



**MILLENNIUM DIGGERS
ASSOCIATION
Keizer, Oregon**



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July 23, 2015

Call to Order: Karen called the meeting to order @ 7:00 pm.

We all stood for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag –

Attendance: 23 **Guests:** Walt and Diana Evens

-We welcomed Joe back from his mandatory recovery time from his heart surgery. We are so glad to have him back! It's been nearly 3 months.

Minutes from June: Everybody read and approved? Unanimous "Yes". Except for the fact that Wes still hasn't received the newsletter and Penny did not either.

Note: Membership information has been updated for our current PAID members email address/phone # list. If you still are experiencing problems let Karen or Alice know.

Treasurer's Report: Alice reported our bank account is in good shape. Delmon made the motion, Ken seconded, and we all approved. Alice is doing a fine job. Thank you Alice!

Claims: Claudia reported that she is in the process of submitting the claims forms. If any members have done any work at our claims, please let Claudia know so she can include it in the hours of labor/maintenance waiver forms.

-Briggs Creek area is open now, the fire has been suppressed.

-Jeeter, we will set date for a group outing there after Labor Day.

-Still looking for more claims for our association.

-It was suggested we come up with a booklet with all our claims and directions (Ted Staley explained); Claudia will email this information to all our members, so everyone will have the same updated information, and we should have handy copies available on the table at our meetings.

-Recently, Little North Fork Park was closed due to the appearance of a sow black bear and her two cubs.

Outings/Events:

-August 8th- Saturday- We had a Metal Detecting event in Hubbard on Front Street. We hunted where historically (and presently), a bank, a saloon and a hotel once stood. Plus, the many happenings throughout the years made this a worthwhile place to check out. (Case in point: The Hop Festival was recently held there)

-September (after Labor Day)- Jeeter Creek Claim: we will set an actual date for this during our next meeting in August.

-October- Central Oregon Petrified Wood- Courtesy of Ken. He says its 70 miles out of Bend. We decided to save this outing for October; the weather is cooler, the insects should be "at bay". It is just a nice season all around. We decided to table this for our August or September meeting to set an actual date.

Old Business: Our metal detecting outing on July 11 down by Glendale was quite interesting, and several of us would like to go on the adventure again. It was hosted by **Walt Evens**, owner of **Metal Detectors and More** in Sutherlin:

-Quite a little jaunt out of Glendale, the landscape gave way to the remains of the Mt Rueben fire from a couple years ago. It looked like a lot of salvage logging had taken place. But for the most part, 90% of everything had been burned up from that fire. It was a huge amount of acreage, so much looked like a moonscape. But, it had revealed a historic mining site where the miners used hydraulic water pressure to retrieve the gold from the hills. The humongous water guns must have truly been powerful! The landscape showed the remaining vertical walls and where the tailings had been directed towards a narrow cleft where they must have used several sluices to catch the runoff from the loosened rock and gravel. The following pictures may give you a better perspective of what we saw.



by Penny



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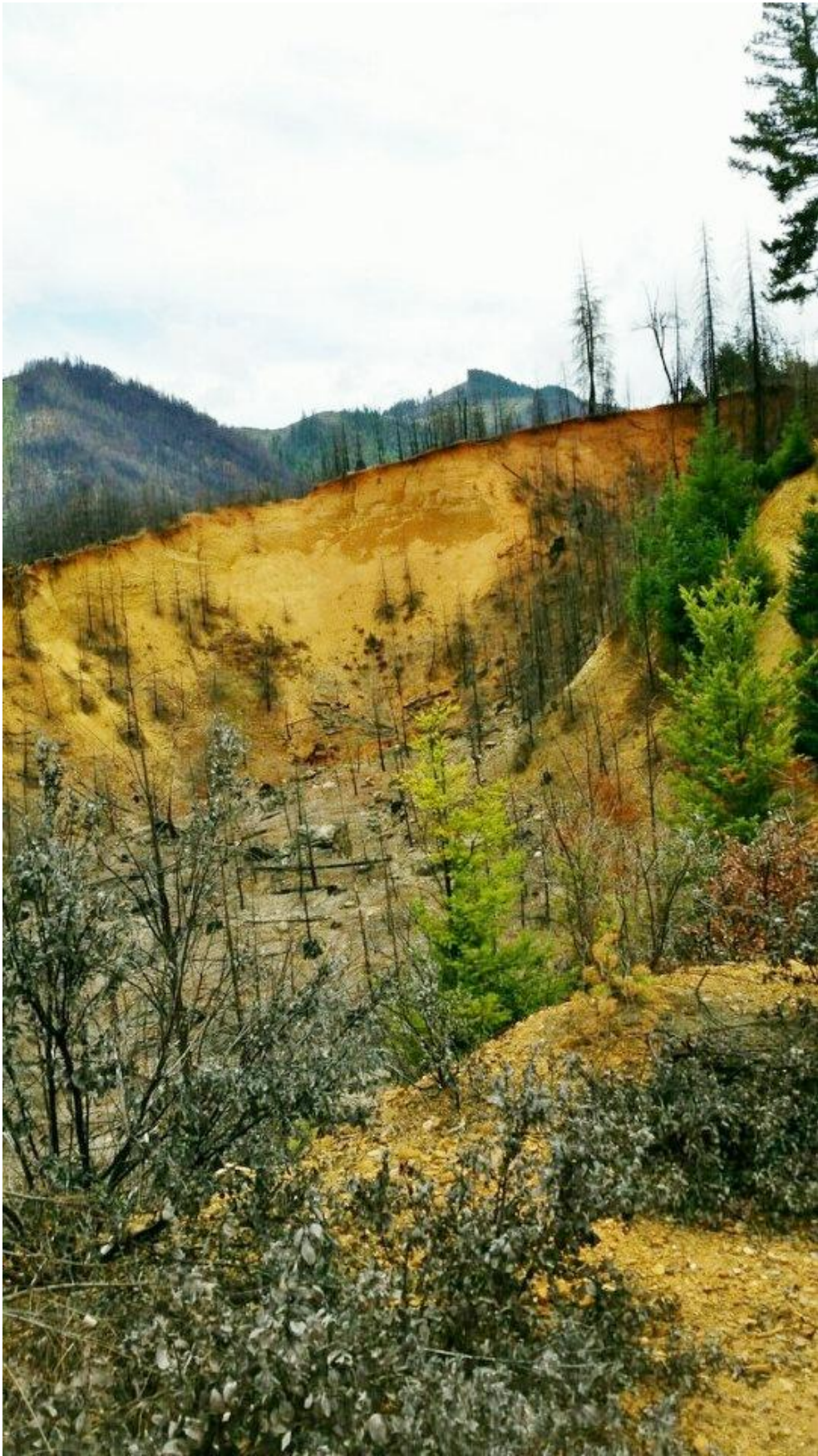
by Penny



by Claudia



by Claudia



by Claudia



Claudia

Some of Claudia's findings. The long bar and bolts are believed to be from an ore cart track.



by Penny



Mike, his wife and son, Walt, Penny, Vern, Walt Evens, Claudia and Karen



Karen and Claudia

New Business: We talked of the upcoming moratorium, and will provide a print off of the rules and regulations and limitations.

-Walt Evens has spoken with Bill Ryan of DSL and Jim Billings of DEQ regarding a “surcharge” for use of **their** interactive map for all necessary information when applying for a permit. You have to use their format in order to fill out and to submit the application.

-We have been informed that there are plans to CLOSE ALL STREAMS THAT ENTER INTO ESH WATERS.

Rocks/Treasures Shared Letter “H”: From her collection, Penny brought a “Herkimer Diamond” in its host rock. Herkimer diamonds are actually double terminated water-clear quartz crystals found in vugs, or cavities within host rock *dolostone* (a sedimentary carbonate rock, resistant to erosion), mined in Herkimer County, New York. They are so named “diamonds” because they resemble what natural diamonds look like in their host rock. She also brought some of the purple “**Home Grown Crystals**” of *mono-ammonium phosphate* she grew from a crystal growing kit.



-Christoph brought some of the interesting rocks he found while traveling through Northern California. They looked like they could be **zeolites**, found within trap-rock. They may be either and/or **Heulandite** (hydrous sodium, calcium, potassium aluminum silicate), **Stilbite** (hydrous calcium, sodium, aluminum silicate), **Chabazite** (hydrous calcium, sodium, aluminum silicate + potassium) and **Natrolite** (hydrous sodium, aluminum silicate) because these are the most common and widespread of the zeolites.

-Notable Facts: “Each of these **zeolite** types is interesting that in their compositions, sodium and calcium readily substitute each other, and can actually replace each other in the solid mineral. This easy substitution of elements is utilized in **zeolite water softeners**. Calcium in solution makes water “hard”, but the calcium is removed and replaced by sodium from the synthetic zeolite linings of the water-softener containers. Water with sodium substituted for calcium is far better for washing. Reversal takes place, and the softening effect is renewed by occasional rinsing with a concentrated brine that drives out the calcium and replaces it in the zeolite structure with sodium.” Fredrick H. Pough, Rocks and Minerals/pp 288-289/Peterson Field Guide

Now just how all that was figured out is a real mind spinner! -Penny

-Don Ecshe brought several special **thunder eggs** he dug from a new bed he found on one of his thunder egg claims in E. Oregon. Also, some of the interesting and colorful **agates** he dug out of a wall that remained after a mud slide on the Little North Fork Rd.

-Claudia brought her finds from the metal detecting outing at the hydraulic mining site near Glendale. We are looking forward to a return trip to that site!

Break Time/Raffle Ticket Sales

OUR SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER TONIGHT: WALTER EVENS owner of "**Detectors and More**", in Sutherlin, OR. He led the metal detecting trip to the historic hydraulic mining site out of Glendale. His presentation tonight was about the many variables involved in metal detecting and the kinds of detectors and their capabilities. He answered a lot of questions we had, and solved several mysteries we were unsure of. When it comes to the allure of hunting treasure with a metal detector, he just made it that much more alluring! Each time we use our detectors, we can put into practice what we didn't know before. By practice, and practicing often, something between yourself and your detector clicks, the big idea starts to really make sense, and then we realize that we really did learn something and can progress. Walt's presentation tonight really was important, because between his instructions at our last outing, and the very recent presentation given to us by Les Berg of Bend, that made for 3 in depth tutorials by 2 fully experienced well known and renowned treasure hunters! This prepared us even further for our next outing "Metal Detecting in Hubbard".

We are so privileged! On behalf of our association, we Thank You Walter Evens, we plan to see more of you in the near future! And a big Thank You to Karen for finding, contacting and inviting these wonderful, fellow miners/celebrities to come and share their knowledge with us at our meetings.

Letter for August is "I": examples are: *ingot, iolite, iron, ignimbrite, inclusions, ilmenite, idocrase, irradiated quartz.....*

OUR NEXT MEETING IS THURSDAY, AUGUST 27, 2015 @ 7:00pm Be There!

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Visit our website at <http://www.millenniumdiggers.com/>

The Millennium Diggers Association is a group based in Keizer, Oregon, which is near Salem, Oregon. The club is for people that share an interest in searching for things of value. The club's charter is to provide members with a club that will help promote the outdoor activities of metal detecting, prospecting, rock hounding, and treasure hunting. Part of our yearly dues pay for gold mining claims that are available for all club members to use. We use club meetings to share information about locating gold, silver, coins, jewelry, gemstones, fossils and metal detecting. We plan club outings each month where we can help each other

learn all aspects of our outdoor activities. This is a great family activity, bring the kids! Please feel free to drop in on one of the monthly meetings.

We meet the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month, 7:00 p.m, at:

**Clear Lake United Methodist Church**

**920 Marks Drive**

**Keizer, OR 97303**

We meet in the church's Fellowship Hall; a real a nice meeting place complete with tables, chairs and a kitchen. The church is located across the street from the Clear Lake Fire Station. There's plenty of parking in the church's parking lot.

