and are scattered within ["shocked" zircons](#) that were fractured during the Rock Elm impact. But each mineral reflects light differently, which caught Cavosie's eye as he examined slices of rock under a powerful microscope. Working with colleagues in Australia, Cavosie confirmed the presence of reidite by zapping the tiny zircons with electrons. Every mineral scatters electrons in a unique way, and the tests confirmed the presence of reidite, Cavosie announced in Vancouver.

"This is a cool find in the realm of high-pressure metamorphism," Cavosie said.

It takes incredible pressure to transform zircon into reidite, so the mineral's presence means the [Rock Elm crater](#) underwent much higher shock pressures than originally thought, Cavosie said. The transition to reidite takes place anywhere between 30 and 80 gigapascals. Earlier pressure estimates from the crater's shocked quartz topped out at 10 gigapascals, according to previous studies.

Any impact crater carved from sandstone will also have zircon, and Cavosie now thinks reidite is likely more common than scientists previously thought. "It's now time to look for it where we never would have anticipated finding it," he said.

Billionaire gun grabbers get their way

Gates, Bloomberg help pass nation's toughest background-check law

[Leo Hohmann](#), World News Daily, November 5, 2014



Five billionaires poured millions of dollars into promoting the nation's toughest firearm background check law in Washington state and scored a big success for gun control that is likely to become a model for the nation.

Voters in Washington handily approved the ballot measure while defeating a competing initiative that would have prevented any background checks not authorized by the federal government.

Ballot initiative 594 will trigger a background check on almost all private sales – at gun shows, over the Internet and even sales and loans of guns between friends and family members.

In Tuesday's returns, I-594 was being supported by more than 60 percent of voters, winning handily in nine of the 10 largest counties.

Background checks are now required only when buying from licensed dealers.

Five billionaires – Michael Bloomberg, Bill Gates, Paul Allen, Steve Ballmer and Nick Hanauer – poured a total of more than \$5 million into the promotion of expanded background checks in Washington state.

They outspent their opponents more than 8 to 1 and flooded the airwaves with ads, said Alan Gottlieb, a Second Amendment advocate who fought I-594 as head of Washington Citizens for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms.

I-591, a competing measure sponsored by gun-rights groups that calls for barring background checks that go beyond the federal standard, was losing statewide in Tuesday's returns, with 56 percent of voters rejecting it.

"We're running behind. We have over 10,000 votes to be counted, and most are from eastern Washington," Gottlieb said shortly after 9 p.m. Pacific Time. "We'll improve throughout the night but I don't think we'll be able to cross the 50 percent threshold. The \$10 million-plus flooded in and a lot of it came in over the last few days. It's hard to compete with that, hard to compete with five billionaires who writing checks for \$1 million."

Gottlieb said the National Rifle Association "took a walk" on this battle, never really showing up to help neutralize the flow of money from billionaire anti-gunners.

"The NRA took a walk on this one. They didn't really help us at all. They spent \$400,000, mostly on a website," Gottlieb said. "They ran no TV spots, no radio spots and no newspaper ads. They really weren't part of our coalition, and the national implications of this are frightening. They're already collecting signatures to get this on the ballot in Nevada next year, and have Oregon and Arizona on their list next."

Gates, Allen, Ballmer, Hanauer and others paid for ads featuring emotional pleas by survivors of mass shootings that would not have been stopped by a background check. The campaign also drew appearances from victims of "gun violence," such as former Arizona Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords and families of the victims of the Sandy Hook, Connecticut, school shooting.

EPA has become an OUTLAW agency!

[Tom DeWeese](http://americanpolicy.org/2014/10/29/epa-has-become-an-outlaw-agency/), American Policy Center, October 29, 2014

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Landowners, homeowners, home builders, construction companies, the forestry and mining industries, and just about everyone else engaged in productive activists in the United States are in the crosshairs of the most far-reaching power grab the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has ever undertaken.

Unless they are stopped, production in the United States is about to be destroyed!

It's shocking!

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), has become an OUTLAW agency of our federal government.

And it must be brought under control. Before it's too late. **Senator Rand Paul (R-KY) has introduced a bill to do just that. It's called the **Defense of Environment and Property Act of 2013 (S. 890).****

Senator Paul's bill is vital for the protection of private property and personal freedom. **It is a new weapon to stop enforcement of Agenda 21 policies.** That's why it's urgent that you sign the enclosed petition to Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell urging support for S.890 so that we can finally put a stop to the outrages of these outlaw agencies.

Why do I call the EPA and agencies like the Army Corp of Engineers "Outlaws?"

Because they are destroying people's lives under the pretext of enforcing federal law, particularly the Clean Water Act. As a result, they are locking away millions of acres of private land – using the excuse of protecting the environment.

- ❖ They pretend that occasional mud puddles are wet lands that have to be protected.
- ❖ They arrest property owners for simply improving their land, claiming they have violated the Clean Water Act. Many property owners have served prison time for nothing more than putting some fill dirt in a ditch.
- ❖ They block property owners from building on their land.
- ❖ They issue crushing fines against property owners, even when there is no proven violation.
- ❖ They sneak onto private land looking for violations. And sometimes they even manufacture those violations and then arrest the owners.
- ❖ And when they declare an area of the property to be a wetland, true or not, the property owner can no longer use the land, nor sell it.

This is government out of control.

Property rights in America – your right to own and control your own property — are being destroyed by outlaw agencies like the EPA.

Under Barack Obama the EPA and the Army Corp of Engineers are making it virtually impossible for land owners to live securely on their own property.

This is a tyranny orchestrated to enforce the policies of Agenda 21 and Sustainable Development.

Your home could be next. No property is secure.

But you and I can stop it.

Senator Rand Paul is doing everything he can to protect us. He is fighting in the Senate where dictatorial Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid is doing all he can to build the power of government as a force to destroy our rights.

Rand Paul is leading the fight to stop him. You and I must stand with him. He cannot fight this battle alone. But together we can force passage of this vital bill and put a strong leash on the EPA.

First, we need to build support for Senator Paul's Bill, "Defense of Environment and Property Act, S.890."

His bill defines exactly what a "navigable water way" is. It is not a mud puddle or a temporary runoff of rain water. How sad it is that a Senate Bill has to clarify these definitions for government agencies entrusted to comply with the law.

But that's what must be done.

And Senator Paul's bill also makes it mandatory that Federal agents get written permission from the property owner to enter the land. No more sneaking!

And finally, Senator Paul's bill tells the federal government that, if it takes private land, then it has to pay double the value of the land to the landowner.

Why? Because once the government declares that land is a wetland – the property value plummets. Doubling the price will help enforce the "just compensation" provisions of the 5th Amendment to the Constitution.

S. 890 will help stop enforcement of the UN's Agenda 21 that the EPA and these other federal agencies are working to secretly enforce.

So, please, right now, sign your petition "Support S.890 petition to Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell.

[Send your petition now](#)

I need thousands of these signed petitions to build support for the bill.

Remember, we have to force it past Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid – one of the worst violators of American property rights and individual liberties. And he decides what bills are brought to the Senate floor for a vote.

Only by flooding Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell's office with signed petitions can we have the power to bi-pass Harry Reid and force a vote in the Senate on S.890.

The good news is that Senator Paul is Senator McConnell's fellow senator from Kentucky. That will help us get a vote if McConnell sees enough support for the bill from Americans nationwide.

But it won't happen without our efforts! So please sign and return your petition to me today.

Second, will you also include a contribution to APC with your signed petition? APC has been on the front lines fighting these agencies for many years.

In fact, APC is one of the only organizations that's been in this fight from the beginning. I have personally worked with some of the victims I've described here. I have shared their tears and frustrations and I pledged to get justice for them.

You and I must stop these outlaw agencies before they ruin the lives of more innocent Americans. Your financial support of APC will help make sure that happens.

You have seen what APC can do when we take on a battle. The huge national battle now raging across the nation against Agenda 21 is a direct result of APC's 20 year fight to expose this massive UN threat. I never gave up. I kept fighting against all odds. And as a result – today we are making huge progress in stopping Agenda 21.

Your financial support is all I have to wage these battles. No corporations will give us grants because APC is too controversial. Nor will any large foundations – for the same reason.

And that's OK with me. I much prefer to be supported by dedicated individual contributors like you. That keeps APC independent and much more effective in our fight against the tyrannical forces like the UN and the EPA.

But that does make it more difficult for me to raise the funds I need to fight this battles to stop the outlaw agencies like the EPA. That's why I'm counting on you!

So, please, will you help me lead this battle to pass Senator Rand Paul's Defense of Environment and Property Act (S.890) so we can reign in these outlaw agencies.

[Send your petition now](#)

I need your contribution of at least \$25 today. If you can donate as much as \$50, \$75 or even \$100 or more, I'll be able to build a national outcry against the Federal land grabs.

Whatever amount you can send – I urgently need it today. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid will do everything he can to kill S. 890 so that the outlaw EPA can continue to terrorize American property owners.

With your signed petition to Minority Leader McConnell, and your generous contribution to APC today, we can win. Just as we are winning battles against Agenda 21 in communities and state legislatures across the country.

But it won't happen without your help.

Please join me in this battle to stop these outlaw agencies.

[Send your petition now](#)

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tom DeWeese". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Tom DeWeese, President

This post was written by [Tom DeWeese](#). *Tom DeWeese is one of the nation's leading advocates of individual liberty, free enterprise, private property rights, personal privacy, back-to-basics education and American sovereignty and independence.*

If you want to help go to : <http://americanpolicy.org/2014/10/29/epa-has-become-an-outlaw-agency/>

Are we under attack?

Frank DuBois, THE WESTERNER, , November 02, 2014
<http://thewesterner.blogspot.com/>

Are we under attack? The answer is “yes” and let me begin to count the ways:

- ❖ The Forest Service has issued a policy directive on Groundwater Resource Management. The directive **would claim that surface water and groundwater are “hydraulically interconnected” and allow the agency to object to state-regulated projects on “adjacent” land that might harm groundwater.** The New Mexico State Engineer has testified before Congress that this is a violation of state water law and several well established Supreme Court decisions.
- ❖ **The EPA and Army Corps of Engineers have proposed regulations that would give them control over not only “navigable” waters, but in addition control over ditches, canals and wet spots.** AFBF President Bob Stallman says the proposal is a serious threat to farmers, ranchers and other landowners. “Under EPA’s proposed rule, waters — even ditches — are regulated even if they are miles from the nearest ‘navigable’ waters,” Stallman said. “Indeed, so-called ‘waters’ are regulated even if they aren’t wet most of the time. EPA says its new rule will reduce uncertainty, and that much seems to be true: there isn’t much uncertainty if most every feature where water flows or stands after a rainfall is federally regulated.”
- ❖ **The U.S Fish and Wildlife Service has proposed a huge expansion of the area in New Mexico and Arizona where the Mexican Grey Wolf would be protected.** The Chairman of the Arizona Game Commission says he is “profoundly disappointed” in the proposal and adds that resistance by ranchers, hunters and residents of the towns in the expanded wolf recovery area could doom the program.
- ❖ Under a rule finalized by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service **jaguars will have 1,194 square miles of critical habitat in southern Arizona and New Mexico for their recovery.** The Arizona Game and Fish Department does not support the designation. Assistant Director for Wildlife Management Jim

deVos states, "I find it difficult to justify designating critical habitat for a species that is so rarely found in Arizona. In looking at the available data on the presence of jaguars, there has been no documentation of a female jaguar in Arizona for nearly a century. There have been long periods when no jaguar was even found in the state. Such designations should be based on good science and effective conservation, which are both lacking with this designation."

- ❖ The President issued a proclamation to **create the 243,000 acre Rio Grande del Norte National Monument**. Rather than following the precedent in previous proclamations, this one contained new, discriminatory language against livestock grazing in spite of written testimony provided by New Mexico livestock organizations
- ❖ The President issued a proclamation to **create the 496,000 acre Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument in southern New Mexico**, again containing the anti-grazing language. In addition, the designation creates problems for law enforcement and flood control efforts, and was opposed by the Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce, the Hispano Chamber of Commerce, the Sheriff of Dona Ana County, the Mesilla Valley Sportsmen's Alliance and many other groups.
- ❖ **The Environmental Protection Agency**, in response to a Freedom of Information Act request, **publicly released to three environmental groups a huge database of personal information about thousands of livestock producers and their families in 29 states**. The database included the names of the producers and other family members, home addresses, GPS coordinates, telephone numbers and emails.
- ❖ The Bureau of Land Management has issued a **management plan for the Sabinoso Wilderness in northern New Mexico**. Senator Udall and other members of the New Mexico Congressional Delegation pushed for this designation, with Senator Udall saying the Wilderness "will now be open for grazing, hunting and other recreational uses." Most recently, however, Senator Heinrich tells us, "It's surrounded by private land and there is currently no legal access — not so much as an easement for a trail" and "It's completely landlocked by private land." As a result, the Bureau of Land Management has proposed that as condition of their grazing permit the ranchers must grant public access across their private property. The BLM has the authority to condemn private property to gain access to federal land, but then they would have to pay for it.