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# MINING

## OREGON MINING ISSUES

### Oregon Placer Mining Issues

Tom Kitchar, President, Waldo Mining District, OR, August 15, 2015

As you should know by now, the 2015 Oregon legislature **did not** repeal SB 838 or the scheduled FIVE YEAR MORATORIUM on all motorized placer mining in, and 100 yards to either side of a stream segment designated as Essential Salmon Habitat (ESH), or has populations of bull trout or lamprey eels (or some other special critter).

The moratorium is scheduled to begin January 2, 2016, and ends (unless extended) January 2, 2021. This means no dredging, hi-banking, power sluicing, or use of a motor driven pump of any kind, no trommels, excavators, dozers, winches or even small battery-powered devices such as mini-concentrators or gold wheels. DEQ has stated this (ban) includes use of an motor to drive an air compressor for breathing air. If taken to the extreme, it could be construed to include your vehicle used to haul equipment/supplies incident to your mining if driving within 100 yards of a closed stream.

VIOLATION of the moratorium is a Class A Misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of \$6,250 and/or up to 1 year in jail. (Serious stuff).

Up until now not much has been done about the moratorium as it was thought best to wait to see if the 2015 legislature would repeal the moratorium - they didn't. (There was a bill introduced, SB 830, which would have repealed the moratorium - but was so filled with the greenies dream wish-list that all mining would be impossible anyway and such a bill would be harder to fight (in court) than the moratorium - so we did not support SB 830).

HOWEVER, it now seems almost certain the moratorium will go into effect next Jan. 2. As far as I know, NOTHING can stop it at this point - other than a court order. (There is a slimmest of slim chances that the 2016 "Short-Session" legislature could or would repeal the moratorium in Feb/March..... several month after the moratorium kicks in).

Rich Angstrom of the Oregon Concrete and Aggregate Producers Association (OCAPA), and lobbyist for OCAPA, along with a Dave Hunnicutt from Oregonians In Action are forming a new state-wide mining org, the Oregon Mining Association in an attempt to band all the miners together to speak with one voice to help stop future bills like 838. Rich has also gotten the Western Resources Law Center (WRLC) to fight the moratorium (in court) "pro bono" (free) in support of all miners in Oregon. WRLC claims (on their website) that they train upcoming new lawyers who want to defend industry interests from over-zealous agencies and green lawsuits, etc.. Sounds good.... right? Here's the "catch": WRLC is a part of Lewis & Clark U in Portland... the very same school that trains the upcoming green lawyers. *I'm sure there's no conflict of interest!*

And, it sounds like he's going through with this with or without our help and whether we like it or not. My "problem" (if I have one) with this is, and even if there is no conflict of interest and the two branches of the school are separate: **Are ANY of them miners?**

Do they know anything about mining and in particular the small-scale placer mining that the moratorium will ban in about 90% of all gold bearing stream in Oregon.? Doubtful.

ASK YOURSELF THIS: Are you willing to sit by and let the a group of non-miners decide the fate of small-scale mining in Oregon?

or, are you interested in doing something about it (the moratorium)?

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The looming doom of the moratorium prompts me to at least try to do something about it. As much as I would like to, I just can't sit by and let a bunch of law students and other non-miners deal with this. "They" have nothing to lose (whereas I and other have everything to lose.... what value is a claim no one can work?). I "could" get involved with Rich and his new OMA.... and maybe be involved in what they are doing - but I hesitate as I already don't have the time and being active in some other org means even more trips down the hill just to make a phone call or do email - and quite possibly even more traveling (further destroying my only nice car which I've already had to put a new engine in).

In the spring of 2013 there was a Miner's Rally on the Capitol steps in Salem protesting all the anti-mining bills proposed that session (from which we eventually got 838). At that rally I started collecting Pledges of Support to raise \$\$ if needed to fight any of these bills. And have collected a few since then. I have nearly \$5,000 in Pledges, along with \$6-700 in cash that people gave (this \$\$ is not in WMD accounts - I have all the cash in an envelope to be returned if unused). I told people that "if and when" some creditable group or org took legal action to stop these bills that I would turn the pledges over to that group. No specific group or org was named.

Also, I have kept Buchal up to date on what's happened since before passage of SB 838, including just 2 days ago.

Rich and the WRLC have not (as far as I know) made a decision as to what is the best way to attack the moratorium and have mentioned filing for a preliminary injunction in federal court soon, and/or waiting until "someone" gets caught in violation and then defend that person(s).

Buchal advises filing for a preliminary injunction in Federal court asap. He estimates the cost at about \$10,000. (Not including any appeals, or other surprises such as greenie intervention).

The "rush" to file is because we need to file in Federal court before anyone else mistakenly files in State court (which is why the cases in California are all in State court, someone blew it and filed a suit in state court and when Buchal & PLP tried to file in Federal court the Federal court said the issue was already in State court and refused to hear the case).

For the last 15 years, Buchal has handled many mining related cases, admittedly not winning most of them. I have been involved with most of them and do not blame Buchal but instead the obviously biased judicial system. He has more recently been one of the chief mining lawyers dealing with the moratorium in California and is defending Rinehart. For the last 4-5 years he has been studying the mining law, state law, and the issue of preemption (i.e.; Can the State prohibit something (mining) the Federal law allows, grants, and encourages as a "Right"?)

With this much practical experience with small-scale mining, the mining law, the courts, and moratoriums, it would seem strange, and even stupid to not hire Buchal to file in Fed. court to stop the moratorium. \$10K is cheap..... and he can do this because most of the real work is already done (the researching & drafting briefs) except to get Affidavits from Plaintiffs and tweaking everything for Oregon.

Our moratorium should be easier to kill than the one in California. California only bans suction dredging whereas Oregon is going to ban "all motorized placer mining" - leaving no alternative methods to mine except totally by hand. The California moratorium called for time to do studies and write new rules that fully mitigate every possible significant effect before permits could be issued.... whereas nothing in SB 838 even hints at a purpose for the Five Year moratorium. 838 does not call for any studies, reviews, committees, etc. during the 5 years. No reason is given.

#### **THE BOTTOMLINE:**

Last week I met with the heads of the Galice Mining District and we (Waldo & Galice) decided to retain Buchal to fight the moratorium. I have contacted Buchal and given him the Go Ahead.

We are currently looking for Plaintiffs, and fund raising. We hope to raise the necessary \$\$ through pure donations as there is no time to arrange and hold a raffle, even if we had a non-profit org to do this.

PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD.... WE need \$\$\$\$ for this.

DONATIONS CAN BE SENT TO:

**Waldo Mining District**  
**P.O. Box 1574**  
**Cave Junction, OR 97523**

OR, you can send them directly to James Buchal (attorney) at:

**James L. Buchal**  
**Murphy & Buchal LLP**  
**3425 SE Yamhill Street, Suite 100**  
**Portland, OR 97214**

**NOTE: If sending donations directly to James Buchal please make a note on your check that it is for: "OREGON MORATORIUM FUND"**

Will we win? who knows... The only thing for sure is, if we don't fight back, we will most assuredly lose!

## CALIFORNIA MINING ISSUES

### California Judge Denies Injunctive Relief to Dredgers

By Brad Jones, GPAA Managing Editor, June 24, 2015

In what can only be seen as bizarre turn of events, yesterday miners seem to have lost most of the ground they've gained in the six-year legal battle to end the ban on suction dredge mining in California.

California Superior Court Judge Gilbert Ochoa denied a proposed injunction intended to allow dredgers back in the water. **Ochoa stated that in his opinion the miners have suffered under the ban but not enough harm to warrant injunctive relief.**

Ochoa wrote in his tentative ruling that because the People v. Brandon Reinhart appellate decision has been "de-published" and the case has reached the California Supreme Court, that his own ruling on federal preemption in favor of miners in January is now also up for review.

Miners argue that the "two-year dredging moratorium" imposed by the state in 2009, has dragged on for six years and is no longer a moratorium but an outright ban that violates that rights of miners under the Mining Law of 1872 as well as the Supremacy Clause of the Constitution.

Attorneys for Public Lands for the People, New '49ers and Western Mining Alliance contend that the financial losses as well as the state's continuing violations of congressionally granted and constitutional rights is "irreparable harm."

"Justice delayed is justice denied," said PLP President Walt Wegner.

Mining rights groups, including PLP, New 49ers and WMA, are now developing an appeal strategy, Wegner said.

A trial has now been set for Jan. 20, 2016 to conclude the dredging ban cases that remain before Ochoa.

For more information, go to [Public Lands for the People](#) and the [Western Mining Alliance](#) websites.

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## The Struggle Continues

**From:** James Buchal [mailto:jbuchal@mbllp.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, June 23, 2015 3:49 PM

**EVENTS OF THE MORNING** [*This portion of the e-mail is not particularly sensitive and might be circulated further*]

This morning we appeared before Judge Ochoa for the hearing on our motion for an injunction. Immediately prior to the hearing, the Judge's clerk handed out a very short tentative ruling denying our motion for an injunction on the basis that miners were not suffering any irreparable injury, and the balance of factors before him did not weigh in favor of an injunction. The first rationale for denying an injunction is contrary to all available law, and the second was not explained enough to be comprehensible. The ruling was less than a page long.

When the Judge assumed the bench, he appeared to be in a bad mood and asked if we wished to argue the motion, or accept the tentative. When I said I wished to argue, he informed me I had five minutes to do so. I noted that The New 49'ers, Inc. plaintiffs were not bound by his earlier ruling denying an injunction in the *Kimble* case, and that all the ongoing arrests, seizures and losses of the opportunity to mine constituted irreparable injury under every case available and the governing Code of Civil Procedure.

The Judge responded by stating that most of the mining was recreational, to which I responded that the plaintiffs standing before him constituted professional miners locked out of their profession since 2009. I attempted to argue further and was told my time was up. Mr. Young followed by reminding the Judge that he had found a violation of the constitutional rights of the miners, and that the continuing invasion of those rights was per se irreparable. The Judge asked the Department what they thought about that, and the State offered no more, in substance, than "we disagree". The Judge announced that the tentative ruling would become final.

The Judge announced that he wished to set a trial date to bring this, his longest CEQA case, to a close, and proposed a trial date of January 20, 2016. The Department's attorney objected, claiming that the remaining takings claims would take weeks and weeks to try. I objected that we had 24 claims at issue with roughly a dozen clients, and we could probably put on our case in a week; if the Judge certified a class action, it would be appropriate to devise some sort of expedited damage claim proceeding. The Judge directed the parties to work out a trial date.

I reminded the Judge that he had never signed the order sought by the Department which would bar the parties to the consolidated actions, as well as me personally and any clients who might wish to hire me, from filing for relief from the ongoing enforcement actions in Siskiyou County. The Judge indicated that he had no record of receiving the State's



proposed order, my response, or for that matter another previously-submitted order scheduling briefing on the CEQA and other record-based claims further proceedings, another remarkable development. I provided him with copies of the documents, and the Judge signed the orders, one of which arguably bars me from initiating any new suction dredging actions for any client in Siskiyou County. Like the Court's denial of the injunction, I cannot see that this order has any basis in law.

## IDAHO MINING ISSUES



### **Suction Dredgers Defy EPA Permit, Again**

By [Andrew Ottoson](#), August 12, 2015

<http://www.idahocountyfreepress.com/news/2015/aug/12/suction-dredgers-defy-epa-permit-again/>

ELK CITY — Two of the three years since a federal requirement purported to close Idaho County's major river drainages to suction dredging, Shannon Poe and the American Mining Rights Association have suction dredged in the South Fork Clearwater River. The issue veered in a stranger direction late last month, when a Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests employee gave some dredgers "notices of noncompliance," only for the Forest Service to turn around and tell the Lewiston Tribune "it will take no further action and instead will move forward with a process that could open the river to limited mining next year."