- ❖ As a result of an out-of-court settlement, **the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has declared the New Mexico jumping mouse as endangered**, and identified almost 200 linear miles along streams in New Mexico, Arizona and Colorado as critical habitat. The Forest Service is constructing eight foot high pipe fences to restrict livestock access to water, saying "livestock grazing has the potential to jeopardize the species." New Mexico ranchers have filed a lawsuit challenging the federal government's moves to block cattle from reaching water in order to protect the habitat of the mouse and doing so without finalizing the critical habitat designation nor completing a required environmental analysis.
- ❖ The Mountainair District of the **Cibola National Forest ordered the blanket removal of all livestock** based on a weather map and without performing any type of range analysis on the nineteen allotments involved. Five months later and after the appropriate on-the-ground analysis was completed, the Forest Service recanted and allowed the return of livestock. However, the economic damage to the ranch families had already occurred and relations and respect for the Forest Service had been permanently wounded.
- ❖ The Secretary of Interior issued an order directing the Bureau of Land Management to **inventory all lands with wilderness characteristics**, administratively designate them as "Wild Lands", and take action to protect them during the planning process. After a storm of protest from Congress, Western Governors and various user groups, the Secretary withdrew the order. However, that has not stopped the BLM from implementing the policy. Current BLM land use plans are incorporating the lands with wilderness characteristics concept and has changed their field manuals accordingly.
- ❖ The First Lady, first with reforms to the School Lunch Program, and now through changes to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (food stamps), continues her **anti-meat crusade**. As of June there were 46 million folks on food stamps and 32 million kids in the School Lunch Program, all of whom are touched by her efforts.

This is just a partial list. But it's a list you should keep in mind as you saunter into the voting booth next month.

Till next time, be a nuisance to the devil and don't forget to check that cinch.

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Feds Prepare Next Attack on Bundy Ranch

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<http://investmentwatchblog.com/feds-prep-next-attack-on-bundy-ranch/>

The FEDs are on the offensive once again – the target – BUNDY RANCH. We knew it wouldn't be long after the Bureau of Land Management's embarrassing retreat for them to regroup and return with a new strategy. The new battlefield, Instead armed troopers, they're coming at Bundy with pen and paper. Administrative tactics, intended to pry the land away from the people of Nevada.

Before we get deeper into that, here's the backstory. In April we brought you the story about on the Bundy Ranch Federal Seige in Southern Nevada – a battle that had been raging for decades – a battle between the Federal government, and ranch owner Cliven Bundy.

It all started years ago, when the Bureau of Land Management was established. Before that, cowboys and ranch hands were free to graze their cattle all over private property. Once the BLM came along, they decided to start imposing a tax for private ranches to be able to graze on open lands. Because the Bundy family had been feeding their cattle on those lands for years without a tax, they disputed the demands, calling it unnecessary.

To be clear, the Bundy's don't OWN the land, it's actually owned by the STATE. But when the Feds came in and encroached on the land, it raised debates about the Tenth Amendment to the Constitution. The Tenth Amendment says, "The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people."

There it is, right in the Constitution, clear language saying the State OR the People have the power to govern and control anything not assigned to the Federal Government in the Constitution. But when the Feds showed up, they not only demanded the land, they also killed thousands of dollars worth of Bundy's cattle, burying them in mass graves. Outraged by the encroachment and forced takeover, Bundy and hundreds of other locals showed up and blocked their path. After a long standoff, the Feds went home defeated.

Now, **they're back, with a new strategy. This time, calling 33 parcels of land, that contain nearly 2 million acres of Nevada of land "Areas of Critical Concern."** Bundy's calling it a move of retaliation, several months after the Feds retreated..

But don't count the Bundy family out just yet. When they learned of this new subtle attack by the Feds, they released this statement:

"We are not intimidated by the past action of the federal government, nor will we yield to their future attempt to subdue the State or the people. We refuse to submit to unconstitutional codes and regulation that dismantle Statehood and deprived our American neighbors and ourselves of the unalienable right so many of our kinsmen suffered and died for."

So it looks like now the Bundys are calling their own "Critical Concerns", on the administrative tactics, they claim, are stripping the people of Nevada their land.

How Sustainable Development Policies Will Force Citizens Off of the Rural Lands.

Understanding Sustainable Development and How It Affects You

<http://www.agenda21course.com/lesson-3-wildlands-project/>

"ONLY HUMAN ACTIVITY COMPATIBLE WITH PROTECTION OF THE CORE RESERVES AND CORRIDORS WOULD BE ALLOWED."

Mission Statement to the Wildlands Project.

"Land, because of its unique nature and the crucial role it plays in human settlement, cannot be treated as an ordinary asset, controlled by individuals and subject to the pressures and inefficiencies of the market. Private land ownership is also a principal instrument of accumulation and concentration of wealth and therefore contributes to social injustice; if unchecked, it may become a major obstacle in the planning and implementation of development schemes. Social justice, urban renewal and development, the provision of decent dwellings-and healthy conditions for people can only be achieved if land is used in the interest of society as a whole." The preamble to The Vancouver Action Plan approved at Habitat: United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (31 May to 11 June 1976).

This quote is compelling evidence that the goal of the United Nations is to eliminate private property around the globe in order to use it for the "common good". The only thing different today, than 40 years ago, is the rate at which

land is being taken from the American citizen and the number of ways this is made to happen.

Through many venues, including but not limited to local, state and federal regulations and programs, private property rights of rural land owners are incrementally taken – stolen. This is in compliance with The Biodiversity Treaty, which is one of three treaties foisted on America at the Agenda 21 conference in Rio de Janeiro in 1992.

The treaty, while not fully ratified, is being implemented through the Executive branch of government. This treaty spawned the Wildlands Project. The intent of the Wildlands Project is to gain control over, and then return at least 50% of the rural land in the U.S. to the condition that predates Columbus's arrival.

The strategies used to remove the landowner from his land include, but are not limited to, the following:

Land is taken...

- ❖ ... by denying water and/or grazing rights to farmers and ranchers or limiting their use of pesticides and herbicides, which in turn will force the farmers and ranchers out of business, causing the land to possibly fall into the hands of the federal gov't.
- ❖ ... when Wilderness Areas, Parks, etc. are established. Not only the land is out of production, but, the mineral resources underground or forest above can also be made off-limits for development.
- ❖ ... by expanding the legal definition of a wetland. By making any trickle of water or puddle a wetland, the EPA can prevent the development of the land and all the land around it. This makes the land worthless and easy to acquire by sundry entities including the gov't.
- ❖ ... when an endangered species is located within a forest. Then large areas around this area are made off-limits to development, and once again, the land loses its value and is easily acquired by gov't.
- ❖ ... by the direct taking of land through eminent domain.
- ❖ ... when Road RIP, a non-governmental organization, was created for the sole purpose of removing existing roads and preventing the construction of new roads into wilderness areas. Then humans are locked away from land that was once served by roadways.

- ❖ ... when urban boundaries are created around a town, beyond which development may not occur and/or utilities may not be provided. This will destroy the economic value of the rural lands around the town. Comprehensive Land Use Plans in existence today and their policies are creating this scenario.
- ❖ ... when the government declares land part of a flood plain, then forces the homeowners to give up their homes. The homes are then destroyed and the land is not allowed to be developed. The government gets a 2-fer if the land is along a river. Then, not only is the land off-limits to development, the government has total control of the river and the priceless water it contains.
- ❖ ... when a land trust purchases private property rights from a land owner for promises from the land owner to do certain environmentally friendly things. In return the land owner and his heirs are then able to stay on this land in perpetuity.

A 10-lesson [Agenda 21 Course](http://www.agenda21course.com/category/lesson-one/) on "**Understanding Sustainable Development and How It Affects You**" can be found at: <http://www.agenda21course.com/category/lesson-one/>

Pacific Crest Trail Proposal Seeks to Steal Your Lands

<http://stewardsofthesequoia.org/>

We recently discovered a Pacific Crest Trail Association proposal which seeks to create a one mile wide Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) corridor likely restricting all forms of recreation and land management in three National Forests including the Sequoia. They also seek to limit trails and roads crossing the PCT to no closer than 5 miles apart in order to provide "more of a Wilderness experience".

The PCT Land Grab could-

- ❖ Remove 21 square miles of lands form multiple use in Sequoia
- ❖ Lead to the closure of 20-30% of the existing multiple use trails in the PCT area of Sequoia alone

Stewards of the Sequoia are people who enjoy all types of recreation including: Off Road Vehicles, Mountain Bikes, Horse Riding, Hiking, Hunting, Fishing, Camping, Windsurfing, Boating, Rock Climbing and more.....

Bureaucratic Blunder of San Gabriel Mountains National Monument

By Judy Nelson, *Mayor of Glendora, CA, San Gabriel Valley Tribune 10/28/14*
<http://www.sgvtribune.com/opinion/20141028/bureaucratic-blunder-of-san-gabriel-mountains-national-monument-guest-commentary>

This month President Obama designated 350,000 acres of the San Gabriel Mountains as a national monument. This action was prompted by a request from Rep. Judy Chu, D-Pasadena, to create the monument by executive order because her legislative bill, HR4858, the San Gabriel Mountains Recreation Act, had stalled in Congress. Just seven weeks after Chu announced her request, President Obama signed the monument into effect.

Obama used the controversial Antiquities Act of 1906 to create the monument. This act allows a president to rapidly create a national monument without congressional approval. The designation was rushed through so quickly that the County Board of Supervisors, the mayor of Los Angeles and cities throughout the San Gabriel Valley did not have an opportunity to state a formal opinion before it was enacted.

The San Gabriel Mountains are a vital natural resource and have been part of the Angeles National Forest since 1908. U.S. Forest Service rangers have been protecting and preserving the area for over 100 years. The mountains are not in any danger that would require an emergency order of protection, and any isolated issues with trail maintenance, signage or litter could have been handled with an increased budget for the USFS or by volunteer efforts from local organizations. To create a new bureaucratic overlay with unknown outcomes and expense was unnecessary.

The mountains are adjacent to the greater Los Angeles metro area, and the new monument raises many issues regarding drinking water rights, recreation access and land management that would have benefited greatly from prior discussion with local stakeholders. However, when a national monument is created with the Antiquities Act it can be done without any public input, studies or reviews. It does not require a vote or written legislation. Now that the monument has been enacted, the Department of Agriculture in Washington, D.C. is tasked with creating a new management plan, which is projected to take at least three years.

This is the 13th national monument the President has signed into effect with the Antiquities Act. This legislation was created to allow presidents the power to quickly protect objects or structures that are in imminent danger of destruction such as cliff dwellings, pueblos and other archeological ruins. The legislation states that monuments should be created from “the smallest area compatible with the proper care and management of the objects to be protected.” Presidential authority regarding size was supposed to be narrow and limited. Large-scale designations over 5,000 acres, such as the San Gabriel Mountains, were expected to be voted on by Congress to allow for the democratic process to occur.

One of the major concerns with this monument designation is that the San Gabriel River has been included within the boundaries. The river provides approximately 30 percent of the drinking water for the Los Angeles region and several foothill cities rely on it for up to 85 percent of their water. The river allows many cities to be largely independent from importing expensive water from Northern California.

Unfortunately, we now have no written assurance that the collection of water from the San Gabriel River will not be restricted.

Often, new national monuments come hand in hand with increased entrance fees, restrictions on the types of recreation allowed and limitations on access to certain areas.

Regional cities, community organizations and citizens are advised to notify the U.S. Forest Service and their elected officials that they would like to be included in any upcoming planning meetings to ensure their voices are heard.

We cannot take it for granted that our needs will be represented without active involvement in the decision-making process.

Dianne Feinstein may ask Obama to bypass Congress to protect Mojave sites



U.S. Sen. Dianne Feinstein wants to create two national monuments in the Mojave desert: Mojave Trails and Sand to Snow. (Mark Boster / Los Angeles Times)

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Dianne Feinstein threatens to ask for an Obama end run to create 2 national monuments in the Mojave Desert

U.S. Sen. Dianne Feinstein threatened Monday to ask President Obama to create two national monuments in the Mojave Desert, without approval of Congress, if lawmakers again fail to pass legislation protecting the land.

Feinstein said Monday she wants to break a logjam of interests that stalled two previous bills to create the two protected zones, the largest of which is Mojave Trails National Monument on 921,000 acres of federal land and former railroad company property along a 105-mile stretch of old Route 66, between Ludlow and Needles.

The smaller Sand to Snow National Monument, about 45 miles east of Riverside, would cover about 134,000 acres of federal land between Joshua Tree National Park and the San Bernardino National Forest in San Bernardino and Riverside counties.

The bills, introduced by Feinstein, have been held up by Republicans and by conflicts among environmentalists, off-roaders, hunters and renewable-energy interests.

Feinstein said she would ask Obama to use his authority to create monuments without congressional approval "if we find that by this time next year we cannot find momentum on our bill. That is exactly what we will do."

Her comments came on the heels of Obama's designation last month of much of the Angeles National Forest as a national monument. Rep. Judy Chu (D-Monterey Park) had urged Obama to act after Congress appeared unwilling to approve her legislation to create a national recreation area to address problems in the San Gabriel Mountains.

Presidents dating back to Theodore Roosevelt have invoked the Antiquities Act to sidestep Congress to protect areas of historic or scientific interest. Such action is nearly always controversial, with critics saying the designations unreasonably limit logging, grazing, mining and other activities on wide swaths of the West.