Earlier this year, the combined forests started working on a plan to establish procedures to "protect surface resources including special status fish, prevent undue degradation, and improve approval process." The initial comment period on that "Small-scale Placer Mining Project" environmental assessment closed in April.

"We are also preparing the analysis to go through consultation with the regulatory agencies, Fish and Wildlife Service, National Marine Fisheries Service, and Idaho State Historic Preservation Office," combined forests supervisor Cheryl Probert said Friday, Aug. 7. "We anticipate the EA will be available for public notice and comment this fall, but not this month."

One of the first links in this chain of events was forged in 2013, when the Environmental Protection Agency, citing the Clean Water Act, issued a general permit for small-scale suction dredging in Idaho but did not allow for small-scale suction dredging in the Salmon or Clearwater river drainages, where ocean-going fish such as Chinook salmon and steelhead spawn.

In March 2014, the Free Press spoke to EPA Idaho office director Jim Werntz, who said the permit "doesn't address the feelings for those who want to dredge in the closed areas, but

that is something we want to improve for the dredging community. We want it to work. We want people to have places to do their trade and their hobby."

Suction dredging uses a pump and a sluice on a pontoon, drawing material from the river bottom up to the sluice, which separates gold from the river rock before returning the sandy, gravelly material to the river. That material appears to settle quickly.

Suction dredgers contend that returning river rock to the river a bit downstream from where it came does not pollute, and contend all signs of the previous season's work are swept away by the surge of the following spring's runoff.

How the dispute between the suction dredgers and the EPA will ultimately be resolved is unclear, but a civil case in federal court is likely. The Free Press has previously reported local Forest Service projects often take two to three years to complete – and it's not clear if suction dredgers who are willing to defy the existing permit would abide by a streamlined version. Beyond that, Poe has threatened to sue the Forest Service over the actions of Clint Hughes, the geologist who handed out the notices of noncompliance.

"The end result is, it needs to go to federal court and have a federal judge rule on it," Idaho County Sheriff Doug Giddings said July 27. "That, most likely, will happen. But until it does, there's all these debates and arguments between some guy who thinks he's the king and some guy who doesn't like the king. We try to maintain a somewhat in-between stance, but until the Forest Service or the BLM or the EPA or any other federal agency comes up with some facts rather than just their opinions, we're pretty much on the side of the citizen. When a federal judge makes a ruling, then we'll know which way to lean."

Another way it could be resolved would be through the ordinary political process. State Rep. Paul Shepherd, and U.S. Sen. Mike Crapo are working on bills at the state and national levels, respectively.

Shepherd proposed two bills during last year's session at the state legislature, both of which were eventually returned to the House Resources and Conservation Committee, of which Shepherd is a member. After the session ended, Shepherd brought the issue to the Natural Resources interim committee, of which he is an ad hoc member.

At the federal level, Crapo has been working with colleagues including Oklahoma Republican Sen. Jim Inhofe, chairman of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, to develop a bill in the U.S. Congress this fall. Outside of Congress, Crapo has been working with the Idaho Recreation Council and others.

"Committee Chairman Senator Jim Inhofe (R-Oklahoma) has said he is supportive of the idea, which could provide direction to the EPA on this issue," Crapo spokesman Lindsay Northern said Aug. 7.

The Free Press spoke at length with Poe about suction dredging last summer; find that article online at <http://bit.ly/1HqOXBW>.

## COLORADO MINING ISSUES

### Geologist Predicted EPA Project That Caused Toxic Spill Would Fail 'Within 7 to 120 Days'

by Michael Patrick Leahy, [breitbart.com](http://www.breitbart.com) , 13 Aug 2015

<http://www.breitbart.com/big-government/2015/08/13/geologist-predicted-epa-project-that-caused-toxic-spill-would-fail-within-7-to-120-days/>



**Six days before 3 million gallons of toxic waste poured into Colorado's Cement Creek and Animas River on August 5, a retired geologist predicted that the EPA operation to plug the Red and Bonita mines that caused the spill would fail.**

The *Silverton Standard* published this letter to the editor from Dave Taylor of Farmington, New Mexico, who says he has "47 years of experience" as a professional geologist:

*I came to Silverton this summer to enjoy my retirement, appreciate nature and prospect the mountains for unique minerals. I came here to enjoy a simple life with no TV and no politics, but unfortunately, that has changed. Your EPA dilemma has caused my blood to boil.*

*Based on my 47 years experience as a professional geologist, it appears to me that the EPA is setting your town and the area up for a possible Superfund blitzkrieg.*

*In regards to your meeting with the EP on June 23, Mr. Hestmark's (EPA representative) statement "we don't have an agenda" is either ignorant naivety or an outright falsehood. I am certain Mr. Hestmark's hydrologists have advised him what's going to happen when the Red & Bonita portals [are] plugged and the "grand experiment" begins with unknown and foreseeable results and possible negative consequences.*

*Here's the scenario that will occur based on my experience:*

*Following the plugging, the exfiltrating water will be retained behind the bulkheads, accumulating at a rate of approximately 500 gallons per minute. As the water backs up, it will begin filling all connected mine workings and bedrock voids and fractures. As the water level inside the workings continue to rise, it will accumulate head pressure at a rate of 1 PSI per each 2.31 feet of vertical rise.*

*As the water continues to migrate through and fill interinterconnected workings, the pressure will increase. Eventually, without a doubt. The water will find a way out and will exfiltrate uncontrollably through connected abandoned shafts, drifts, raises, fractures, and possibly from talus on the hillsides. Initially it will appear that the miracle fix is working.*

*"Hallelujah."*

*But make no mistake, within seven to 120 days all of the 500 gpm flow will return to Cement Creek. Contamination may actually increase due to disturbance and flushing action within the workings.*

*The "grand experiment" in my opinion will fail. And guess what Mr. Hestmark will say then?*

*Gee, 'Plan A' didn't work so I guess we will have to build a treatment plant at a cost to taxpayers of \$100 million to \$500 million (who knows).*

*Reading between the lines, I believe that has been EPA's plan all along. The proposed Red & Bonita plugging plan has been their way of getting a foot in the door to justify their hidden agenda for construction of a treatment plant.*

*After all, with a budget of \$8.2 billion and 17,000 employees, the EPA needs new, big projects to feed the best and justify their existence.*

*I would recommend that anyone who owns a home, property water well or srping in the Cement Creek drainage take water samples ASAP to protect themselves from groundwater changes that may be caused by the EPA plugging operation.*

*God bless America, God bless Silverton, Colorado, and God protect us from the EPA.*

Martin Hestmark, to whom Taylor refers in the letter, is the Assistant Regional Administrator for Ecosystems Protection and Remediation in EPA's Region 8. As John Hinderaker reported in Powerline, Hestmark's boss, EPA Regional Administrator, Sean McGrath, is an Obama political operative.

EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy held a press availability in Durango, Colorado on Wednesday but refused to offer an explanation for the agency's actions that caused the spill, focusing instead on response efforts. McCarthy also refused to visit the site of the spill in Silverton.

Administrator Gina McCarthy, in a boots-on-the-ground appearance Wednesday in Durango that's expected to continue Thursday in Farmington, N.M., called the Aug. 5 incident "heartbreaking" and said the EPA "couldn't be more sorry."

"Right now, rest assured, we will learn lessons from this, and we will move those lessons forward in the work moving ahead," she said of the spill of 3 million gallons at the Gold King Mine near Silverton.

In a 15-minute news conference, McCarthy said cleanup operations at similar mines throughout the country have been "put on hold" until the EPA determines how the Gold King accident happened. Speaking outside a command center, McCarthy said the EPA plans to solicit an independent investigation of the calamity.

Some Durango residents are angered that McCarthy is neither planning a trip to the Gold King Mine nor holding a public meeting. EPA officials and McCarthy said the mine — roughly a 55-mile trip, some of it over unpaved road — was too far to visit.

"As you know, it is a significant distance away, but I did visit the river. I took a look at it myself to get a sense of the river," McCarthy said. "And I think the good news is it seems to be restoring itself, but we have continued work to do and EPA is here."

The timing of the spill, coming on the heels of the recently announced EPA rule regulating carbon dioxide emissions from coal power plants that 16 states say is unlawful and was heavily influenced by environmental activist groups and President Obama's 2012 campaign

organization operating under the new name Organizing for Action, is bad for the Obama administration.

McCarthy's unwillingness to honestly and straightforwardly acknowledge EPA's responsibility for the spill, combined with her tone deaf unwillingness to visit the spill site, only adds to the perception that the EPA continues to display the arrogance of power that characterizes an out-of-control regulatory state.

The EPA announced the \$1.5 million project to plug the Red and Bonita mines earlier in 2015, and operations began in July. As the *Durango Herald* reported on June 28:

Mine remediation and greater monitoring above Silverton this summer will help ease the level of poisonous metals in the Animas River, at least at first.

At the Red and Bonita Mine, where polluted water is pouring out at 500 gallons per minute, Environmental Protection Agency workers would like to put a stop to the flow by September, said Steven Way, on-scene coordinator for the agency.

About 18 percent of the heavy metals in the Animas River come from the mine, said Peter Butler, co-coordinator of the Animas River Stakeholder Group.

It is contributing cadmium, zinc, iron and aluminum to the river, which are responsible for killing off native fish and other species.

The \$1.5 million construction project is set to start in mid-July, and it will require workers to muck out nontoxic mineral deposits from the floor of the mine before installing a concrete bulkhead. It is not a Superfund project, but the EPA plans to pay for it, Way said.

Red and Bonita began draining in 2006 after the Sunnyside Gold Corp., the last major mining operation in Silverton, plugged the American Tunnel in three places. The small Red and Bonita Mine, founded in the 1800s, was never productive.

The EPA understands that this new bulkhead could have the same effect as the American Tunnel bulkheads and cause water to drain from other mines. As a result, the agency plans to monitor the Gold King number 7 level and the Mogul because they are both nearby, Way said.

Gold King Number 7, which is partially collapsed, will be stabilized this summer to allow for better monitoring of flows, he said.

Right after the Red and Bonita is plugged, there will be an improvement in water quality, but it doesn't last or water quality worsens, the bulkhead will have a valve so the EPA can open it up again, Way said.

"This, in a way, is as much as experiment as the American Tunnel," said Steve Fearn, co-coordinator of the Animas River Stakeholders Group.

Taylor's prediction was simply that the operation would fail, but even Taylor underestimated the scale of the failure.

"Eventually, without a doubt. The water will find a way out and will exfiltrate uncontrollably through connected abandoned shafts, drifts, raises, fractures, and possibly from talus on the hillsides," he wrote.

"But make no mistake, within seven to 120 days all of the 500 gpm [gallons per minute] flow will return to Cement Creek. Contamination may actually increase due to disturbance and flushing action within the workings. The 'grand experiment' in my opinion will fail," he wrote.

Taylor was correct that "the water will find a way out and will exfiltrate uncontrollably." Instead of 500 gallons per minute, (which would be 30,000 gallons per hour) the flow turned out to be 3 million gallons in less than a day.

Taylor was also correct in noting that the EPA has been lobbying to designate the area as a recipient of federal SuperFund financing, but locals have resisted that request.

As the *Denver Post* reported in April 2014:

SILVERTON, Colo. (AP) — San Juan County Commissioners are concerned after scientists and officials from the Environmental Protection Agency proposed Superfund designation for parts of Silverton polluted by mining operations.

Federal regional administrator Martin Hestmark warned that without Superfund designation, there would be no money for long-term cleanup efforts.

The designation would also allow the EPA to further study the Upper Animas mine basin.

According to the Durango Herald (<http://tinyurl.com/kjot5o9> ), residents in Silverton are balancing the federal funding that would be available through federal Superfund designation to clean toxic water pollution from old mines with the economic hit the community would take from being branded a Superfund site.