Earlier this year, the Republican-controlled House failed in an attempt to scale back presidential authority to invoke the act.

The proposed Mojave monuments, about a four-hour drive from Los Angeles, would protect overlapping biological zones ranging from desert scrub to yellow pine forests, and diverse terrain and historic features including year-round streams, rugged mountains, extinct volcanoes, sand dunes and ancient petroglyphs.

The regions are habitat for mountain lions, bighorn sheep, California desert tortoises, arroyo toads and rosy boa constrictors.

If approved, Mojave Trails would be managed by the U.S. Bureau of Land Management, and Sand to Snow would be managed jointly by the BLM and the U.S. Forest Service, a spokesman for Feinstein said. The legislation does not include authorization for funding the monuments.

If Obama creates the national monuments, his action will not include a number of other protective measures that are found in the legislation, which Feinstein expects to introduce in January. Those include establishing an 18,600-acre Alabama Hills National Scenic Area on the east side of the Sierra Nevada and designating as wild and scenic rivers a total of 77 miles of waterways, including White Water Creek and Deep Creek in the San Bernardino Mountains.

The legislation also would designate about 250,000 acres near the Army's training center at Fort Irwin as wilderness and make permanent four existing off-highway vehicle areas covering 135,000 acres. There are about 90,000 off-highway vehicles in the area, and they need a place to do that, or else they'll tear up the desert," Feinstein said.

Obama administration officials did not respond to request for comment about Feinstein's remarks.

Tom Mentzer, a spokesman for Feinstein, said, "She has not specifically discussed the use of the Antiquities Act with the White House, but the White House knows this bill is a priority of hers."

The language in Feinstein's bill to protect the Alabama Hills was taken from a separate bill introduced in the House earlier this year by U.S. Rep. Paul Cook (R-Yucca Valley), and she said she hoped the congressman would back her legislation.

Cook would not go that far.

"I'm happy that Sen. Feinstein also recognizes the tremendous importance of the Alabama Hills, particularly to residents of Inyo County," he said. "Her involvement with my legislative proposal is likely to increase bi-partisan support and improve its chances for passage."

As for Feinstein's threat to seek a monument designation from Obama, he said, "I'm not supportive of the president using executive orders as a means of protecting public lands."

It's Not Fearmongering or a Conspiracy Theory when Elitists Are on Record for 95% of the Population to be Eliminated

October 30, 2014 Written by [Dean Garrison, Editor, FreedomOutpost.com](#)
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"If I were reincarnated I would wish to be returned to earth as a killer virus to lower human population levels." –Prince Phillip, Duke of Edinburgh, leader of the World Wildlife Fund

Recently, we have posted a couple of articles at D.C. Clothesline that [question the narrative](#) of the current [Ebola outbreak](#). D.C. Clothesline is not just a news site but a site that explores the world of conspiracy and embraces the truth movement.

The problem with looking at conspiracies is that often times, people immediately disregard them. You can tell people things like, "please just look at this video," or "please just read this article," and it really does not matter. People are busy and your conspiracy is not their main priority. If they are not busy they are simply just too lazy or closed-minded.

So today, rather than tell you why you should believe anything about a possible [Ebola conspiracy](#), I just want to show you some quotes from very famous people both past and present. If the words of these people do not prove to you that [the elite](#) of the world are looking for a way to [reduce our population](#), then nothing likely will.

Before you can believe that [Ebola, or any other virus](#), might be used in such a way, you must first understand that there are lots of people out there who would like to see billions of the world's inhabitants dead.

Ever heard of a guy named [Bill Gates](#)?

Bill Gates is what many call a [eugenicist](#), but he is not alone and is surrounded by lots of famous people and organizations worldwide:

“Since its inception, the U.N. has advanced a world-wide program of population control, scientific human breeding, and Darwinism.” –**Claire Chambers, The SIECUS Circle: A Humanist Revolution.**

“The present vast overpopulation, now far beyond the world carrying capacity, cannot be answered by future reductions in the birth rate due to contraception, sterilization and abortion, but must be met in the present by the reduction of numbers presently existing. This must be done by whatever means necessary.” –**Eco-92 Earth Charter**

“The United Nation's goal is to reduce population selectively by encouraging abortion, forced sterilization, and control of human reproduction, and regards two-thirds of the human population as excess baggage, with 350,000 people to be eliminated per day.” –**Jacques Cousteau**

“Childbearing [should be] a punishable crime against society, unless the parents hold a government license ... All potential parents [should be] required to use contraceptive chemicals, the government issuing antidotes to citizens chosen for childbearing.” –**David Brower, Executive Director of The Sierra Club**

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If a Black Death could spread throughout the world once in every generation, survivors could procreate freely without making the world too full. The state of affairs might be unpleasant, but what of it?” –**Bertrand Russell, The Impact of Science on Society**

“A total population of 250–300 million people, a 95% decline from present levels, would be ideal.” –**Ted Turner, CNN founder and supporter of UN**

“There are many ways to make the death rate increase.” –**Robert McNamara, New Solidarity, March 30, 1981**

Meet John Holdren, Barack Obama's Science Advisor

If you don't think this administration is in favor of [population control](#), then maybe Holdren's words will convince you.

“Indeed, it has been concluded that compulsory population-control laws, even including laws requiring compulsory abortion, could be sustained under the existing Constitution if the population crisis became sufficiently severe to endanger the society.” –John P. Holdren, Obama's science advisor, [Ecoscience 1977](#).

“One way to carry out this disapproval might be to insist that all illegitimate babies be put up for adoption—especially those born to minors, who generally are not capable of caring properly for a child alone. If a single mother really wished to keep her baby, she might be obliged to go through adoption proceedings and demonstrate her ability to support and care for it. Adoption proceedings probably should remain more difficult for single people than for married couples, in recognition of the relative difficulty of raising children alone. It would even be possible to require pregnant single women to marry or have abortions, perhaps as an alternative to placement for adoption, depending on the society.” –John P. Holdren, Obama's science advisor, [Ecoscience 1977](#).

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“A program of sterilizing women after their second or third child, despite the relatively greater difficulty of the operation than vasectomy, might be easier to implement than trying to sterilize men.” –John P. Holdren, Obama's science advisor, [Ecoscience 1977](#).

“The development of a long-term sterilizing capsule that could be implanted under the skin and removed when pregnancy is desired opens additional possibilities for coercive fertility control. The capsule could be implanted at puberty and might be removable, with official permission, for a limited number of births.” –John P. Holdren, Obama's science advisor, [Ecoscience 1977](#).

“In today's world, however, the number of children in a family is a matter of profound public concern. The law regulates other highly personal matters. For example, no one may lawfully have more than one spouse at a time. Why should the law not be able to prevent a person from having more than two children?” –John P. Holdren, Obama's science advisor, [Ecoscience 1977](#).

"Perhaps those agencies, combined with UNEP and the United Nations population agencies, might eventually be developed into a Planetary Regime—sort of an international superagency for population, resources, and environment. Such a comprehensive Planetary Regime could control the development, administration, conservation, and distribution of all natural resources, renewable or nonrenewable, at least insofar as international implications exist. Thus the Regime could have the power to control pollution not only in the atmosphere and oceans, but also in such freshwater bodies as rivers and lakes that cross international boundaries or that discharge into the oceans. The Regime might also be a logical central agency for regulating all international trade, perhaps including assistance from DCs to LDCs, and including all food on the international market." –John P. Holdren, Obama's science advisor, Ecoscience 1977.

"The Planetary Regime might be given responsibility for determining the optimum population for the world and for each region and for arbitrating various countries' shares within their regional limits. Control of population size might remain the responsibility of each government, but the Regime would have some power to enforce the agreed limits." –John P. Holdren, Obama's science advisor, Ecoscience 1977.

"To date, there has been no serious attempt in Western countries to use laws to control excessive population growth, although there exists ample authority under which population growth could be regulated." –John P. Holdren, Obama's science advisor, Ecoscience 1977.

A few more from various sources:

"The resultant ideal sustainable population is hence more than 500 million but less than one billion." –Club of Rome, Goals for Mankind

"In order to stabilize world population, we must eliminate 350,000 people per day. It is a horrible thing to say, but it is just as bad not to say it." –Jacques Cousteau, 1991 explorer and UNESCO courier

"I believe that human overpopulation is the fundamental problem on Earth Today" [and] "We humans have become a disease, the Humanpox." –Dave Foreman, Sierra Club, co-founder of Earth First!

"We don't want the word to go out that we want to exterminate the Negro population." –Margaret Sanger, Founder of Planned Parenthood

"MAINTAIN HUMANITY UNDER 500,000,000 IN PERPETUAL BALANCE WITH NATURE"
–Anonymously commissioned Georgia Guidestones

"Society has no business to permit degenerates to reproduce their kind" – Theodore Roosevelt

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"And advanced forms of biological warfare that can "target" specific genotypes may transform biological warfare from the realm of terror to a politically useful tool." –The Project for a New American Century, Rebuilding America's Defenses, p. 60, [Dick Cheney](#) and [Paul Wolfowitz](#)

"Whatever the price of the Chinese Revolution, it has obviously succeeded not only in producing more efficient and dedicated administration, but also in fostering high morale and community of purpose. The social experiment in China under Chairman Mao's leadership is one of the most important and successful in human history." -[David Rockefeller](#), Banker, Honorary director of Council on Foreign Relations, honorary chairman of Bilderberg Group & founder of Trilateral Commission. Member of Bohemian Club, praising Chairman Mao, whose policies killed at least 30 million people.

"War and famine would not do. Instead, disease offered the most efficient and fastest way to kill the billions that must soon die if the population crisis is to be solved. AIDS is not an efficient killer because it is too slow. My favorite candidate for eliminating 90 percent of the world's population is airborne Ebola (Ebola Reston), because it is both highly lethal and it kills in days, instead of years. "We've got airborne diseases with 90 percent mortality in humans. Killing humans. Think about that. "You know, the bird flu's good, too. For everyone who survives, he will have to bury nine." -[Dr. Eric Pianka](#)

If you throw these people and organizations into the mix, you might understand that there really are those who are evil enough to try to exterminate a large part of the world population.

Is that what [Ebola](#) is here for?

I don't know. I am simply a truth seeker who likes to look at all angles.

But if you don't realize that there really are people out there who want to exterminate 85% (or more) of the world's population then you might not even bother to look. You might dismiss it all as conspiracy.

[Agenda 21](#) is real. It is disguised in many clever ways such as [women's rights](#) and [environmental responsibility](#). In the end it is really about a bunch of elites who do

not believe in God and have chosen to try to take His place. They think they know what is best for you. You belong to a subspecies. And most of that subspecies needs to be eliminated.

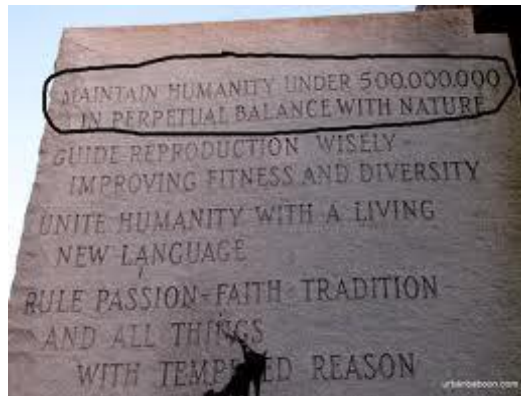
That is how these people think.

That is the truth and, just so you know, I could have listed hundreds more. We really aren't the crazed, conspiracy theorists that you might think, at least not all of us. Many of us, like myself, have just decided to do research that most are unwilling to do.

The Target Date for America's Depopulation Has Been Set

October 25, 2014 Written by [Dave Hodges, TheCommonSenseShow.com](http://TheCommonSenseShow.com)
<http://agenda21news.com/2014/10/target-date-americas-depopulation-set/>

The Internet is filled with revelations of how the global elite want to depopulate humanity by 90%. Landmarks such as the Georgia Guidestones are top of the evidence list for proof of this agenda. There is an emerging body of evidence that the Georgia Guidestones are a correct representation of this idea.



Thanks to Ted Turner for making it clear what the globalists truly desire.

Where ever you find a bold new initiative related to the plans of the global elite, you will find documentation arising from various think tank organizations in support of these goals. With regard to the coming forced subjugation of the American population to the "stack and pack" megacities, two important papers, the [3-D: Infrastructure for California's Future](#) and the National Academy of Public Administration's "[Memos to National Leaders: Partnerships as Fiscal Policy](#)", jump to the front of the line in espousing the megacities concept. On August 27, 2014, [I exposed the megacities concept](#) in revealing something called the **America 2050 plan**.

The enslavement of America and one has taken center stage and it is called "[America 2050](#)". The plan for America 2050 is to herd Americans into 11 megacities consisting of six million people each totaling 66 million people. Under this plan, there are no provisions for any other population developments. After reporting in the August 27, 2014 article, I thought the target date for the implementation of the megacities plan would be the year 2050 as indicated in the title of the organization which is behind the planning (the article can [read here](#)).

**316,000,000 million Americans will change to 66,000,000 megacity dwellers
which equals**

250,000,000 missing Americans!



Eleven Megacities will house 6 million Americans each in densely populated Agenda 21 settlements.

It appears that the timetable for the implementation of the megacities concept and the 300 square foot stack and pack apartments is a lot closer that the year 2050.

If a front group for the CIA, Deagel, is correct, we are about a decade away from this hellish nightmare.



Just who is Deagle? The power and influence of the corporation that you never heard of is staggering. This is the modern day Zapata Oil, which was a CIA front corporation run by George H. W. Bush which in turn facilitated much of the Air America "drugs for guns" program in Latin America.

My sources tell me that Deagel is the same exact kind of organization as Zapata Oil. Deagel ran guns through the Ambassador Chris Stevens and subsequently delivered them al-Qaeda in Libya and in Syria at the time of Stevens death. Deagel was intimately involved in Benghazi in ways that will be revealed in later

article. Deagel is not just a gun running/drug running/child sex trafficking organization, they are also intimately connected with the business as “Open source intelligence links”. This means that Deagel and their partner (affiliation listed below) serve as marketing companies for the CIA and sell intelligence information to the highest bidder. Stratfor and Deagel provide the CIA with a minimum of two degrees of separation from nefarious operations which could taint the U.S. government and in particular, the CIA. These activities will be the topic of a future article. ***The focus of the remainder of this article is the destruction and depopulation of the United States.***

Deagel is a group that gets their hands dirty and they play both sides of the fence. Please note the publicly available list of Deagel partners, listed below. They do business with the Russian Defense Procurement Agency, but they are largely an American contractor with ties into the U.S. Navy, the NSA and the CIA, through Stratfor. If anyone wanted to make the case that I have the “Bastard Banksters from Basel” control both sides of the coming WW III for fun and profit, the data trail of Deagel exemplifies this point. From the following information, we get a strong indication of how the U.S. is going to be depopulated. To further examine this possibility, take a look at a partial list of Deagel partners. The following list clearly shows that Deagel is “locked in” when it comes to the power centers on this planet.

A Partial List of Deagel Partners

National Security Agency – <http://www.nsa.gov/>
North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO – OTAN) – <http://www.nato.int/>
Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) – <http://www.oecd.org/>
OSCE – <http://www.osce.org/>
Russian Defense Procurement Agency – <http://www.fsoz.gov.ru>
Stratfor – <http://www.stratfor.com/>
The World Bank – <http://www.worldbank.org/>
United Nations (UN) – <http://www.un.org/>

In the beginning of 2014, Deagel published a projected demographic shift of every nation on the planet. The projections are noteworthy. As one of the most prolific arms dealers and sellers of intelligence information on the planet, Deagel would be in a unique position from which to make projections with regard to coming world events as well as being able to anticipate dramatic shifts in global power. Not surprisingly, Deagel has made such a projection and the news is not good for the United States. Below is a list of projected changes for the United States during the time frame covering 2014–2025.

United States of America Projected Changes from 2014–2025

Year: 2013

Population: 316 million

Gross Domestic Product: \$17 trillion

GDP per capita: \$52,838

Budget: \$5.8 trillion

Military Budget: \$726 billion

Forecast 2025

Population: 69 million

Gross Domestic Product: \$921 billion

GDP per capita: \$13,328

Military Budget: \$8.0 billion

Please note the how the changes in U.S. population covering an 11 year period mirror what I wrote in America 2050. The projected and dramatic downward shift in America's population are nearly identical when one compares the America 2050 documents and the Deagel projections.

There is another striking projection which should alarm every American. In 2013, the U.S. military budget was \$726 billion dollars. However, the projected 2025 projected budget is only \$8 billion dollars. This clearly points to the fact that the CIA, through Deagel, are projecting that the United States is going to be militarily conquered within the next 10 years. The mere \$8 billion dollar projected 2025 military budget speaks to a domestic martial law type of occupation force. With this kind of budget, the U.S. would not even be able to engage in regional conflicts.



Who Is Going to Win WW III?

The Deagel documents clearly speak to who the winners and losers of the coming global conflict will be. In the Deagel document, [Russia](#), [China](#), [Syria](#), [Saudi](#)

Arabia, Iran and India maintain their population or increase their population. The United States and Britain undergo severe population reductions.

Common sense dictates that in a global conflict, with its advanced weaponry, that the U.S. would be able to devastate the populations of the aforementioned countries. However, the Deagel projections do not indicate this. Therefore, the only thing that makes any sense would be that the U.S. will fall victim to being sold out by treasonous leadership. Does this statement bring anyone to mind?

The Method of America's Demise

With everything I have uncovered over the past two years, I have concluded that America will be thrust into martial law prior to fighting in WW III. I think it is possible to read between the lines of these reports and conclude that we are speaking about the use of nuclear weapons against the American people. Pathogens such as Ebola may push the U.S. into a state of martial law, but a pandemic will not be part of the final equation, for it were, then we would see sizable increases in the BRICS nations and we see just the opposite. Only the United States and its close allies are going to fall victim, at least in the near-term for depopulation.

I am in the process of receiving new information and will make this public once this is available.

District Court Strikes Down Endangered Species Protections for Exceeding the Scope of Federal Power

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through the Necessary and Proper Clause because the regulation of takes of Utah prairie dogs is not essential or necessary to the ESA's economic scheme.

This decision is significant if for no other reason that it is the first time that a federal court has held that the regulation of private land use exceeds the scope of Congress's enumerated powers. Judge Benson is not the first judge to have reached this conclusion, however, as the question has split several Circuit courts. Commerce Clause challenges to ESA regulation have produced divided panels on the Fourth, Fifth and D.C. Circuits. Moreover, although these circuits all reached the same conclusion, they adopted conflicting rationales, a point noted by then-judge John Roberts in his first opinion on the D.C. Circuit. For those interested, I discussed these cases and their conflicting rationales in this article in the Iowa Law Review (pp. 406-417).

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Bob Unruh. ND.com, November 6, 2014

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What are people saying about PLF’s prairie dog win?

November 10, 2014 Jonathan Wood

<http://blog.pacificlegal.org/2014/people-saying-plfs-prairie-dog-win/>

PLF’s [big win](#) last week on behalf of [People for the Ethical Treatment of Property Owners](#), striking down an unconstitutional federal regulation that had devastating effects on a community—all to protect the Utah prairie dog—continues to garner media attention. Last Friday, I appeared on *Fox & Friends* to discuss the case. That interview is available [here](#).

The case was also covered by [AP](#), the [Salt Lake Tribune](#), [The Blaze](#), and [many others](#). The ruling has been endorsed by two U.S. Senators: Sen. [Vitter](#) of Louisiana and Sen. Hatch of Utah. Sen. Hatch said:

this decision is a direct result of the tremendous efforts of the members of People for the Ethical Treatment of Property Owners, the Pacific Legal Foundation, the Iron County Commission, and the people of Iron County. This is the first time a federal court has found that Endangered Species Act regulations limiting the taking of a listed species exceed the scope of Congress’s enumerated powers.

Professor Jonathan Adler, writing at *The Washington Post*’s [Volokh Conspiracy](#) echoed that sentiment: ***“[t]his decision is significant if for no other reason that it is the first time that a federal court has held that the regulation of private land use [under the ESA] exceeds the scope of Congress’s enumerated powers.”***

Other reports [have](#) focused on what this means for the long-suffering residents of Southwestern Utah. KSL, the local NBC affiliate, [quotes](#) me:

“Under the ruling, they are going to be able to proceed with building their dream homes, they can start their small businesses, and most importantly, the city can protect the fields where the residents’ children play, the airport and the cemetery from this rodent that has basically taken over this

town,” he said “These are things that most Americans just take for granted, but for 40 years, the residents of Cedar City have not been able to do this.”

And you can hear what this means to PETPO's members, in their own words, in a Fox 13 segment available [here](#).

Over at Reason, Brian Seasholes [explains](#) that this decision may ultimately be good for the prairie dog, too.

[W]hile proponents of the Endangered Species Act are portraying yesterday's court decision as a mortal threat to the Act, the opposite is true. If the federal government was prohibited from using the Act's much-feared regulations to threaten landowners and force them to harbor species, this would compel the federal government to adopt a much friendlier and open approach to gain landowners' trust and willing cooperation.

[According](#) to [reports](#), Utah's Division of Natural Resources, which is charged with protecting the state's wildlife, has applauded the ruling, noting that it doesn't mean that the prairie dog won't be protected. State and local government will make conservation decisions instead of distant Washington bureaucrats.

Others have [speculated](#) whether the case is ultimately destined for the Supreme Court.

Finally, the St. George News (PETPO's local paper) has a nice [piece](#) on the background of the organization and the costs that would have been incurred if the regulation had not been struck down.

Appeal Court to Hear PLF's Challenge to Illegal Regs that could Sink Recreational Fishing

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What: Appellate hearing on PLF suit over illegal mandates on fish ponds and hatcheries.

Who: PLF Senior Staff Attorney Joshua P. Thompson will argue against the mandates.

Where: Calif. Third District Court of Appeal, 914 Capitol Mall, Sacramento, CA 95814.

When: Friday, November 21, 2014, 9:00 a.m. (PST) docket.

Sacramento, CA; November 19, 2014: This Friday morning, November 21, the California Third District Court of Appeal will hear Pacific Legal Foundation's challenge to a bureaucracy's illegally drafted regulations that could decimate the state's \$2.4 billion freshwater recreational fishing industry by driving fishing lakes, private hatcheries, and fish farms out of business.

Even though the state's freshwater fish population is historically healthy, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFW) devised a radical new mandate on hatcheries and stocking ponds. Before they could stock or raise any fish, DFW would have to determine there would be no effect on dozens of arbitrarily-selected species — including species that are abundant and thriving in California.

This process would be so cumbersome and drawn out that it could effectively block many stocking ponds and hatcheries from continuing to operate.

DFW concocted these dictates without any request from the Legislature, and without involving the public through the notice and comment process required by law. PLF argues that the mandates are illegal "underground regulations" because they were drafted without public comments, including from businesses that would be regulated. After a trial court failed to uphold this important requirement for public input and bureaucratic accountability, PLF appealed.

PLF attorneys represent the [California Association for Recreational Fishing](#) (CARF), a grassroots organization of freshwater recreational fishermen and businesses, including member-owned fishing lakes, hatcheries, and fish farms throughout the state.

Bureaucrats locked the public out of the rule-making process

PLF Senior Staff Attorney Joshua P. Thompson issued this statement:

"Hatcheries and stocking ponds have been operating in California for more than a century without any environmental problems, but suddenly a state bureaucracy wants to impose onerous new regulations that could shut them down," said PLF Staff Attorney Joshua Thompson. "The Legislature did not request any change at all, let alone radical new mandates that threaten the future of recreational fishing in California. The DFW cooked up these mandates on its own, without seeking public review and comment as the law requires. We're calling this agency out for trying to avoid transparency and accountability. We're asking the courts to remind the unelected bureaucrats that they're not above the law. We're fighting to save recreational fishing in California, from regulators who are out of control."

CARF member Doug Elliott issued this statement:

“These are devastating new mandates for any place that stocks fish — lakes, ponds, streams, farm ponds, even golf courses,” said CARF member Doug Elliott, who owns Corona Fishing Lake in Riverside County and manages Santa Ana River Lake in Orange County, both of which draw thousands of recreational enthusiasts each week. “We are extremely grateful that Pacific Legal Foundation is helping us fight back, and helping to protect recreational fishing opportunities for hundreds of thousands of Californians.”

The case is [California Association for Recreational Fishing v. California Department of Fish and Wildlife](#). More information may be found at PLF's website: www.pacificlegal.org.

Democrats hate 'fairness,' 'free speech'
Joseph Farah traces party's journey from '60s to today's
'new ideologues'

Joseph Farah, World News Daily, 11/04/2014

<http://www.wnd.com/2014/11/democrats-hate-fairness-free-speech/>

I grew up in a Democratic Party home.

My Dad was a labor leader, on the board of the American Civil Liberties Union, a yellow-dog Democrat.

I remember cheering the election of John F. Kennedy as a kid and, as a family, mourning his assassination in the turbulent fall of 1963.

To us, you'd have to be insane to vote for Barry Goldwater. It was all the way with LBJ in 1964.

That's about the time the wheels started coming off the Democratic Party. The process of anti-American radicalization was all but complete by 1972 with the nomination of George McGovern. Democrats have never looked back since. Today the party is indistinguishable, quite literally, from the Communist Party USA, which no longer sees any point in running its own candidates for president as it did through the 1970s.

You could point to any number of issues to illustrate the radicalism of the Democratic Party:

- ❖ It prefers socialism to free enterprise.

- ❖ It prefers redefining marriage from a union of one man and one woman to anything goes.
- ❖ Though it loves government regulation of just about everything – from the size of soft drinks to your choice of medical care to public smoking – it tirelessly opposes any restrictions on the killing of unborn babies whatsoever.
- ❖ It believes requiring identification to vote is equivalent to “voter suppression.”
- ❖ In fact, it proffers that requiring Democratic presidential candidates to provide proof of constitutional eligibility for the office is akin to racism.

I could continue ad nauseam. And, believe me, I get a little nauseous reviewing what this party stands for today.

But perhaps the most striking change in the character of the Democratic Party can be witnessed in its growing hostility to “fairness” and “free speech.” An illustration of this can be seen in the way Democrats, whose political allies dominate the news media, the entertainment industry, academia, education and all of the major cultural institutions, are pushing to stamp out any dissent from their party line coming from independent Internet news sites like this one.