The *Wall Street Journal* identified the contractor who performed the work to plug the Red and Bonita mines as Environmental Restoration, LLC of Fenton, Missouri, which has been paid more than \$380 million by the EPA over the past decade to work on similar projects. Breitbart News contacted Environmental Restoration LLC to confirm the details of the Wall Street Journal's article, but received no response.



## **When Our River Turned Orange** *Nine things you need to know about the Animas River mine waste spill.*

[Jonathan Thompson](#) Aug. 9, 2015 Web Exclusive

<https://www.hcn.org/articles/when-our-river-turned-orange-animas-river-spill>

***"The question that is crowding upon Durango thick and fast is one of water. The mill slimes from Silverton are now reaching us."*** -- Durango Democrat, 1899

On a scorcher of an August afternoon, a crowd gathered on a bridge over the deep-green waters of the Animas River on the north end of Durango, Colorado. A passerby might have thought they were watching a sporting event, perhaps a kayak race or a flotilla of inebriated, scantily clad inner tubers. Yet the river that afternoon was eerily empty of rowers, paddlers or floaters — unheard of on a day like this — and the mood among the onlookers was sombre. One mingling in the crowd heard certain words repeated: sad, tragic, angry, toxic.

They were here not to cheer anyone on, but to mourn, gathered to watch a catastrophe unfold in slow motion. Soon, the waters below would become milky green, then a Gatorade yellow, before finally settling into a thick and cloudy orangish hue — some compared it to mustard, others Tang. Whatever you called it, it was clearly not right.

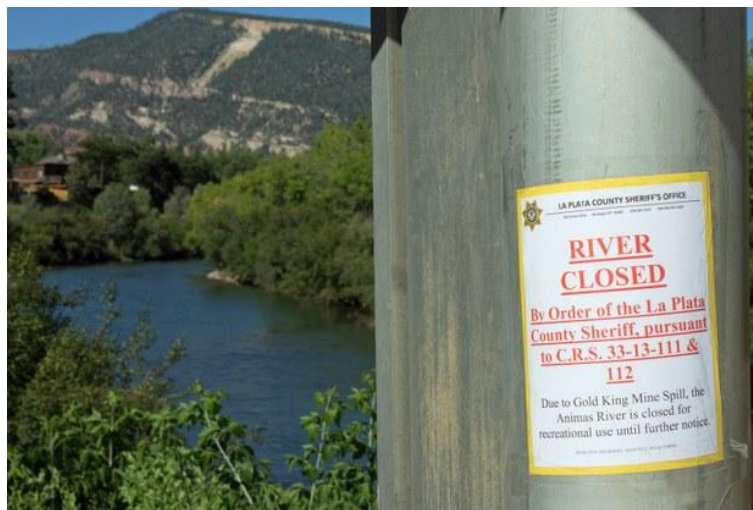


**The river turned a mustardy-Tang color as the wastewater moved through. This was taken about 24 hours after the spill.**



The mustard-Tang plume was the result of approximately three million gallons of wastewater and sludge that had poured from the dormant Gold King mine into Cement Creek, a tributary of the Animas, some 60 miles upstream on the previous morning. The water had backed up in the mine behind a sort of dam formed when the mine portal's ceiling had collapsed sometime earlier. Workers from the Environmental Protection Agency were hoping to install a pipe to drain the water so that they could eventually plug the mine, keeping the contaminated water inside it and out of the streams. Instead, they ended up accidentally breaching the dam, releasing the water.

While the spill occurred just a few miles above Silverton, the impacts hit Durango the hardest. The Animas River courses through the middle of Durango, provides a portion of its drinking and irrigation water, and over the last few decades has become the recreational and aesthetic, wild, green heart of the city. The spill essentially stopped the heart's beat. Officials closed the river for public health reasons, shutting down hundreds of recreational boaters and tubers, not to mention the [local rafting industry](#). No one yet knows what will happen to the fish, the birds, the bugs and other wildlife that call the river home.



**The Animas River was closed for public safety as the wastewater plume moved through town.**

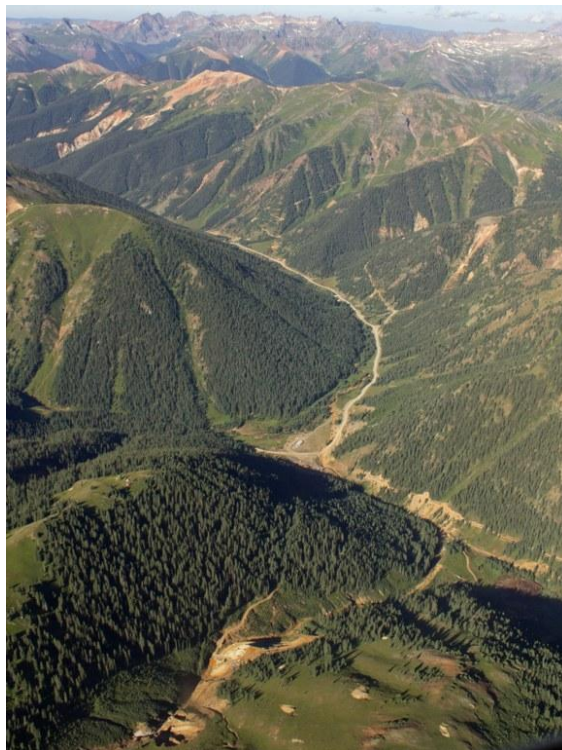
“I’m very sorry for what happened,” said David Ostrander, EPA's emergency response director, at a public meeting in Durango held just hours after the plume reached town. “This is a huge tragedy. We typically respond to emergencies, not cause them.”

Really, though, the EPA wasn't the root cause of the emergency. It was, most likely, a disaster waiting to happen and the most visible manifestation of an emergency that's been going on in the Upper Animas River Watershed for decades. Here's nine items to help you understand the big picture:

**• Pollution in the Animas is not new:** The Upper Animas River watershed consists of three main streams, the Animas, Cement Creek and Mineral Creek all of which drain the Silverton Caldera, the highly mineralized collapsed core of an ancient volcano, and which run together at Silverton. Miners started going after the minerals in the 1870s, and the river's been the victim of their pollution ever since. Mines simply poured their tailings directly into the creeks and rivers until, in the 1930s, downstream farmers got them to stop; the remnants of

those releases can still be found under the river bed in Durango and beyond. Then there's acid mine drainage. The portals and shafts blasted into the mountainsides hijack the natural hydrology, pulling water flowing through fractures toward natural springs into the mine tunnels. There, the water reacts with iron disulfide (pyrite) and oxygen to form sulfuric acid. The acidic water dissolves naturally occurring heavy metals such as zinc, lead, cadmium, copper and aluminum. The resulting contaminated water flows out of the mine adit as if from a spring. By 1991, when the last major mine in the watershed shut down, there were some 400 mines in the watershed, many discharging unmitigated discharges into streams. Not a fish could be found for miles downstream from Silverton, and the impacts to aquatic life were felt in Durango, where, when the mines were still running, sensitive fish were unable to reproduce.

• **Superfund has long been on the table, and long been swept off:** As mining waned in the late 1980s, federal and state regulatory agencies started looking at how to clean up the mess. Superfund, which comes with a big pile of cash, seemed like the obvious approach. But locals feared that the stigma would destroy tourism along with any possibility of mining's return. Besides, Superfund can be blunt; the complex Animas situation demanded a more surgical, locally-based approach. So the [Animas River Stakeholders Group](#), a collaboration between concerned citizens and representatives from industry and federal and state agencies, was created in 1994 to address the situation. The approach was successful, at first, but then water quality began deteriorating again. The specter of Superfund returned. Many locals, worried about impacts to property values and tourism, have again resisted. Sunnyside Gold Corp. (see below) has offered millions of dollars to further cleanup efforts -- as long as there's no Superfund designation.



**The Gold King Mine (bottom of picture) and Cement Creek. Cement Creek has probably never supported fish, and even before the spill had a pH level of about 3.5, on par with Coca-Cola.**

• **The problem is massive and complex, but not hopeless:** In 1991, the last big mine in the region, the Sunnyside, shut down. Its owner, Sunnyside Gold Corp., planned to plug the American Tunnel, thus stanching the flow of acid mine drainage (which it ran through a water treatment plant), and then walk away. The state wouldn't allow it: While a plug, or bulkhead, would be a short-term fix, in the long-term the water, and its contaminants, might back up in the mine and find another way to the surface. So Sunnyside [agreed](#) not only to bulkhead its mine, but also to clean up abandoned mines nearby -- a sort of pollution offset project -- while continuing to run the waters of upper Cement Creek through a water treatment facility. That, combined with the ARSG's extensive efforts, worked: By the early 2000s, zinc, cadmium and lead levels in Mineral Creek had dropped by 50 to 75 percent, and water quality in the Upper Animas had improved significantly (Cement Creek had never supported fish, and never will). Fish appeared just below Silverton, where they hadn't been seen in probably a century. It was success, without Superfund.

• **Then it got even more complex:** Sunnyside cut a deal with the state and Gold King mining, a small operation owned by a Silvertonian. Sunnyside would leave, and turn over its water treatment operations to Gold King, along with enough cash to keep it running for a while. Gold King hoped to eventually resume mining the Gold King (not far from the American Tunnel). For decades, the Gold King, like the nearby Red and Bonita mine, had not discharged any water. But not long after Sunnyside sealed its bulkheads, water started pouring out of all of them. "It was not a coincidence," says Peter Butler, ARSG co-coordinator. The backed up water had found natural fractures to follow into the other mines. Together, the Gold King and Red and Bonita would become some of the biggest polluters in the basin. Initially, their waters were run through the treatment plant that Sunnyside had left behind. But before long, Gold King ran into technical, financial and legal troubles and the treatment plant stopped operating. Water quality for miles downstream once again deteriorated. The fish that had returned to the Animas below Silverton were wiped out. Part of the renewed impetus for a Superfund designation was to bring in funds to resume water treatment as well as figure out ways to clean up the basin's remaining major polluting mines.

• **In the meantime, a piecemeal approach continues:** The ARSG, along with federal and state agencies, continue to do what they can to clean up mines. In some cases, this means plugging them, which is what the EPA is working on at the Red and Bonita, and planned to do at the Gold King, when the dam broke. Other methods include diverting water before it gets into the mine in the first place, and removing waste piles at the entrances to mines so that acidic discharge from the mine can't leech minerals out of the rock. Until the Gold King is plugged, it will continue to discharge acid mine drainage, just as it had before the spill.

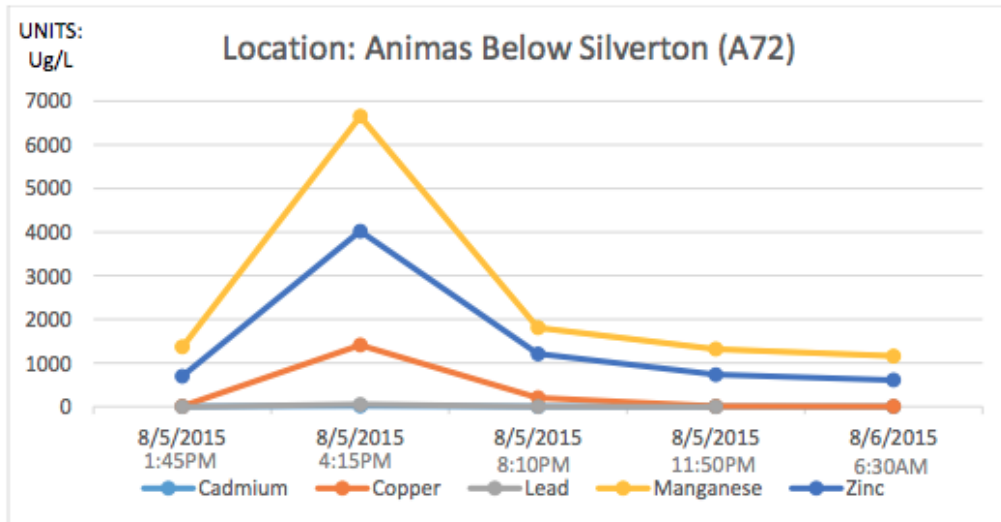
• **This isn't the first time that something like this has happened, nor is it the worst:** In June of 1975, a huge tailings pile on the banks of the Animas River northeast of Silverton was breached, dumping tens of thousands of gallons of water, along with 50,000 tons of heavy-metal-loaded tailings into the Animas. For 100 miles downstream, the river "looked like aluminum paint," according to a *Durango Herald* reporter at the time; fish placed in a cage in the water in Durango all died within 24 hours. It was just one of many

breaches of various magnitude. Just a decade before, the same tailings pile was found to be spilling cyanide-laced water into the river. In 1978, after the American Tunnel was bored Sunnyside Mine workings got too close to the floor of Lake Emma, the lake burst through, sending an estimated 500 million gallons of water tearing through the mines, sweeping up huge machinery, tailings and sludge, and blasting it out the American Tunnel and sending it downstream. No one was working in the mine at the time, which is either miraculous, or suspicious, depending on who you ask.



**A 1975 tailings pile breach just above Silverton sullied the Animas River for 100 miles downstream, turning the water the color of 'aluminum paint' and killing fish.**

• **Short-term impacts aren't as bad as the water looks:** Sampling done by the [EPA](#) upstream from Durango show that the plume's peak put the Animas River's water's acidity on par with black coffee, and contained elevated levels of iron, manganese, zinc and copper. But by the time it reached town, the acidity had been diluted significantly, and levels of those metals were far lower, but still "scary," according to EPA officials. Still, the plume moved through quickly, lessening harm. A test by Colorado Parks and Wildlife, in which trout in cages were placed in the river prior to the plume's arrival, has so far shown no acute effects: Only [one of 108 fish](#) had died during the first 24 hours in contaminated water. Meanwhile, the [Mountain Studies Institute](#) has been monitoring macro-invertebrates, and their results have been similarly positive.



**Samples taken by the EPA as the plume moved through show that it has high levels of heavy metals. Click for larger image.**

• **Long-term impacts are still unknown:** As the plume moved downstream, sediment settled onto the river bottom and its rocks, which could affect aquatic bugs. And it's likely to get kicked up during high water flows. If thick enough, the sediment could even affect the river's appearance, providing a Tang-colored reminder of this disaster for months to come. Also, water in some domestic wells near the river reportedly had [a yellow tint](#) in the days after the spill moved through, but it's not yet known what other contaminants may have gotten into the water. Irrigators had to shut down their ditches in hot weather, which could damage crops, and the ag economy, just as the river closure is costing rafting companies thousands of dollars each day. The plume moved through critical habitat for razorback suckers and pike minnows further downstream; they may prove more sensitive than the trout. But then, the Animas and San Juan rivers in New Mexico had their own water quality issues before the spill: alarmingly high levels of [human fecal bacteria](#).

• **The EPA messed up, but they're not the root cause:** It's true that EPA officials took a "cavalier attitude" (EPA Region 8 administrator Shaun McGrath's word) in the first hours after the spill, downplaying the impacts and failing to notify those downstream. And they admit that before tinkering with the mine, they should have taken better steps to mitigate a possible disaster, such as drilling into the mine from the top to assess the situation without the danger of busting the dam. Had they not messed with it at all, though, the gathering water and sludge might have busted through the de facto dam sometime anyway. Clearly, the water quality issue goes far deeper than this one unfortunate event.



**The contaminated Animas River as it runs through Durango. Note the contrast between the river and a fish hatchery pond next to it.**

If initial public reaction is any indication, the disaster has woken Durangoans up not only to how important the river is, but also to what's been going on upstream. And they're likely to exert whatever pressure they can on their neighbors up in Silverton to accept, even embrace, Superfund and a comprehensive cleanup effort. They speak from experience: Durango was the site of a massive federal cleanup of a uranium tailings pile in the early 1990s, and tourism and property values did just fine. Moab, Utah, another tourism mecca, is currently in the middle of a similar cleanup. The hordes of visitors mostly seem oblivious to it. Such is not the case, however, with our Tang-hued river.



## **The Real Culprit in the Animas River Spill**

By Lauren Pagel, CNN News, August 13, 2015

<http://www.cnn.com/2015/08/12/opinions/pagel-animas-river-pollution/>

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(CNN) Last Wednesday, the United States experienced one of its worst hardrock-mining-related disasters in decades, and I wish I could say that I was surprised.

A gold mine that has been inactive since 1920 spilled 3 million gallons of toxic mining waste into the Animas River in Colorado after contractors working for an Environmental Protection Agency cleanup team using heavy equipment accidentally sent it flowing into the

waterway. The spill has spread from Colorado into New Mexico and now into Utah -- affecting over 100 river miles.

What the headlines and photos of bright orange rivers fail to convey is that this mine and thousands of others like it across the country perpetually leak this type of mine pollution into our waters.

If there is anything I have learned from the past 15 years of working on this issue, it's that absent strong regulations and better-designed mines, mining companies will continue to pollute with impunity.

Earthworks [estimate](#) that there are over 500,000 abandoned and inactive hardrock mines strewn across the country, with a hefty price tag attached to their clean up -- \$50 billion, according to an EPA estimate.

Western communities face significant burdens associated with these old mines -- ranging from a disaster from a failed cleanup like the one that occurred last week, to more persistent water pollution issues, and the ever-present danger of improperly secured underground mines that pose a serious threat to public safety. [At least 40%](#) of the streams feeding the headwaters of Western watersheds are polluted from mining. That's because many mines -- like Gold King -- have significant acid mine drainage problems, which can persist for thousands of years if left untreated.



**Colorado declares state of emergency on Animas River 01:27**

Unfortunately, in the 25 years since Earthworks first published our report on the legacy of abandoned mines, not much has changed. The reason for the lack of action is the antiquated law, 143 years old and counting, that still governs hardrock mining on public lands throughout the West.

President Ulysses S. Grant signed the 1872 Mining Law to help settle the West. And even though the West has surely been settled, this law is still on the books -- unchanged. It allows corporations, foreign and domestic, to take public minerals, owned by us, the taxpayers, for free. It contains no environmental provisions, requires no cleanup after mining is over, and

unlike the law governing coal mining, does not require hardrock mining companies to pay a fee to clean up the legacy of pollution.

This archaic law is why funds to clean up mines like Gold King remain limited, despite the magnitude of the problem, putting safe drinking water and our healthy environment at risk. A steady stream of long-term funding for hardrock mine cleanup, similar to the coal industry's abandoned mine fee, is essential to dealing with the scope of the problems we face from mine pollution.



**Early tests on Animas River show little threat to fish**

U.S. Rep. Raul Grijalva, D-Arizona, has [introduced legislation](#) that would bring mining law into the 21st century. It would charge the mining industry a modest reclamation fee that would generate \$200 million per year to fund abandoned mine restoration and create an estimated 13,000 annual jobs. HR 963, the Hardrock Mining Reform and Reclamation Act of 2015, can protect communities, precious water resources and help avert future disasters.

Westerners should stand up and take notice: Our communities are at risk. This is not our first mining disaster and it won't be the last. Until we tackle the root cause of mining pollution and modernize the 1872 mining law, we are gambling away our most precious resource, water.





## **EPA says that Wastewater spill from Colorado gold mine triples in volume**

By Steve Gorman,  REUTERS, August 9, 2015

<http://news.yahoo.com/wastewater-spill-colorado-gold-mine-triples-volume-epa-005205990.html>



**Yellow mine waste water from the Gold King Mine is seen in San Juan County, Colorado.**

(Reuters) - Some 3 million gallons of toxic wastewater, triple previous estimates, have poured from a defunct Colorado gold mine into local streams since a team of Environmental Protection Agency workers accidentally triggered the spill last week, EPA officials said on Sunday.

The discharge, containing high concentrations of heavy metals such as arsenic, mercury and lead, was continuing to flow at the rate of 500 gallons per minute on Sunday, four days after the spill began at the Gold King Mine, the EPA said.

An unspecified number of residents living downstream of the spill who draw their drinking supplies from their private wells have reported water discoloration, but there has been no immediate evidence of harm to human health, livestock or wildlife, EPA officials told reporters in a telephone conference call.

Still, residents were advised to avoid drinking or bathing in water drawn from wells in the vicinity, and the government was arranging to supply water to homes and businesses in need.

The spill began on Wednesday after an EPA inspection team was called to the abandoned mine near the town of Silverton in southwestern Colorado to examine previously existing wastewater seepage.



**Yellow mine waste water from the Gold King Mine collects in holding pools in San Juan County, Colorado.**

As workers excavated loose debris at the site, they inadvertently breached the wall of a mine tunnel, unleashing a flow of the orange-tinged slurry that cascaded into Cement Creek and then into the Animas River downstream.

The town of Durango, Colorado, roughly 50 miles south of the spill site, shut off its intakes of river water as a precaution, according to the EPA.

By Friday, the main plume of the spill had traveled some 75 miles south to the New Mexico border, prompting utilities in the towns of Aztec and Farmington to shut off their intakes from the Animas as well, local authorities said.

Agency officials said they were consulting with representatives of the Navajo Nation, whose sprawling reservation borders Farmington and the San Juan River, which is fed by the Animas River and has also been tainted by the spill.

EPA previously estimated 1 million gallons of wastewater had been released since Wednesday, but on Sunday the agency revised that up to 3 million gallons, based on measurements taken at a U.S. Geological Survey stream gauge.



**Yellow mine waste water from the Gold King Mine collects in a holding pool in San Juan County, Colorado**

In recent days, EPA has been diverting the ongoing release into two newly built settling ponds where the waste was being treated with chemicals to lower its acidity and to filter out dissolved solids before being discharged to Cement Creek.

The creek's water quality has already been badly degraded from a long history of acid mine drainage in the area, agency officials said.

Preliminary water sampling from the creek and Animas River showed that concentrations of heavy metals briefly spiked in areas reached by the wastewater plume but appeared to clear considerably once it had passed downstream, EPA regional Administrator Shaun McGrath said.

EPA officials said that by Sunday, a delineated "leading edge" of the contamination flow was no longer visible from aerial surveys, indicating concentrations of wastewater were diminishing.

## **MONTANA MINING ISSUES**

### **Mission to Protect the Constitutional Rights of the White Hope Mine in Lewis & Clark County, MT**

Pacific Patriot Network - Oath Keepers - III%, 04 August 2015  
[http://pacificpatriotsnetwork.com/press\\_release\\_2015-08-04.php](http://pacificpatriotsnetwork.com/press_release_2015-08-04.php)

#### **PRESS RELEASE**

Pacific Patriot Network under the leadership of the Oath Keepers has set up a security mission to protect the White Hope Mine and related claims in Lewis & Clark County, MT. The immediate aim of this operation is to act as a buffer between the miners and any unlawful action by the United States Forest Service (USFS).

#### **Mission Statement is as follows:**

At the request of Intermountain Mining, owners of the White Hope Mine located in Lewis & Clark County Montana, Pacific Patriots Network, Oath Keepers and III%'s mission is to ensure the mining claim owners 4th & 5th Amendment Constitutional Right's are not violated and to prevent further unlawful action by the United States Forest Service.

Mining claims established before 1955 fall under the Mining Law of 1872. These claims are Public Domain and are treated as private property. The USFS has no legal standing or precedence for their recent actions, but has taken it upon themselves to require unnecessary permits, enacted stalling techniques, made threats of arson, and strong arm tactics to coax a generation of older miners to submit to unlawful authority, preventing them from working their rightful mining claim. The current claim being threatened has been in constant operation since 1924, therefore is not managed under the 1955 administrative regulation, which requires an operations plan. The claims are lawfully recorded with the miners controlling the surface rights and the resources on the land for use in their mining venture. Claims are not public property. In addition, privately owned gates have been locked into an open position to allow the public access to private claims. The use of fear

tactics, harassment and unlawful action by Bill Avey, Helena National Forest Supervisor, will no longer be tolerated.