A week and a half ago, a key Democrat on the Federal Election Commission called for new rules on Internet-based campaigning, prompting the Republican chairman to reiterate a warning that Democrats want to regulate online political sites and even news media like the Drudge Report.

“A re-examination of the commission’s approach to the Internet and other emerging technologies is long overdue,” said Democratic FEC Vice Chairwoman Ann M. Ravel.

Under a 2006 FEC rule, free political videos and advocacy sites have been free of regulation in a bid to boost voter participation in politics. Ravel’s statement suggests that she would regulate right-leaning groups like America Rising, which posts anti-Democrat YouTube videos on its website.

FEC Chairman Lee E. Goodman, a Republican, said if regulation extends that far, then anybody who writes a political blog, runs a politically active news site or even chat room could be regulated. He added that funny Internet campaigns like “Obama Girl” and “Jib Jab” would also face regulations.

“I told you this was coming,” he said. Earlier this year he warned that Democrats on the panel were gunning for conservative Internet sites like the Drudge Report.

The sea change in Democratic Party thinking reflects a war-like attitude the new ideologues have toward domestic politics. It's the kind of mentality that eventually leads to totalitarian, police-state tactics. That's how dangerous the Democratic Party has become.

It isn't willing to compete on an even playing field in the battleground of ideas. It's isn't even willing to compete on a playing field that is heavily stacked against its opposition. It seeks to destroy the opposition, deny it any meaningful platform or forum, to label its ideas hate speech and worse.

And that's why Americans need to continue their opposition to *all* members of this party beyond Election Day.

It's about preserving the Constitution. It's about saving the American way of life.



"IF YOU CAN'T FIX IT WITH A HAMMER, YOU'VE GOT AN ELECTRICAL PROBLEM"

WRITTEN BY A 21 YEAR OLD UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE.
The Waco Tribune Herald, Waco , TX

This was written by a 21 yr. old female who gets it. It's her future she's worried about and this is how she feels about the social welfare big government state that she's being forced to live in! These solutions are just common sense in her opinion.

PUT ME IN CHARGE . . .

“Put me in charge of food stamps no cash for Ding Dongs or Ho Ho's, just money for 50-pound bags of rice and beans, blocks of cheese and all the powdered milk you can haul away. If you want steak and frozen pizza, then get a job.

Put me in charge of Medicaid. Then, we'll test recipients for drugs, alcohol, and nicotine. If you want to use drugs, alcohol, or smoke, then get a job.

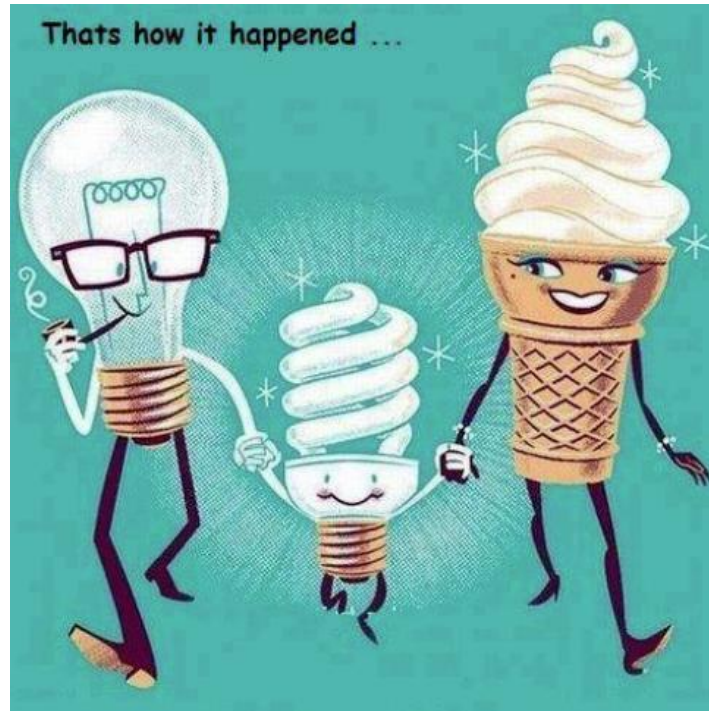
Put me in charge of government housing. Ever live in a military barracks? You will maintain our property in a clean and good state of repair. Your "home" will be subject to inspections anytime and possessions will be inventoried. If you want a plasma TV or Xbox 360, then get a job and your own place.

In addition, you will either present a check stub from a job each week or you will report to a "government" job. It may be cleaning the roadways of trash, painting and repairing public housing, whatever we find for you. We will sell your 22-inch rims and low profile tires and your blasting stereo and speakers and put that money toward the "common good."

Before you write that I've violated someone's rights, realize that all of the above is voluntary. If you want our money, accept our rules. Before you say that this would be "demeaning" and ruin their "self-esteem," consider that it wasn't that long ago that taking someone else's money for doing absolutely nothing was demeaning and lowered self-esteem.

If we are expected to pay for other people's mistakes we should at least attempt to make them learn from their bad choices. The current system rewards them for continuing to make bad choices."

“AND While you are on Gov't subsistence, you no longer can VOTE! Yes, that is correct. For you to vote would be a conflict of interest. You will voluntarily remove yourself from voting while you are receiving a Gov't welfare check. If you want to vote, then get a job!”



House Passes Bill to Limit EPA 'Secret Science'

By [Cristina Marcos](#), The Hill, November 19, 2014

<http://thehill.com/blogs/floor-action/house/224741-house-passes-bill-to-limit-epa-secret-science>The House on Wednesday passed legislation to prevent the Environmental Protection Agency from issuing new regulations unless it provides the scientific data to justify them.

Passage of the measure, H.R. 4012, fell largely along party lines with a vote of [237-190](#).

The bill is part of the House GOP's package of legislation on the floor this week to limit the EPA's regulatory powers. On Tuesday, the House passed a measure to reform the EPA's Scientific Advisory Board.

Republicans said the measure would enhance transparency at the EPA.

"Costly environmental regulations should only be based on data that is available to independent scientists and the public," said House Science, Space and Technology Committee Chairman Lamar Smith (R-Texas).

But Democrats said imposing such a requirement could force the EPA to release confidential patient information used in scientific studies, a violation of federal law.

"The legislation will not improve the EPA's actions. Rather, it will stifle public health protections," said Rep. Eddie Bernice Johnson (Texas), the top Democrat on the committee.

Moreover, Democrats questioned why Republicans were demanding access to scientific data when many deny the existence of climate change.

"The Republicans don't have a lot of credibility when they talk about wanting more science. Because I have seen so many areas where Republicans have tried to ignore the science," said Rep. Henry Waxman (Calif.), the top Democrat on the House Energy and Commerce Committee.

Rep. David Schweikert (R-Ariz.), the bill's sponsor, said it would establish more responsible policymaking.

"If you're going to make public policy, do it by public data," Schweikert said. "Is there anyone in this body when we all ran for office that did not commit to transparency?"

The White House issued a veto threat against the legislation. In a statement of administration policy, the White House warned the bill would be used to simply mire proposed EPA regulations in legal challenges over "legitimate withholding" of scientific data.

"Instead of an overly broad bill that would tie EPA's hands, the Administration urges Congress to support the Administration's efforts to make scientific and technical information more accessible and regulations more transparent," the White House statement reads.

Before final passage, the House rejected an amendment, 194-230, sponsored by Rep. Joseph Kennedy (D-Mass.) that would allow the EPA to use peer-reviewed scientific publications even if they are based on data prohibited from being made public.



The true nature of government and its agents

Bob Livingston,, Personal Liberty, November 17, 2014

<http://personalliberty.com/true-nature-government-agents/>



Every now and again, Providence provides “smoking gun” evidence of the conspiracy to dumb-down and control Americans and others. To the informed, like you true conservatives, the evidence is always self-evident, as in the curricula pushed in government schools or the existence of decision makers in the mass media and the government who all belong to the Council on Foreign Relations and other globalist organizations. “Mere coincidence,” the naysayers respond.

Now comes red hot and smoking gun evidence from Jonathan Gruber, the gift that keeps on giving.

Gruber is one of the architects of the deathcare system known as Obamacare. A firestorm erupted after he was caught on video in rare moments of candor on at least three separate occasions expressing his disdain for "stupid" Americans. Don't think for a minute that Gruber is an outlier among the political class, and don't believe for a minute that his feigned regret at having made the statement in any way changes the fact that he spoke what he believes.

The Gruber gift keeps giving as the elites attempt to distance themselves from him and in doing so expose more of their nature. Nancy Pelosi, who claimed when questioned she did not know who Gruber was and that he had nothing to do with Obamacare, has been exposed in another of her own lies after a tape surfaced in which she spoke specifically about Gruber and his Obamacare analysis.

Government by its nature attracts people who are liars and thieves, who are parasitic in nature, greedy and without conscience. In short, these are people who have the born mentality to live off of other people.

Politics and government are perfectly made for them. Keep in mind, there are exceptions, but they are few.

These (as I call them) humanoids have unusual qualities and attributes of personality that allow them to present a benevolent, caring and concerned facade. Most people have absolutely no hint that these humanoids wear masks that hide them as charlatans and greedy monsters.

The political class — and those who feed off it — consists mainly of progressives who are drawn into the system because they believe they are smarter and better than everyone else and they know better how you should live and what is good for you. They want to force their choices on you — choices that don't apply to them and to which they don't or won't adhere.

They are most often highly educated and hold multiple degrees from elite schools where they are further indoctrinated into their progressive ideology and where their egos were further stroked to increase their attitude of superiority. This is especially true of those who inhabit the District of Criminals and those in its orbit, like Gruber.

And those politicians without that pedigree — including those who may have even been "normal" people when first elected — who make it into the D.C. bubble soon become caught up in the system and become part of the system

and develop the same ego, the same thought process and the same disdain for the people they are supposed to represent.

I call these people humanoids because they are deviants and devious. They have no conscience and no moral scruples. They are no respecter of persons except that they exhibit a feigned glow to extract something. Their every thought is how to make the world flow to themselves. They will rip off their own parents or mate without a second thought.

Selfishness is a kind word to describe them. What shall we call those people besides humanoids? By definition they are psychopaths. A more gentle term is sociopaths. But most psychopaths don't know that they are psychopaths. This makes them even more aggressive and sinister because some actually believe they are acting upon altruistic motives.

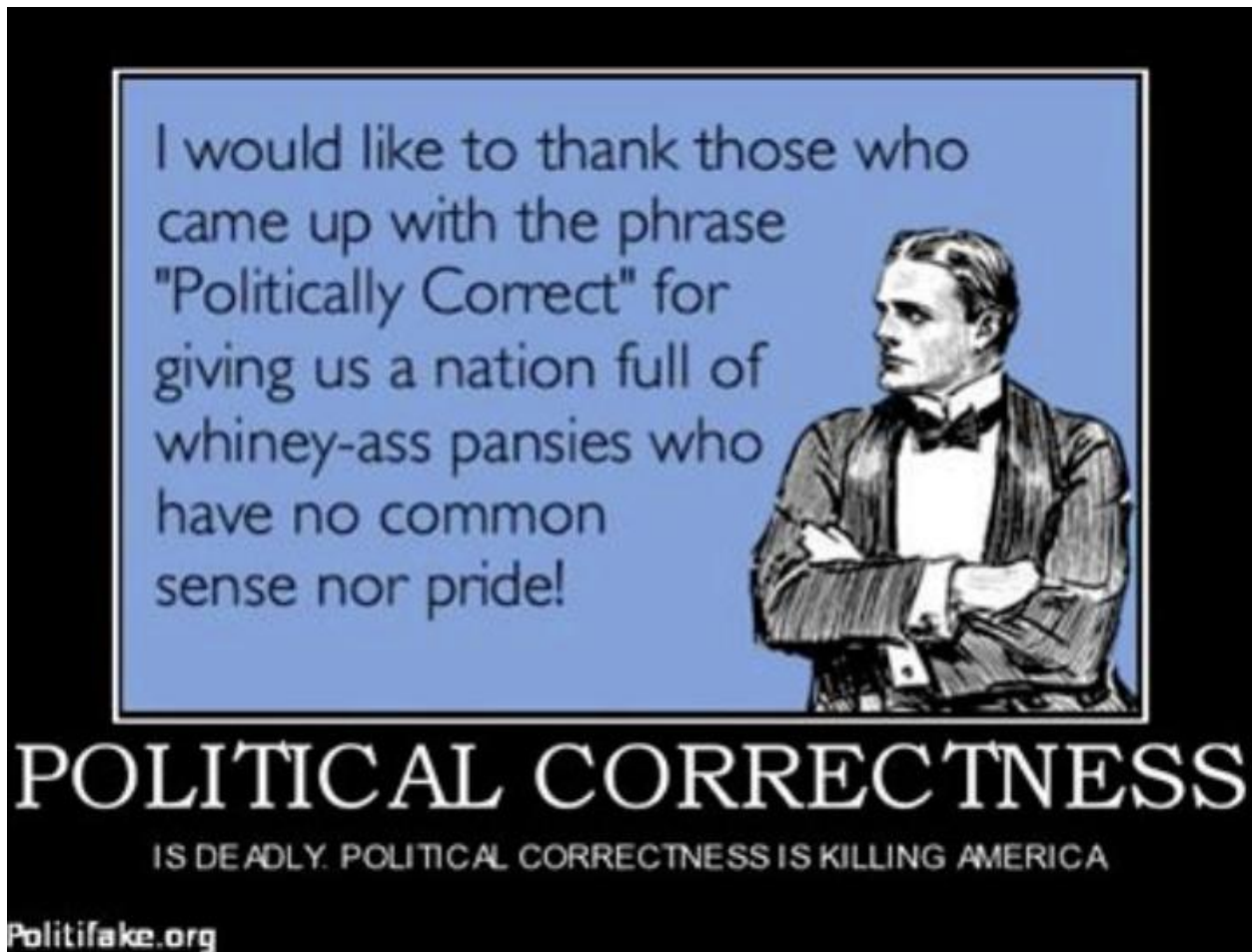
Elite politicians and most white progressives hold most Americans in great disdain. To them, conservatives are racist hicks and trailer trash clinging to their guns and religion — backward and ignorant and “anti” progressive. Or, in their mind, regressive. You can even see it in their comments to conservatives on this site. This is, of course, balderdash.