Intermountain Mining LLC, owned by George Kornec a Korean veteran and Phil Nappo a Vietnam veteran, have served a Notice of No Trespass on the White Hope Mine to the United States Forest Service (USFS), it's employees, contractors and agents. Owners of the mine and all authorized parties will respond to any unlawful entry to the full extent of the law. Our intention is to run a peaceful security operation. Our position is to protect the rights of these miners thru a open dialogue with the USFS and reach a Legal & Constitutional conclusion.

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## **Misinformation Campaign**

Pacific Patriot Network - Oath Keepers - III%, 10 August 2015  
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### **PRESS RELEASE**

The Pacific Patriot Network and the Owners of the White Hope Mine are at the focus of a misinformation campaign. This campaign negatively shapes the media narrative.

- A reporter in the state of Montana contacted the PIO stating that the USFS had put out a press release related to the White Hope Mine. FALSE. The Fact is: There was no press release as verified by the Forest Service. The reporter was in fact creating his own story.
- Another reporter obtained a variance to travel through the DEQ reclamation project in spite of an agreement that existed about travel times. He also said he was being escorted by the Forest Service. FALSE. That reporter appears to have wanted to create a confrontation with the security force at the mine and in addition would have created a conflict with the DEQ project. The reporter was turned away by the security force.
- The Sheriff reported that a teleconference had taken place with the Forest Service and the miners. An outcome was reached during the conference in which the USFS said it would expedite and facilitate a speedy court case. FALSE. The miners reported that no call ever took place. The Sherif may have been misinformed or accidentally misspoke.
- Initial contact with the DEQ manager informed Operation Big Sky that no variances would be granted and the mine road access would be restricted for travel from 7pm to 7am. BUT, in reality the variance was granted to two members of the media, but not to members of Operation Big Sky.

In conclusion, false claims, stalling techniques, misinformation, and evading direct communication are all behaviors practiced by the USFS. The public needs to be made

aware of the discrepancies that are being executed purposefully to discourage public awareness to their unlawful acts.

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## **Operation Big Sky has Achieved its Primary Objective**

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### **PRESS RELEASE**

Operation Big Sky has achieved its primary objective. The Owners of the White Hope Mine are on track to receive their due process and will begin scheduling their constitutional right to a day in federal court. This is now a legal dispute in front of a federal judge where it belongs. We urge that the judge will abide by his oath and will do right by the Constitution and issue a fair and impartial decision. Evidence that substantiates the miners' rightful claim to private property will be weighed against claims of unauthorized use by the United States Forest service. Summons for a civil suit have been served by the USFS in a meeting between owners of the mine, DEQ officials, and the Sheriff's Office. While this is not an all-encompassing victory, round one goes to the miners and patriot groups nationwide.

Ten days after launching Operation Big Sky, the USFS has been forced to recognize and acknowledge the mine owners right to due process. The presence of the Oath keepers, Idaho's III%, and various Oregon Patriot groups within the Pacific Patriots Network have forced the hand of the USFS to enter into a legal discussion through the legal system. Strong-arm tactics, fear-mongering, and sponsoring a misinformation campaign have failed to oust the miners from their rightful claim to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

The quick response, organization, and strategic positioning by the PPN are directly responsible for pressuring the USFS to abide by the Constitution. By remaining professional, courteous and maintaining steadfast resolve, the Idaho III%, Oath Keepers, and Oregon patriot groups within the Pacific Patriots Network have succeeded in setting a precedent of protecting Constitutional Rights against over-reaching federal agencies. The 4th and 5th

Amendment Constitutional rights are not to be violated, trumped, or circumvented by a federal agency tasked with code enforcement.

The Sheriff has sworn, by his personal word, to President of Idaho III% Brandon Curtiss that no federal agencies will take any physical action against the miners until they have had their day in federal court. Until that day is scheduled, the PPN will remain on site and continue a security operation to ensure that his word is honored. The operation is under the leadership of Oath Keepers National Officer of Operations, Joseph A. Santoro Sgt. Maj. U.S. Army (Ret.) Sgt. Maj. has promised the following:

"I promised the miners, the Sheriff, and the community that upon receipt of their scheduled court date we will end the security operation and go home to our wives and families. We will keep that promise. However, any indication of abuse of power or intimidation, we will return 100-fold to secure the rights of these two combat veterans. One of these individuals fought in Korea, the other in Vietnam. They have earned their right to be treated with decency and respect and we insist on it."

Every group within the Pacific Patriot network would like to extend a sincere thank you to Montana citizens and those from out of state who arrived on scene to assist in volunteering and for their continued support. Our mission success would not be possible without dedicated patriots and the hospitality of the residents of Lincoln, Montana.

Oath keepers and Idaho's III% will continue to answer the call wherever we are needed, nationwide. Today is a day for rejoicing. We will continue to protect and resurrect our Constitutional Republic and see that every man, woman, and child enjoy their rights to Life, Liberty, and Pursuit of Happiness.

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# OREGON POLITICS



OREGON STATE SENATOR  
NEWS FROM DOUG WHITSETT

**The Democratic majority in Oregon's Legislative Assembly talks constantly about "equality" and "social justice." Some of their most egregious policy proposals are advanced and enacted in the name of one or the other of these concepts.**

This may come as a surprise to some, but I, too, believe in "equality" and "social justice."

However, my definition of those terms is significantly different from what is being advocated on a daily basis here in Salem.

Many Democrats believe that "equality" means "redistribution of wealth." They believe if the government takes enough from one group of people to give to another group, they will somehow end up equal. Inevitably, this theory never works out well. And for all the talk of the growing gap between the rich and the poor, I have yet to hear them discuss how big government policies perpetuate and worsen that inequality.

I believe that "equality" means "equal opportunity." It involves a pathway through life that includes giving parents a choice in the type of education they want for their children and encouraging the entrepreneurial spirit that made this the greatest country on Earth.

They believe that "social justice" means entitlements that provide food, energy and housing to people who do not work. They support programs that encourage people to seek permanent dependency on government to provide them a quality standard of life. These programs promote bad policies that create barriers and obstacles for anyone hoping to become escape the dependency of government assistance.

I believe that "social justice" means "freedom." It includes the ability to have a job, support a family and have access to affordable food, energy and housing.

The fact of the matter is, American free-market capitalism has created the highest standard of living ever experienced in the history of mankind. Any decline that we've witnessed in that standard is the result of our society turning away from those values in favor of the empty promises of the big government policies that have often historically resulted in tyranny.

Throughout the past 25 years, the exportation of that American exceptionalism has lifted enormous numbers of people out of poverty.

In 1990, the global population reached 5.2 billion people. More than 800 million individuals, or 15.6 percent, lived on less than \$1.25 per day.

Today, 25 years later, our global population has grown to 7.2 billion people. Of them, only 375 million, or 5.2 percent of the people, earn less than the 1990 equivalent of \$1.25 per day.

Global poverty has been reduced by two-thirds, during the same period of time, while the global population increased by more than 40 percent. The single most important factor in that phenomenal change is the exportation of American capitalism.

That expansion of global capitalism is now providing “more affordable” food, energy, transportation and housing to more than 750 million people. Those people also enjoy a greater voice in their forms of government than they’ve ever experienced before. They are much less likely to suffer under the kinds of atrocities that were so common under communist regimes throughout the 20th Century.

I believe that America is at a turning point as a nation. We frequently see “capitalism” being demonized and blamed for the ill effects of big government policies. Too often, the solutions that are proposed involve more of those same policies.

These “insider politics” programs are designed to enrich the few at the expense of the many. This creates a situation where people who are well-connected to those in political power become a preferred class. It creates a recipe for the kind of blatant cronyism that led our last governor to resign in disgrace.

What is needed is to return to the Constitutional values that built this great country. Ours was a system founded on the belief that rights were never the government’s to give or to take away. It was created on the principle that people should be free to achieve their potential and pursue the American Dream.

That, to me, is real “social justice.”

Please remember--if we do not stand up for rural Oregon, no one will.

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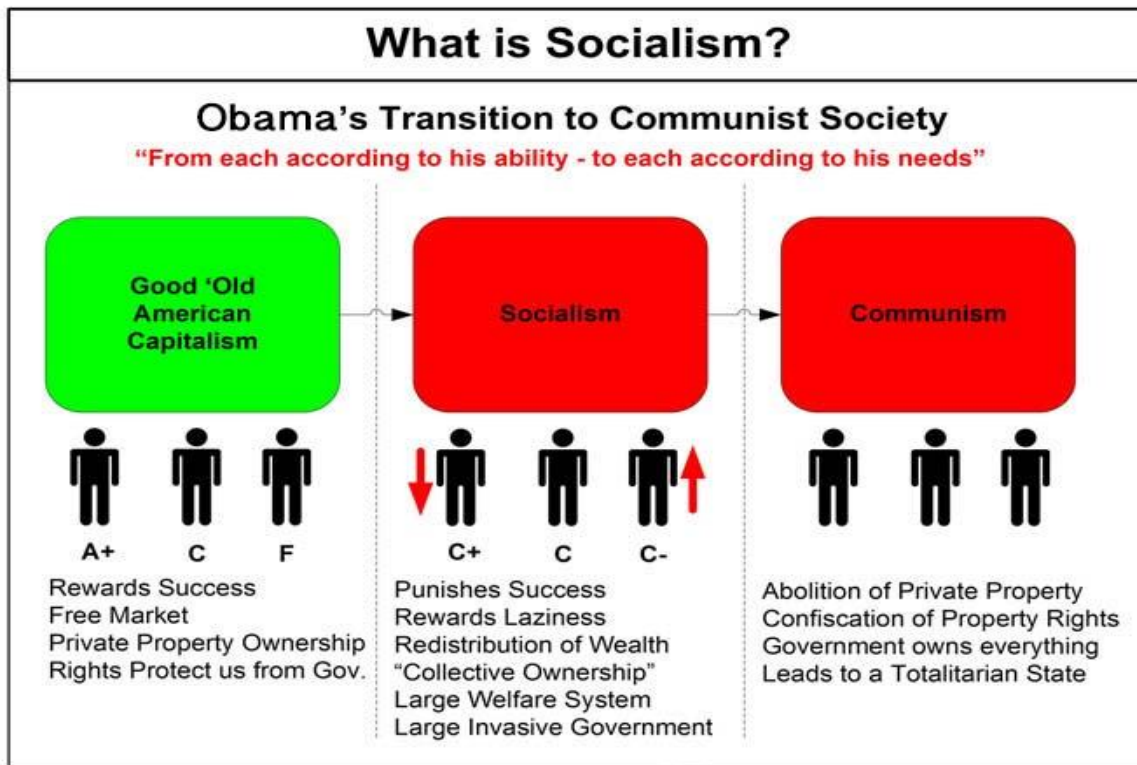
# GOVERNMENT

## Disgustingly Socialism is the New American Dream

American Rights

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If you cast your mind back to April, you may remember the story about Seattle based company, Gravity Payments, and the decision by their CEO to pay his 120 employees a minimum of \$70,000 salary across the board. In what was deemed by financial analyst as a “groundbreaking” move for the business world—and one that had the left leaning media dancing on the tables.



However surprise, surprise just a few month later and everything is already falling apart. Staff are now questioning why lesser-qualified employees with fewer responsibilities are making the same money they are. Well isn't that a shock! They feel it's unfair. Who would have thought it! We used to be a country who valued a hard days work. Valued the American who put in the hours worked his ass off and made something of himself. Now it seems to live the "American Dream" being lazy with your hand out is all it takes. And it is starting to look as though socialism is the new American dream!