Politicians and government agents lie without remorse and without consequence and as a matter of policy. They lie and deceive, as Gruber stated, to pass bills they know the American people do not want and that are not needed and serve some high-minded purpose — or sometimes simply more cronyism/fascism.

History is replete with politicians who lied about the nefarious legislation they were pushing. When the Federal Reserve Act was rammed through Congress, congressmen who helped to write the bill claimed in public pronouncements they opposed it because they knew that people who believed they opposed it would support it. In other words, they turned truth on its head.

But in the case of Obamacare, it was not most Americans who were deceived, as Gruber supposes. Obamacare has been opposed by the majority of conservatives since its inception. That's because most conservatives recognized it as a lie from the beginning.

Only the foolish low-information voters and white progressives — most educated beyond their intelligence — have fallen for and continue to fall for the Obamacare lie. Look at [this map](#) from CQ Roll Call and you can get an idea of who has been fooled by the Obamacare lie and who has not.



Vote all you want. The secret government won't change.

The people we elect aren't the ones calling the shots, says Tufts University's Michael Glennon

By Jordan Michael Smith, The Boston Globe, October 19, 2014

<http://www.bostonglobe.com/ideas/2014/10/18/vote-all-you-want-the-secret-government-won-change/jVSkXrENQlu8vNcBfMn9sL/story.html>



The voters who put Barack Obama in office expected some big changes. From the NSA's warrantless wiretapping to Guantanamo Bay to the Patriot Act, candidate Obama was a defender of civil liberties and privacy, promising a dramatically different approach from his predecessor.

But six years into his administration, the Obama version of national security looks almost indistinguishable from the one he inherited. Guantanamo Bay remains open. The NSA has, if anything, become more aggressive in monitoring Americans. Drone strikes have escalated. Most recently it was reported that the same president who won a Nobel Prize in part for promoting nuclear disarmament is spending up to \$1 trillion modernizing and revitalizing America's nuclear weapons.

Why did the face in the Oval Office change but the policies remain the same? Critics tend to focus on Obama himself, a leader who perhaps has shifted with politics to take a harder line. But Tufts University political scientist Michael J. Glennon has a more pessimistic answer: Obama couldn't have changed policies much even if he tried.

Though it's a bedrock American principle that citizens can steer their own government by electing new officials, Glennon suggests that in practice, much of our government no longer works that way. In a new book, "National Security and Double Government," he catalogs the ways that the defense and national security apparatus is effectively self-governing, with virtually no accountability, transparency, or checks and balances of any kind. He uses the term "double government": There's the one we elect, and then there's the one behind it, steering huge swaths of policy almost unchecked. Elected officials end up serving as mere cover for the real decisions made by the bureaucracy.

Glennon cites the example of Obama and his team being shocked and angry to discover upon taking office that the military gave them only two options for the war in Afghanistan: The United States could add more troops, or the United States could add a lot more troops. Hemmed in, Obama added 30,000 more troops.

Glennon's critique sounds like an outsider's take, even a radical one. In fact, he is the quintessential insider: He was legal counsel to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and a consultant to various congressional committees, as well as to the State Department. "National Security and Double Government" comes favorably blurbed by former members of the Defense Department, State Department, White House, and even the CIA. And he's not a conspiracy theorist: Rather, he sees the problem as one of "smart, hard-working, public-

spirited people acting in good faith who are responding to systemic incentives”—without any meaningful oversight to rein them in.

How exactly has double government taken hold? And what can be done about it? Glennon spoke with Ideas from his office at Tufts' Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy. This interview has been condensed and edited.

IDEAS: Where does the term “double government” come from?

GLENNON: It comes from Walter Bagehot's famous theory, unveiled in the 1860s. Bagehot was the scholar who presided over the birth of the Economist magazine—they still have a column named after him. Bagehot tried to explain in his book “The English Constitution” how the British government worked. He suggested that there are two sets of institutions. There are the “dignified institutions,” the monarchy and the House of Lords, which people erroneously believed ran the government. But he suggested that there was in reality a second set of institutions, which he referred to as the “efficient institutions,” that actually set governmental policy. And those were the House of Commons, the prime minister, and the British cabinet.

IDEAS: What evidence exists for saying America has a double government?

GLENNON: I was curious why a president such as Barack Obama would embrace the very same national security and counterterrorism policies that he campaigned eloquently against. Why would that president continue those same policies in case after case after case? I initially wrote it based on my own experience and personal knowledge and conversations with dozens of individuals in the military, law enforcement, and intelligence agencies of our government, as well as, of course, officeholders on Capitol Hill and in the courts. And the documented evidence in the book is substantial—there are 800 footnotes in the book.

IDEAS: Why would policy makers hand over the national-security keys to unelected officials?

GLENNON: It hasn't been a conscious decision....Members of Congress are generalists and need to defer to experts within the national security realm, as elsewhere. They are particularly concerned about being caught out on a limb having made a wrong judgment about national security and tend, therefore, to defer to experts, who tend to exaggerate threats. The courts similarly tend to defer to the expertise of the network that defines national security policy.

The presidency itself is not a top-down institution, as many people in the public believe, headed by a president who gives orders and causes the bureaucracy

to click its heels and salute. National security policy actually bubbles up from within the bureaucracy. Many of the more controversial policies, from the mining of Nicaragua's harbors to the NSA surveillance program, originated within the bureaucracy. John Kerry was not exaggerating when he said that some of those programs are "on autopilot."

IDEAS: Isn't this just another way of saying that big bureaucracies are difficult to change?

GLENNON: It's much more serious than that. These particular bureaucracies don't set truck widths or determine railroad freight rates. They make nerve-center security decisions that in a democracy can be irreversible, that can close down the marketplace of ideas, and can result in some very dire consequences.

IDEAS: Couldn't Obama's national-security decisions just result from the difference in vantage point between being a campaigner and being the commander-in-chief, responsible for 320 million lives?

GLENNON: There is an element of what you described. There is not only one explanation or one cause for the amazing continuity of American national security policy. But obviously there is something else going on when policy after policy after policy all continue virtually the same way that they were in the George W. Bush administration.

IDEAS: This isn't how we're taught to think of the American political system.

GLENNON: I think the American people are deluded, as Bagehot explained about the British population, that the institutions that provide the public face actually set American national security policy. They believe that when they vote for a president or member of Congress or succeed in bringing a case before the courts, that policy is going to change. Now, there are many counter-examples in which these branches do affect policy, as Bagehot predicted there would be. But the larger picture is still true—policy by and large in the national security realm is made by the concealed institutions.

IDEAS: Do we have any hope of fixing the problem?

GLENNON: **The ultimate problem is the pervasive political ignorance on the part of the American people. And indifference to the threat that is emerging from these concealed institutions.** That is where the energy for reform has to come from: the American people. Not from government. Government is very much the problem here. The people have to take the bull

by the horns. And that's a very difficult thing to do, because the ignorance is in many ways rational. There is very little profit to be had in learning about, and being active about, problems that you can't affect, policies that you can't change.



Senate GOP steeling for battle against EPA

Timothy Cama, The Hill, 11/09/14

<http://thehill.com/policy/energy-environment/e2-wire/223398-senate-gop-steeling-for-battle-against-the-epa>

Senate Republicans are gearing up for a war against the Obama administration's environmental rules, identifying them as a top target when they take control in January.

The GOP sees the midterm elections as a mandate to roll back rules from the Environmental Protection Agency and other agencies, with Republicans citing regulatory costs they say cripple the economy and skepticism about the cause of climate change.

Incoming Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) identified his top priority come January as "to try to do whatever I can to get the EPA reined in."

McConnell made his defense of coal, a major piece of Kentucky's economy, a highlight of his reelection bid, which he won easily over Democrat Alison Lundergan Grimes.

He said he feels a "deep responsibility" to stop the EPA from regulating carbon dioxide emissions from coal-fired power plants, as it proposed to do in January for newly built generators and in June for existing ones.

But those are far from the only rules the GOP wants to target.

Republican lawmakers are planning an all-out assault on Obama's environmental agenda, including rules on mercury and other air toxics from power plants, limits on ground-level ozone that causes smog, mountaintop mining restrictions and the EPA's attempt to redefine its jurisdiction over streams and ponds.

The Interior Department is also in the crosshairs, with rules due to come soon on hydraulic fracturing on public land and protecting streams from mining waste.

Many of the rules are part of the "war on coal" that Republicans have accused Obama of waging. They charge that Obama has tried to revive cap-and-trade rules for carbon emissions despite the 2009 failure of legislation when Democrats controlled both chambers of Congress.

A senior GOP aide didn't take any of Obama's major environmental rules off the table, saying they all could get scrutiny under Republican control of the Senate, depending on how the regulations develop.

The staffer said Republicans have a series of tools available to them to fight Obama with different degrees of severity.

"It'll be a combined effort of using the appropriations process and the legislative process and the oversight process to put pressure on the administration prior to finalization," the aide said.

"And then, once they're final, if they're still onerous and job-killing and harmful to the economy, then we'll fight them there as well."

McConnell has endorsed appropriations riders in recent days as the best tool to stop regulations. But if legislation with those policy provisions fails to pass, it could lead to a government shutdown, violating McConnell's stated promises to avoid shutdowns as majority leader.

Helping McConnell in his fight against the EPA will be Sen. Jim Inhofe (R-Okla.), who said on election night that he would become chairman of the Environment and Public Works Committee after having led it from 2003 to 2007.

Inhofe is an established enemy of Obama's EPA and skeptic of the scientific consensus on human-caused climate change, having written a book two years ago titled "The Greatest Hoax: How the Global Warming Conspiracy Threatens Your Future."

He has compared the EPA to Nazi Germany's Gestapo and pushed to roll back water and air pollution rules, ozone limits and funding for contamination cleanup.

Asked about his plans for the environment panel, Inhofe spokeswoman Donelle Harder said he has focused on his campaign and a defense bill in recent months.

"There is nothing yet to be released on his agenda for the EPW Committee in the new Congress," she said.

Leading the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee will be Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska), who wants to increase domestic energy production and exports. She also doubts humans' responsibility for climate change.

The House has already passed a slate of bills to roll back many EPA regulations, though Senate Republicans haven't promised to follow the lower chamber's lead.

Business advocates are hoping for a bicameral push against the EPA in the next Congress.

"I think it's going to be a full-on attack, especially because a lot of the rules that have either been introduced or recently promulgated are going to come with extreme costs and very minimal environmental benefits," said Nick Loris, a fellow with the Heritage Foundation.

Climate change regulations are probably going to be the first priority, Loris said.

He thinks Republicans could attack the core of Obama's greenhouse gas rules. They are likely to try to roll back the 2009 "endangerment finding," the ruling from the EPA that greenhouse gases pose a threat to public health and welfare and can be regulated.

Also at risk could be the “social cost of carbon,” a metric used in the Obama administration’s cost-benefit analysis method for cutting carbon dioxide pollution.

“It’s important for conservatives and those who are against the EPA’s regulation of greenhouse gases to go right to the core of this issue,” Loris said. “These are the underpinnings for a lot of what the agency is doing.”

The coal lobby is hoping that McConnell will live up to his campaign promises to defend the embattled industry.

“Tough oversight and investigation is needed to understand what’s at play in this administration and we look forward to the newly elected Senate letting a little sunshine in,” said Laura Sheehan, spokeswoman for the American Coalition for Clean Coal Electricity.

But environmentalists don’t think Republicans will be able to muster the support necessary to block major Obama rules.

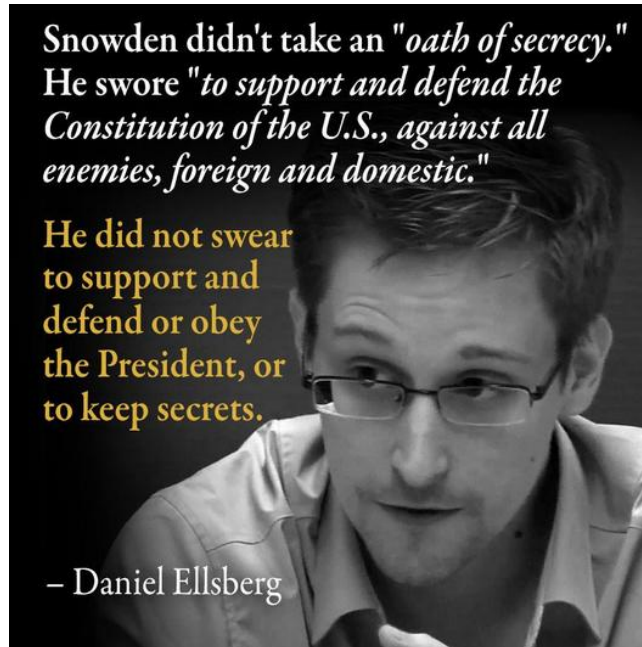
“Even though more anti-environmental candidates were elected in Congress and will be occupying the Senate, we’re confident that the president will be able to make sure his legacy is achieved and that we’ll be able to make more progress on climate change in the years ahead,” Michael Brune, executive director of the Sierra Club, said recently at a gathering of environmental campaign finance leaders.

David Goldston, the Natural Resources Defense Council’s top lobbyist, had a similar conclusion.

“The president has made clear that he will not be cowed by an appropriations strategy, by people trying to load up spending bills with provisions that the public doesn’t support and so we would expect that to be the case again,” he said.

Elizabeth Thompson, director of Environmental Defense Fund campaign affiliate EDF Action, said Republicans misinterpreted the message from voters.

“It would be a mistake for anyone to conclude that this election signals that the public is inviting any kind of congressional rollback of America’s bedrock environmental protections,” she said.



PLF Denounces EPA Plan for Unlimited Expansion of Clean Water Act Coverage

Washington, D.C.; November 11, 2014

This week, Pacific Legal Foundation (PLF) filed formal comments in opposition to a proposed new definition of the “waters of the United States” that are subject to federal regulation. PLF argues that the new rule, devised by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Army Corps of Engineers, defines Clean Water Act (CWA) jurisdiction so broadly that it could lead to practically unlimited expansion of federal control over property nationwide — going far beyond the boundaries on federal power that have been laid down by the U.S. Supreme Court.

PLF Principal Attorney M. Reed Hopper authored the comments. Hopper was the PLF attorney who successfully argued [Rapanos v. United States](#) at the U.S. Supreme Court in 2006. In that landmark case, the court held in part that the CWA does not cover remote water bodies with no significant effects on traditional navigable waters.

This week, Mr. Hopper issued this statement on the proposed new rule:

“The proposed new definition is so vague that virtually any natural pond or pothole, anywhere, could be labeled part of the ‘waters of the United States,’ bringing the property’s owner under the control of federal regulators,” said PLF

Principal Attorney M. Reed Hopper. “Federal bureaucrats assert jurisdiction over ditches, drains, temporary seasonal ponds or streams, and even prairie puddles, along with the land adjoining them. Only minor water features would be excluded, such as artificial pools or ponds, and only if they are in dry, upland areas.

“This self-serving redefinition of ‘waters of the United States’ is undoubtedly the largest expansion of power ever proposed by a federal agency,” Hopper continued. “It would stretch federal oversight beyond the limits of statutory and constitutional law, and include small, rarely wet areas that have no significant effects on navigable waters such as rivers, lakes, or the oceans. It would usurp state authority over local land and water resources. And property owners large and small, nationwide, could see their land and their lives come under the control of Washington, D.C.

“This proposed rule is patently unreasonable and unconstitutional, and should be amended or withdrawn. If it is not, you can count on PLF being in the courts again to hold overzealous bureaucrats accountable to the rule of law.”

[Read PLF's comments](http://blog.pacificlegal.org/wp/wp-content/uploads/2014/11/Pacific-Legal-comments-on-proposed-WOTUS-final.pdf), filed this week with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency: <http://blog.pacificlegal.org/wp/wp-content/uploads/2014/11/Pacific-Legal-comments-on-proposed-WOTUS-final.pdf>.

For more background, read an explanatory [blog post](http://blog.pacificlegal.org/2014/waters-united-states-ultimate-power-grab/) by M. Reed Hopper, at the PLF Liberty Blog: <http://blog.pacificlegal.org/2014/waters-united-states-ultimate-power-grab/>.

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**The Clinton joke is on us . but it is not funny,
even if you are a "lefty".**



Clinton's 20 Acre - \$11 million mansion

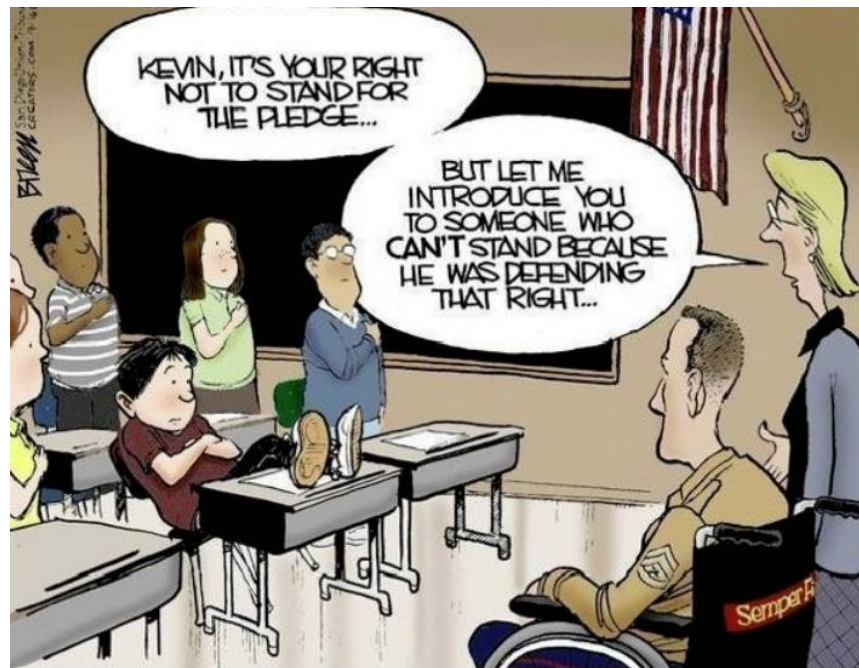
Hillary Rodham Clinton, as a New York State Senator now comes under this fancy "congressional retirement staffing plan" which means that if she never gets re-elected, she STILL receives her Congressional salary until she dies. If Bill out-lives her, he then inherits HER salary until he dies. He is already getting his Presidential salary until he dies. If Hillary out-lives Bill, she also gets HIS salary until she dies, Guess who pays for that? WE DO!

It is common knowledge that in order for her to establish NY residency, they purchased a million dollar-plus house in upscale Chappaqua, New York....makes sense. They are entitled to Secret Service protection for life. Still makes sense.

Here is where it becomes interesting. Their mortgage payments hover around \$10,000/month. But an extra residence had to be built by the government on the acreage to house the Secret Service Agents. Any improvement to the property is owned by the property owners...the Clinton's. So....the Clinton's charge the federal government \$10,000 monthly rent for the use of the extra residence to house the Secret Service staff which is just about equal to their mortgage payment.

He is the ONLY ex-president to use this loophole. This means that we, the taxpayers, pay the Clinton's, salary, mortgage, transportation, safety and security as well as the salaries for their 12 man staff and it is all perfectly legal
When she runs for President, will you vote for her?

The Pledge of Allegiance



Isn't life strange? I never met one Veteran who enlisted to fight for Socialism!

If Muslims can pray on Madison Avenue, and the subway areas in Toronto , why are Christians banned from praying in public and from erecting religious displays on their holy days?

What happened to our National Day of Prayer?

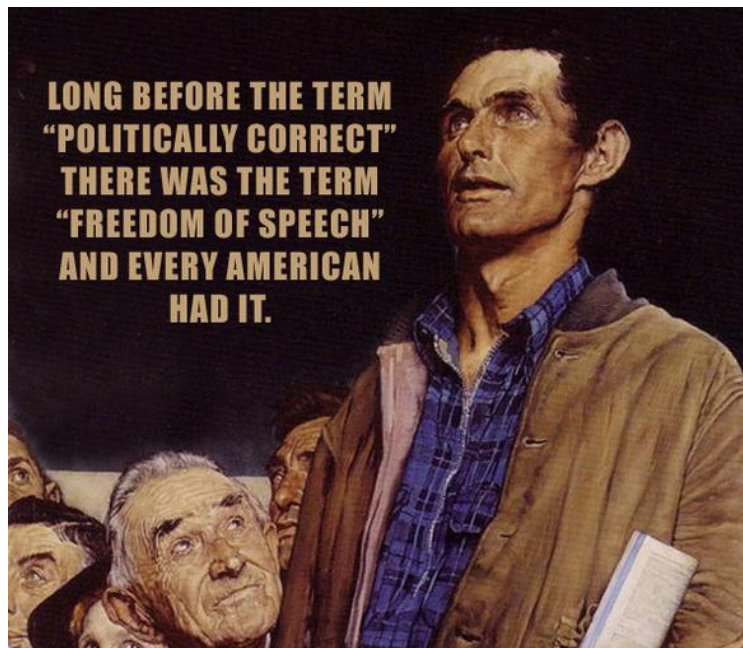
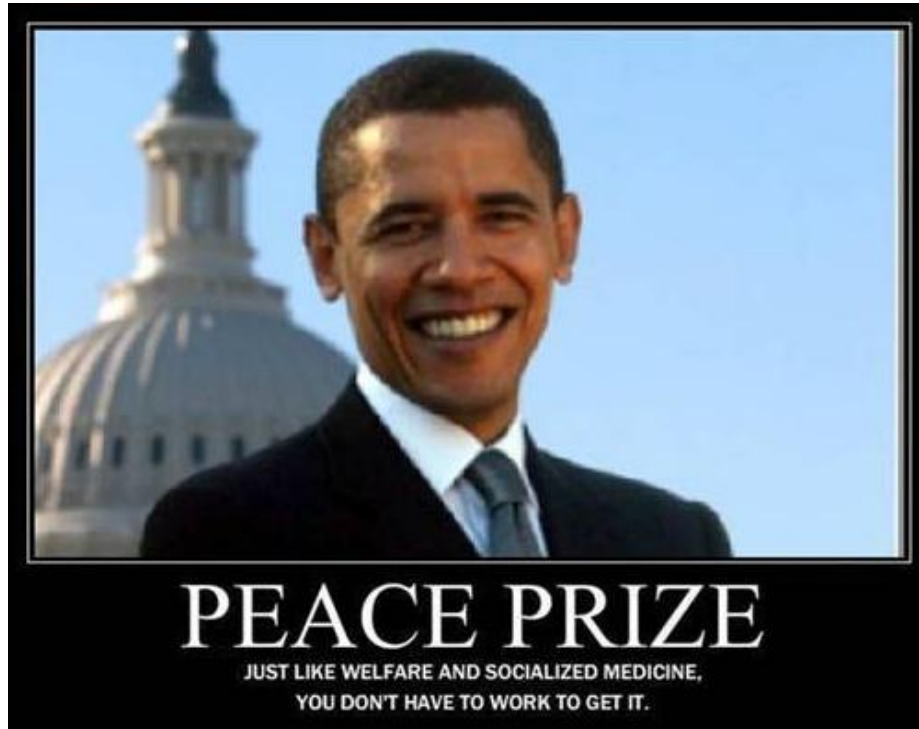
Muslims are allowed to block off Madison Ave. , in N.Y.C., and pray in the middle of the street! And, it's a monthly ritual!

Tell me, again, whose country is this? Ours or the Muslims?

It is said that 86% of Americans & Canadians believe in God.

Therefore, I have a very hard time understanding why there is such a problem in the U.S. having 'In God! We Trust' on their money, and having 'God' in their Pledge of Allegiance, or the Lord's prayer said in our schools or public meetings.

I believe it's time we stand up for what we believe!



Oregon Man tells cops he's uploading video of them, gets arrested

Charged with resisting arrest for being outside, unarmed, on own property

WND, November 12, 2014

<http://www.wnd.com/2014/11/man-tells-cops-hes-uploading-video-of-them-gets-arrested/>



The arrest of a man who videoed police officers violently serving an arrest warrant across the street from his home indicates Americans no longer are masters of their own country, contends a leading constitutional lawyer.

"In fact, you're not even the servant – you're the slave," said John Whitehead, president of the [Rutherford Institute](#).

Rutherford is representing Gresham, Oregon, resident Fred Marlow, 27, who is facing charges and fines of up to \$5,000 after his Sept. 2 arrest.

"Clearly, when police officers cease to look and act like civil servants or peace officers but instead look and act like soldiers occupying a hostile territory, it alters their perception of 'we the people.' However, those who founded this country believed that we were the masters and that those whose salaries we pay with our hard-earned tax dollars are our servants," Whitehead said.

"If daring to question, challenge or even hesitate when a cop issues an order can get you charged with resisting arrest or disorderly conduct, you're not the master in a master-servant relationship. In fact, you're not even the servant," he said.

[Gresham officials](#) did not return a WND call requesting comment.

Marlow's video shows what happened: To watch the video go to <http://www.wnd.com/2014/11/man-tells-cops-hes-uploading-video-of-them-gets-arrested/>

In a description of the video on YouTube, he said it was about 4 a.m. when the incident began.