## Freedom and Central Planning Can Never Coexist

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The average person is a statist, whether he realizes it or not. It is important that liberty activists recognize and accept this fact because the truth of our limitations as a movement determines the kinds of solutions into which we should ultimately put our time and energy. The fantasy of a final grand march of an awake and aware majority on the doorsteps of power is just that: a fantasy. Some people might argue that given more time, such an event could be organized or could happen spontaneously. But what these people seem to forget is the immediacy of crisis inspires awareness and cuts the bindings of complacency for a certain percentage of any given population. With “more time” often comes more complacency.

So history becomes a kind of balancing act, with crisis generating the necessity of intelligent and moral action in some people but rarely, if ever, in most people (even during the American Revolution, in which patriots represented a stark minority). The reason that the culture of freedom consistently plateaus and remains stuck at underdog status is because human beings are obsessed with the idea that governments should retain prohibitory and administrative power over the public. As stated earlier, the average person is a statist.

Not all people necessarily “love” their current government, but many citizens tend to see the idea of government as an inevitability of a stable society. They assume pre-eminence of the state because they have never known anything else. Not only that, but as people separate into political and ideological factions, often based on false paradigms (such as the false left/right paradigm), they covet government as a kind of tool or weapon that can be used for “the greater good” if only their side had total control of it. Very few people in this world want to shrink government down to a manageable size comparable to that which existed just after the American Revolution, and even fewer would entertain the idea of erasing central governments entirely. The allure of the state as a means to impose ideological control over others is intoxicating.

At bottom, the only viable purpose of any central government is to safeguard individual liberty. All other claims and supposed benefits are irrelevant. Infrastructure, food and water, health, education, public security: All of these issues can be provided for at a local level by common people without the aid of a central authority. In a culture where vigilance is encouraged rather than labeled paranoia, in a culture where productivity is enabled rather than obstructed, in a culture where free thought is treated with interest rather than disdain, government holds no value.

The only people who understand the true nature of government and still value the existence of an overreaching state are the people who would like to exploit the unchecked power such a state affords. We often call these people "elitists." They often call themselves elitists. Big government serves only the interests of these elites. Everyone else is either a hapless victim of it, a useful idiot in service of it or a revolutionary opposed to it.

When a government becomes a power mechanism for a select few, it has lost all relevance. When a government like ours here in America violates the tenets of individual liberty despite its constitutional mandate in the name of "protecting" individual liberty, that government no longer serves any purpose. Even further, when a government's policies are designed only to ensure its own continued dominance rather than the freedom and prosperity of the citizenry, that government becomes separate from the people and is, by extension, an enemy to the citizenry.

Governments and the elites behind them retain control over populations through the use of central planning. Central planning is essentially a bureaucratic structure that bottlenecks productivity, resources, academia and ideas until all progress and expression require approval. That is to say, central planning is a machine that turns rights into privileges. It also sets up bureaucracy as the final arbiter of who is considered an authority in any particular field and who is a "layman." These designations are not based on individual ability, intelligence or accomplishment. Rather, they are based on subservience and the level of blind faith in the establishment each person is willing to display in order to attain professional status.

Some of the most ignorant people in any given field or profession are often those deemed "experts" by establishment institutions, from politics, to law, to medicine, to economics, to science, to history, etc. The sad fact is mainstream experts are rarely the most knowledgeable, but they are the most indoctrinated.

As central planning gains ground, it moves away from more subtle institutional dependencies into full-bore tyranny. The line between permission and despotism is razor-thin, and this is where we in the U.S. stand today. Most nations around the globe are socialized nations, with central planning as the very foundation on which their societies stand. For the most part, these cultures are disarmed and servile with a modicum of perceived freedom that is treated as a privilege granted by the state rather than an inborn right of natural law. Yes, many societies have "freedoms," as America does; but the difference is that these societies can have their freedoms confiscated at any given moment on the whim of the

political elite. They have no recourse to obstruct such an action and no power to remove the offending system that rules over them when they finally get fed up.

In the U.S., central planning is surely prevalent and socialization is on a fast track. But Americans still retain the ability of independent response — as we saw at Bundy Ranch, for instance, or in the defense of shopkeepers in Ferguson, Missouri, despite threats from government. We will lose our advantage of independent action if we allow the following changes to occur within our culture.

### **Disarmament**

A disarmed population is utterly useless, philosophically and organizationally impotent, and easily ruled. Take a look at simpering weakling societies like the U.K., which prohibits anyone under the age of 18 to purchase plastic knives and punishes victims of crime for physically defending themselves. Governments that seek to undermine personal liberty *always* disarm their respective populations if they can get away with it. In America, the only reason we have not yet been disarmed is because the establishment understands that revolution would immediately follow any attempt and that revolution would be seen as justified. I believe ultimately that disarmament in the U.S. will not be fully attempted until a national crisis has been triggered.

### **Centralized health standards**

The real purpose of Obamacare was not to provide universal health insurance. Such a task is utterly impossible in an economic system that is in the midst of decline with an aging population and reduced profit opportunities for the young. Socialism works only as long as there is someone from whom to steal money and resources. No, the purpose of Obamacare was to bond the healthcare industry to government in such a way as to make it an appendage of the state.

Already, we have seen the push for the use of doctors as government informants, the issuance of forced vaccinations regardless of religious orientation or philosophical objection, increased taxation in the name of “harmonization” of care, etc. The system must continue to perpetuate its own usefulness. And I have no doubt that one day we will see such things as mandated health appraisals of individuals up to and including psychological health, as well as restricted care based on age, life habits or even ideological orientation. If the state can have your flight status restricted merely for your political beliefs, then why not one day have your access to medical care restricted?

### **Population planning**

We have heard it said many times that people should be required to attain a “license” before they are allowed to have children, but who gets to decide who is eligible for the “privilege” of children? Well, the state and its central planners do, of course. And what makes such people so ethically competent as to deserve this power over the right to family? Not a thing. In many cases, bureaucrats are the most psychopathic and unintelligent people in any given society.

Some people might argue that this kind of development is unthinkable in America and not a legitimate concern. But already in the U.S. we have seen instances of Child Protective Services abductions of children belonging to parents with political conflicts with the existing establishment and living habits outside of the mainstream. We also live in a system in which many parents are forced by law to hand over their children to state-controlled schools for half of every weekday (and home-schoolers are attacked as aberrant child abusers). We are only a short step away from a world in which having a child invites as much government intrusion and restriction as rearing a child.

### **Overt militarization of police**

Yes, many people would claim that overt militarization of police has already occurred. I would say that they haven't seen anything yet. We do not yet live in a country where jacked out cops with armor and M4 carbines stand on every street corner 24/7, but it won't be long before this becomes our everyday environment. With politicians openly suggesting extreme measures to combat "lone wolf terrorists," up to and including internment camps for "disloyal Americans" (thanks for at least being honest about your intentions, Wesley Clark), all it would take is one large-scale attack to inspire enough confusion in the population to provide cover for a full-blown police state. Central planning survives and thrives through fear. Fear is defeated through preparedness, planning and mindset.

### **Resource management**

A person cannot plan or prepare for crisis if he is not allowed to manage his own resources. In Venezuela today, the government has locked down all food production and is rationing out necessary supplies through sophisticated electronic tracking due to economic crisis. Make no mistake, America is just as vulnerable to financial disaster as any Third World nation, if not more so. Resource management will be the inevitable result. In fact, the Obama administration has already positioned itself for resource management through the National Defense Resources Preparedness Executive Order. Government officials will call preppers "hoarders" and argue that no one person should be allowed to have more than he needs. Again, it will be state bureaucrats who will decide what amount of resources is too much.

### **Centralized economy**

We already have a centralized and socialized economy for the most part, but private trade and production are still possible. Central planning is designed to wipe out alternative forms of trade and subsistence so that all people can be made dependent on the singular state. As in Venezuela, we should expect that economic declines will be used as a rationale for a clampdown on individual trade. The only way to fight these kinds of measures is for average people to become avid producers and be willing to fight back physically against confiscation and government-controlled rationing.

Beyond trade controls, centralization will culminate in economic "harmony" through multilateral currency schemes, ending in a one-world currency. A single currency system by default calls for a single economic authority, and this by default calls for a single political authority. A one-world currency is not only a fiscal coup for central planners; it is also a stepping stone toward world government.

## **Cashless society**

A cashless system is a kind of unholy grail for central planners because it allows for total control of economic trade. Electronic-based currency systems can be dictated from the comfort of a computer, and savings can be erased or limited arbitrarily. Cashless systems also allow banking structures to operate without the normal consequences of supply and demand fundamentals. Today, even in our massively corrupt financial system, one cannot get around the concrete effects of diminishing demand, endless debt obligations and criminal fiat creation. We are seeing these effects vividly so far in 2015, just as we saw then in 2008. In a completely cashless system, though, debts can vanish, capital can be stolen and shifted away from the public in a more precise manner, taxes can be excised without waiting for taxpayers to comply, and demand can be artificially generated with digital fiat directed to the correct accounts without any trail to follow.

Of course, there will be damages. But those damages will be foisted upon the general public incrementally until Third World living standards become normal, and no one will be the wiser after a couple of generations. Control of the population would be absolute, while any dissent could be met with immediate financial reprisal, as activists are sentenced to starvation.

The examples listed above may be measured as extreme, but every single one has support within our existing government structure either legally or through actual programs already being implemented. The speed at which they might occur is an unknown, but the desire for them by central planners is absolutely certain. There is no good or benevolent form of central planning. There is no scenario in which the system will not be abused because such power concentrated in the hands of any group of human beings invites abuse. Therefore, the only prudent course, the only solution to the absolute terror of complete state power, is to reduce government down to a shell of its current size or to remove its existence entirely and focus on localized systems and independent trade and infrastructure development. If the state as an edifice no longer exists, then it can no longer be exploited by evil people.



## **Stand Firm Against EPA's Latest Tyrannical Designs**

**May 27, 2015** — by: Dennis Linthicum

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Last Wednesday, the Obama administration issued new rules defining the EPA's jurisdiction under the Clean Water Act. These rules are supposedly aimed at protecting the nation's drinking water. But, this isn't really about drinking water. This is a classic case of federal over-reach.



The EPA's definitions are a bureaucratic attempt at justifying federal intrusion into issues that belong to local and regional jurisdictional bodies. The complexity of the rules and minutiae associated with their definitions is supposed to be proof of their objectivity.

The story being spun by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is that "They really do care and their actions only highlight the depth of their concern."

In support of the EPA's designs, the Army Corps of Engineers (another Federal Agency specializing in "carefully orchestrated over-reach") has issued documentation supporting the EPA's schemes.

The Corps stated that the changes mark a "historic step for the protection of clean water" and would help roughly 117 million Americans who get drinking water from streams not clearly protected before these regulations.

Are you and I really going to fall for this fake emergency? Does the federal government really think a full 33% of America's entire population is drinking water that is unsafe? Is there any "real" danger here? Or, is this only another boogie man pulled from the statist's closet?

Supposedly, the rule would clarify which smaller streams, tributaries and wetlands are covered by EPA's anti-pollution and development provisions in the Clean Water Act.

Notice, the phrase "anti-pollution and development". This is the key to the whole equation. The EPA is operating under a false understanding of stewardship. Their stewardship model links development directly with pollution and claims that the world would be better off with lower human populations and lower levels of human prosperity.

The EPA's decree would unilaterally expand federal authority over all areas of water, whether for consumption or not. This would crush jobs in developing cities and metropolitan areas as they would be saddled with an onslaught of regulations, rules, paperwork, permits

and filings. Additionally, these same issues would lead to losses in agricultural development and food production.

More than 30 governors and government leaders rejected the EPA's water rule. Local leaders know better than any bureaucrats walking the marbled halls of Washington about local water conditions, uses, and needs.

North Dakota Republican Rep. Kevin Cramer said in a statement these regulations "trample on the rights of private property owners as well as local and state governments" and vowed to work with colleagues to overturn it.

EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy, tried to deny the charges of tyrannical over-reach by stating "the rule will only affect waters that have a 'direct and significant' connection to larger bodies of water downstream that are already protected."