"I was laying in my apartment sleeping an[d] I heard multiple bombs blasting and glass breaking and my entire apartment shook repeatedly. I grabbed my iPad and ran outside as fast as I could to see what was going on. There were 5 or more tank/military trucks just cruising through my neighborhood."

He said he was "assaulted multiple times, and I feel like it was Gresham police abuse, and my rights were violated."

Whitehead said his organization decided to help when he discovered Marlow had been arrested, jailed and charged with interfering and resisting arrest for videoing the SWAT team raid.

Marlow argued he was on his own property, was not carrying a weapon and was not interfering.

He was threatened then arrested when he told the officers the video of their actions was being uploaded to the Internet.

The video reveals the officers saying: "Go inside right now. You are interfering right now. You need to go inside right now. It's a lawful order."

Marlow pointed out there was no curfew, he was unarmed and he was on his own property.

The Rutherford Institute said its first priority was to arrange legal counsel for Marlow.

What's Wrong in Siskiyou County?

By Capt. William E. Simpson, USMM , 11/20/14

<http://www.myoutdoorbuddy.com/columnist/Capt-William-E-Simpson.php>

[An Open Letter to the Siskiyou County Commissioners and Doug LaMalfa, U.S. House of Representatives for CA District 1]. It was about 7:00 a.m. when I went outside to watch the sun rise over the majestic snow-capped mountains to the east of our home above Iron Gate Lake. As I surveyed the picturesque tree-covered mountains and valleys that unfold around our little place in paradise, a

small herd of deer grazed nearby as an array of colorful birds were drinking from a puddle of water formed by the overnight rains. The distant calls of water-fowl on the lake below that is formed by the Iron Gate dam resonated off the canyon walls. It was indeed another day in paradise.

But there was a very dark cloud on the proverbial horizon; a handful of greedy special-interest groups, mostly from outside Siskiyou County are seeking to remove several dams that are critical to the safety and welfare of the citizens of Siskiyou County, including the Iron Gate dam, which like the other dams in the County, forms a spectacularly beautiful and functional lake.

As the sun rose in the east, its rays cast the hues of a sunset across the shimmering lake below, and I wondered if the days of this treasure were truly numbered. How could anyone for any reason want to dispose of such an amazing resource? The list of logical reasons for the removal of the dams in Siskiyou County is non-existent. However, the logic and reason that supported the time and money spent for the design, construction and continual updating of these dams is undeniably pragmatic and critical to the ongoing safety and welfare of the citizens of Siskiyou County. And the reasons for the indefinite retention of these dams as well as the construction of additional dams are compelling and numerous.

Siskiyou County may very-well be a paradise on earth as are several of the neighboring Northern California counties. Nonetheless, these counties are barely scraping-by financially, which is almost inconceivable when you consider that these counties are very rich in natural resources, not to mention a skilled workforce that is suffering from 18-20% unemployment. But how is this possible?

As with the case in point (removal of the dams in Siskiyou County) where we have powerful special-interest forces outside of our County trying to control the resources that are rightfully under the jurisdiction of the County, we have other special-interest groups who for profit and political motives, want to control all of the resources that are intrinsic to Siskiyou County. These resources should rightfully only be managed by the local government as directed by the citizens and taxpayers of the County. And the effects of ill-conceived agendas sponsored by these special interest groups are far reaching into the local economies of Siskiyou County and her neighboring counties.

During our own property search within Northern California, it was apparent that there are many thousands of acres of prime residentially zoned lands on and around various lakes. This property, which amounts to many thousands of acres, is suitable for small ranches and homesteads, yet is sitting vacant even though they are listed and offered for sale. And through my inquiries, I learned that these many thousand acres of land have been sitting vacant for a long time,

even though they are priced very cheaply. Naturally my curiosity was peaked; what was wrong? Was the land the problem?

As I dug deeper into the lands in and around the lakes, I learned that the dams that formed the lakes near these hundreds of properties were under threat of being removed. And that few buyers (if any) wanted to buy a property that would front an emptied lake filled with silt and mud. Even the values of the hundreds of properties not fronting the lakes were being adversely affected by the potential loss of the recreational value of the lakes and water reserves of the lakes.

Siskiyou County and her neighboring counties are all incredibly well endowed with natural resources that include among other things, minerals and timber. However, through the mismanagement and oversight of these resources by powerful entities from outside Siskiyou County, many of these resources are not correctly utilized, or are wasted in wholesale fashion, such as our forests and timber reserves, which through obtuse management concepts are now burning to the dirt faster than they can be re-grown, presenting a net-loss of forest and timber annually. Of course even a child knows that this is not sustainable for very long.

With an overview of all of these existing maladies, a logical person could almost deduct that there is a concerted effort to marginalize the property values and livability within Siskiyou County to a point where some entity (or a composite of entities) could swoop-in and buy or control lands rich in resources for pennies on the dollar. After-all, if you connect all the dots, they seem to create and indicate such probability.

From my chair, I think that Siskiyou County, as well as her neighboring counties are facing a crucial crossroads in their futures at this exact point in time.

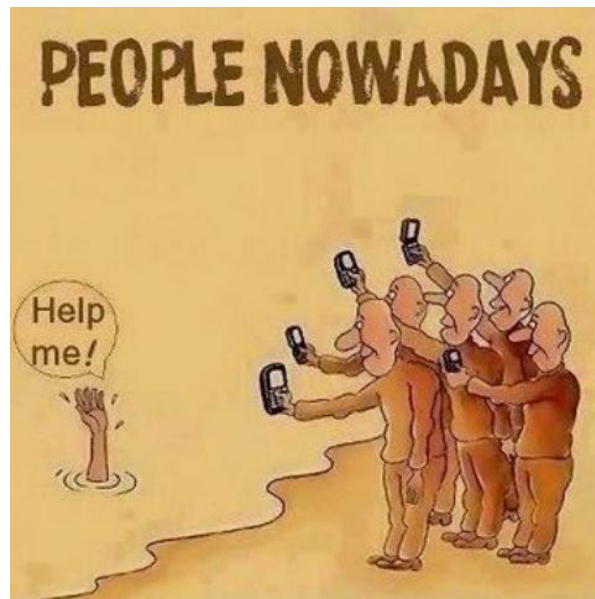
One of the fastest ways to stimulate a local economy is to stimulate land sales and draw more interested stake holders into the County. The incremental revenues from the subsequent land sales and development of lands being sold for residential development are significant with revenues that span across all business sectors in the County.

I believe that by ending the threats of dam removal in the County, once and for all, Siskiyou County could see a revival in its economy. And growth from there is possible if the County can to some extent unbridle itself from the outside interests and agencies who are dictating the ridiculous management and use of the County's and private-sector resources.

We just lost nearly two-hundred thousand acres of timber to fires stemming from mismanagement of the forests and timber resources. These trees, which are now ashes that are mixed with silt and mud flowing into the spawning beds of salmon and steelhead, could have instead fueled the local economy with timber related industry and jobs!

I have suggested one course of action in a prior commentary that involves the application of the process of 'Eminent Domain', whereby Siskiyou County would seek to gain ownership and control over all of the dams within its jurisdiction to the benefit of the public. The dams in Siskiyou County are crucial to the welfare and safety of the County's citizens as well as serving the recreational needs and supporting property values, and as such, the benchmarks for undertaking such a process are certain met.

The time for action is now!



40% women, 28% men, 39% youth don't want a job

Paul Bedard, *Washington Examiner's "Washington Secrets" columnist*, November 14, 201

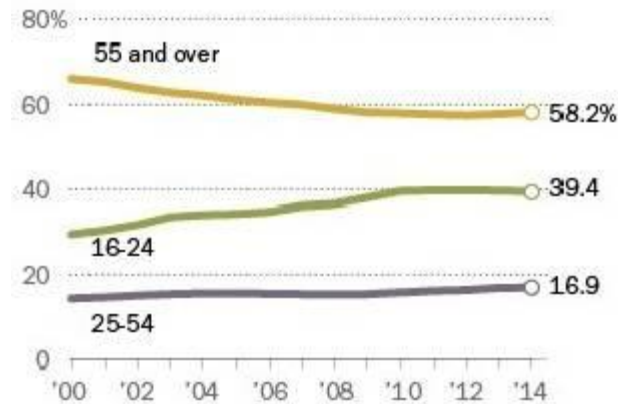
<http://www.washingtonexaminer.com/giving-up-40-women-28-men-39-youth-dont-want-a-job/article/2556177>

Nearly four in 10 Americans, or 92 million, are not in the labor force and now there's a reason why: They have simply given up and don't want to work.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the largest group of people not in the labor force are those who don't want a job, a remarkable statement on the nation's work ethic. The federal job counter said that 85.9 million adults last month didn't want a job, or 93 percent of all adults not in the labor force.

Opting Out of the Labor Force

% of Americans in each age group who say they don't want a job (annual average)



As a percentage of the civilian non-institutional population, age 16 and over.

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

PEW RESEARCH CENTER


A [Pew Research Center analysis](#) out Friday dug a bit deeper to find out who those people are. Many are younger Americans who seem far less interested in landing a job than previous generations, possibly discouraged by the lack of good-paying jobs.


Pew said that 39 percent of 16- to 24-year-olds don't want to work, up from 29 percent in 2000.


Women especially don't want a job, but men have similar feelings.


"Women are more likely than men to say they don't want a job, although the gap has been narrowing — especially since the Great Recession. Last month, 28.5 percent of men said they didn't want a job, up from 23.9 percent in October 2000 and 25.2 percent in October 2008. For women, the share saying they didn't want a job hovered around 38 percent throughout the 2000s but began creeping up in 2010, reaching 40.2 percent last month," said the Pew analysis.

2011 DEATHS

323 by these 

496 by these 

650 by these 

12,000 by Drunk Drivers 

195,000 by Medical Malpractice

You are **SIX HUNDRED TIMES MORE LIKELY** to **DIE** by using your **OBAMACARE**, than by a semi-automatic rifle. Sooo, feel sick?



Another Wrongheaded 1st Amendment Complaint

Bob Livingston, Personal Liberty, November 19, 2014

<http://personalliberty.com/another-wrongheaded-1st-amendment-complaint/>



In late September, Pine Creek High School (Colorado) student Chase Windebank was called to the assistant principal's office and ordered to stop praying at school because of "separation of church and state."

Windebank, a senior, had been part of a group that met regularly for three years in a choir room to sing Christian songs, pray and discuss issues of the day from a religious perspective during free time granted them by the school. During the free time granted Pine Creek High's high achievers, students are free to play on their phones, eat snacks, wander around outside the building or conduct business for whatever school club or group they belonged to. Windebank's group members voluntarily cloistered themselves in a room away from everyone else so as not to disturb anyone. And suddenly their activities were verboten because a bureaucrat, ignorant of the law and history of America but somehow charged with running a government indoctrination center called public education, decided discrimination against Christians was OK.

The Alliance Defending Freedom has filed a lawsuit against Pine Creek, citing violation of the Windebank's 1st Amendment rights.

"Because Chase and his classmates are talking about God, the school is censoring them and shutting them down. And that's clearly unconstitutional," ADF legal communications director Kerri Kupec told "Fox and Friends Weekend." She explained that the 1st Amendment expressly protects the types of conversations that Chase and his classmates are having during their prayer group meetings. Under the Founders' Constitution, that's poppycock.

What it is, however, is a clear violation of Colorado's religious freedom clause. Section 4 of the Colorado Constitution states:

The free exercise and enjoyment of religious profession and worship, without discrimination, shall forever hereafter be guaranteed; and no person shall be denied any civil or political right, privilege or capacity, on account of his opinions concerning religion; but the liberty of conscience hereby secured shall not be construed to dispense with oaths or affirmations, excuse acts of licentiousness or justify practices inconsistent with the good order, peace or safety of the state. No person shall be required to attend or support any ministry or place of worship, religious sect or denomination against his consent. Nor shall any preference be given by law to any religious denomination or mode of worship.

Windebank should have plopped that clause down on the assistant principal's desk and been done with it. And if administration continued this illegal discrimination, Windebank and ADF should have sued in state court for the violation of the state constitution's religious freedom clause.

The issue is not a 1st Amendment violation — or at least it was not until the creation of the “incorporation doctrine” by an activist Supreme Court in the 1920s. The 1st Amendment begins with the words, “Congress shall make no law...” Clearly, Pine Creek is not Congress.

In fact, had Colorado decided in its Constitution to create a state religion, under the Founders’ Constitution that would have been perfectly legal. Colorado is not Congress either.

So like in Houston, where preachers had their notes subpoenaed by the city’s mayor and cried “1st Amendment,” if you support waging the fight on 1st Amendment grounds, you are supporting stripping yourself of your rights, as I explained in [“Why Houston mayor’s attack on preachers was not a 1st Amendment issue.”](#)

The incorporation doctrine is being used to strip you of your rights. It is the incorporation doctrine that the courts use to throw out state-passed referenda on issues like traditional marriage and immigration. It’s the incorporation doctrine that courts use to restrict religious displays at municipal and state buildings and prayer at public schools. It’s the incorporation doctrine that federal government is using to strip your state of its sovereignty and you of your liberty.

When you cry “1st Amendment” over a local issue, you are simply playing into their hands.