Yet, contrary to McCarthy's statements, the EPA has said 60 percent of the nation's streams and waterways are vulnerable, and these regulations would only kick in, "if a business or landowner takes steps to pollute or destroy those waters."

Now, that sounds like something that is at the top of every business person's "To-Do List", doesn't it?

The collectivists, socialists and statists have gone crazy in Washington and they are mounting efforts to destroy the very Freedom that made America great.

Sen. James Inhofe, R-Okla., also disagreed with McCarthy's innocent assessment of the EPA's new rules. Inhofe said the rules make it "more important than ever for Congress to act." He said the final rule allows the EPA to regulate isolated waters -- even ponds in farmers' fields -- by declaring them a "regional water treasure."

Inhofe, chairman of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, said his panel will try to force legislation which would require the EPA to withdraw and rewrite the rules this summer.

We need more conservative values in Congress. True representation should include the voices of those who believe in Freedom and Liberty.

My recommendation is to Stand Firm Against the EPA's Tyrannical Designs.

Stand Firm against any, and all, federal intrusions. Whether the EPA, TSA, IRS, USFS, FWS, BLM, NSA, DHS, BOR, NPS, USDT, DHHS, NLRB or any of the other more than 3500 federal organizations that are usurping authorities that rightfully belong to our state, and ourselves.

Remember, "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.", [Article Ten, United States Constitution](#)





## Arizona House Passes Bill to Neuter Obama

<http://www.truthandaction.org/arizona-house-passes-bill-neuter-obama/2/>



The bill also prohibits the state from complying with any directive coming out of the Dept. of Justice, unless approved by Arizona Congress.

Bill 2368 is a follow up to Prop 112, a constitutional amendment passed by Arizona voters last November that empowers the state to take any action necessary to sever any ties with the federal government that is deemed unconstitutional.

A floor amendment approved by the House makes the bill even stronger. It adds language making it clear that any policy directive must not only be signed into law as prescribed by the Constitution, it must also be “in pursuance thereof,” making it clear that the bill creates a blanket prohibition on unconstitutional executive orders.

The amendment also allows the legislature when in session, or the governor, senate president and speaker of the house when out of session, to waive the prohibition on a case-by-case basis. This creates a mechanism to put on public record just who commits Arizona resources to the support and implementation of these executive orders. This kind of spotlight doesn't exist in any other state. Legislators generally sneak in these actions as part of a big budget bill, or they get done in near-secret by bureaucratic appointees of agencies themselves. Under this bill, if Arizona politicians want to implement any executive orders, they will have to risk their office to do it.

HB2368 works in tandem with Prop 122, a state constitutional amendment [approved by the Arizona voters last November](#). The proposition placed language in the state constitution empowering the state to pass referendums, bills, or to use other legal means, to end cooperation with unwarranted federal acts.

### **LEGAL**

While Assistant Minority Leader, Rep. Bruce Wheeler made the claim that the bill violates the Constitution's supremacy clause, nothing could be further from the truth. Anyone even lightly versed in modern Supreme Court jurisprudence recognizes that the Supreme Court has held for over 170 years in multiple cases that the federal government cannot require a

state to expend resources or use personnel to help effectuate a federal act or regulatory program.

By withdrawing state support, HB2368 does just that.

This is known as [the anti-commandeering doctrine](#). The 1997 case, *Printz v. US* serves as the cornerstone. In it, Justice Scalia held:

*The Federal Government may neither issue directives requiring the States to address particular problems, nor command the States' officers, or those of their political subdivisions, to administer or enforce a federal regulatory program.*

"State governments are free to refrain from cooperating with federal authorities if they so choose. In general, states cannot attack federal operations, but that's not the same as refusing to help," noted Constitutional scholar Randy Barnett of Georgetown Law said.

## **EFFECTIVE**

Not only is it legal, HB2368 would be effective too. It follows [the blueprint](#) James Madison gave to stop federal overreach through state action. In *Federalist 46*, the Father of the Constitution wrote that when the federal government commits an "unwarrantable act," or even an unpopular "warrantable" act "the means of opposition to it are powerful and at hand." Madison listed "refusal to cooperate with officers of the union" as one of the actions states should take to check federal power. The proposed amendment would create a framework for implementation of Madison's blueprint.

This strategy has the potential to shut down overreaching federal actions. The feds depend on state cooperation and resources to do almost everything. They need state and local law enforcement to enforce its gun control measures and fight their drug war. They need state resources and personnel to implement their national health care program. They needs state cooperation to spy on us.

In fact, during the federal government shutdown, the National Association of Governors [admitted](#), "States are partners with the federal government in implementing **most federal programs**." That means states can create impediments to enforcing and implementing "most federal programs."

In a discussion on similar bills last year, Judge Andrew Napolitano agreed, suggesting that even a single state withdrawing all enforcement and resources would make federal laws "nearly impossible to enforce."

HB2368 now moves to the state Senate where it will first be assigned to a committee by Sen. President Andy Biggs.



## **Are White Men Gods?: Getting the Facts Straight**

Posted on [June 25, 2015](#) by [Fred Reed](#)

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I find [Cornel West](#), a black professor, complaining of White Supremacy, which he believes our black President needs to remedy. Obama, he says, is “niggerized.”

“A niggerized black person is a black person who is afraid and scared and intimidated when it comes to putting a spotlight on white supremacy and fighting against white supremacy,” West said.

I would like to explain to Professor West a few things about this dread supremacy:

We have White Supremacy, Professor, because for 2500 years we, whites, have produced the best minds on the planet, the greatest flourishing of the arts and sciences ever seen, the most complex and organized societies. We have White Supremacy, whatever exactly it may be, because we have been the earth's most successful race. No other has come close. Deal with it.

We put probes on Mars and invented the thousands of technologies needed to do it. We developed the symphony orchestra, the highest form of musical expression. We invented the airplane, the computer, the internet, and tennis shoes. Putting it compactly, we invented the modern world. A degree of privilege, however you may conceive it, goes with the territory.

Blacks may not have the background to grasp the extent of our achievements. Still, permit me a brief and very incomplete list of things white people have done or invented:

Euclidean geometry. Parabolic geometry. Hyperbolic geometry. Projective geometry. Differential geometry. Calculus: Limits, continuity, differentiation, integration. Physical chemistry. Organic chemistry. Biochemistry. Classical mechanics. The indeterminacy principle. The wave equation. The Parthenon. The Anabasis. Air conditioning. Number theory. Romanesque architecture. Gothic architecture. Information theory. Entropy. Enthalpy. Every symphony ever written. Pierre Auguste Renoir. The twelve-tone scale. The mathematics behind it, twelfth root of two and all that. S-p hybrid bonding orbitals. The Bohr-Sommerfeld atom. The purine-pyrimidine structure of the DNA ladder. Single-sideband radio. All other radio. Dentistry. The internal-combustion engine. Turbojets. Turbofans. Doppler beam-sharpening. Penicillin. Airplanes. Surgery. The mammogram. The Pill. The condom. Polio vaccine. The integrated circuit. The computer. Football. Computational fluid dynamics. Tensors. The Constitution. Euripides, Sophocles, Aristophanes, Aeschylus, Homer, Hesiod. Glass. Rubber. Nylon. Roads. Buildings. Elvis. Acetylcholinesterase inhibitors. (OK, that's nerve gas, and maybe we didn't really need it.) Silicone. The automobile. Really weird stuff, like clathrates, Buckyballs, and rotaxanes. The Bible. Bug spray. Diffie-Hellman, public-key cryptography, and RSA. Et cetera.

As a race, Cornel, we are happy for you, for anyone, to enjoy the benefits of our civilization, but that is exactly what it is—*our* civilization. It has become a global civilization because others among the competent—again, Chinese, Japanese, Indians, Koreans—have found it to be in technical matters superior. It came from us. They, I note, do not complain of White Supremacy or White Privilege. They are too busy making computers and money.

Now, Cornel, I have often heard blacks demanding reparations for slavery. All right. I agree. It is only fair. I will pay a half-million dollars to each of my slaves, and free them immediately. I am not sure how many I have, but will try to give you an estimate in even dozens. Further, I

believe that all blacks are entitled to a similar amount for every year in which they were slaves.

However, I think you owe us royalties for the use of our civilization, which can be regarded as a sort of software. There should be a licensing fee. After all, every time you use a computer, or a door knob, you are using something invented by us. Every time you sharpen a pencil, or use one, or read or write, you infringe our copyright, so to speak. We have spent millennia coming up with things—literacy, soap, counting—and it is only fair that we receive recompense.

The accounting burden would be excessive if we tried to distribute royalties in too fine a granularity, such as three cents per use of a boom box or a Glock, so we should probably use a bundled approach—so much per year for use of the wheel, refrigerator, and television. The amount could be deducted first from reparations payments and then automatically from EFT cards.

Now, Cornel, it isn't that we whites want to be supreme. It is just that we haven't been able to help it. It isn't our fault that we produced Newton, Archimedes, Einstein, and all those mutants. They are just birth effects, things that happen to even the best families. You have to play the hand you are dealt. A little sympathy would be appropriate.

What I think, Cornel, is that if you want the advantages of success, you have to succeed. We have. It is chic to say that whites are now headed for the dust bin of history. Maybe. If so, historians of the future will say, "Damn! That was some really *fine* dust, wasn't it?"



## Canada's top 10 list of America's Stupidity

July 3, 2015

<http://conservativebyte.com/2015/07/canadas-top-10-list-of-americas-stupidity/>

This is so sad; from a proud, strong country to a laughing stock of the world...

Canadian's Version of David Letterman's Top 10. Just makes you want to shake your head in disbelief, and, just maybe choke someone in charge...

Of course we look like idiots we are...

**# 10 Only in America...** could politicians talk about the greed of the rich at a \$35,000.00 per plate Obama campaign fund-raising event.

**# 09 Only in America...** could people claim that the government still discriminates against black Americans when they have a black President, a black Attorney General and roughly 20% of the federal workforce is black while only 14% of the population is black, 40+% of all federal entitlements goes to black Americans – 3X the rate that go to whites, 5X the rate that go to Hispanics!

**# 08 Only in America...** could they have had the two people most responsible for our tax code, Timothy Geithner (the head of the Treasury Department) and Charles Rangel (who once ran the Ways and Means Committee), BOTH turn out to be tax cheats who are in favor of higher taxes.

**# 07 Only in America...** can they have terrorists kill people in the name of Allah and have the media primarily react by fretting that Muslims might be harmed by the backlash.

**# 06 Only in America...** would they make people who want to legally become American citizens wait for years in their home countries and pay tens of thousands of dollars for the privilege, while they discuss letting anyone who sneaks into the country illegally just 'magically' become American citizens. (probably should be number one).

**# 05 Only in America...** could the people who believe in balancing the budget and sticking by the country's Constitution be called EXTREMISTS.

**# 04 Only in America...** could you need to present a driver's license to cash a check or buy alcohol, or board a commercial aircraft, but not to vote.

**# 03 Only in America...** could people demand the government investigate whether oil companies are gouging the public because the price of gas went up when the return on equity invested in a major U.S. Oil company (Marathon Oil) is less than half of a company making tennis shoes (Nike).

**# 02 Only in America...** could you collect more tax dollars from the people than any nation in recorded history, still spend a Trillion dollars more than it has per year – for total spending of \$7 Million PER MINUTE, and complain that it doesn't have nearly enough money.

**# 01 Only in America....** could the rich people – who pay 86% of all income taxes – be accused of not paying their “fair share” by people who don't pay any income taxes at all.



## **We Are Seeing the Effects of the Minimum Wage Rise in San Francisco**

Tim Worstall, Contributor, July 7, 2015

[http://www.forbes.com/sites/timworstall/2015/07/07/we-are-seeing-the-effects-of-the-minimum-wage-rise-in-san-francisco/?utm\\_campaign=yahootix&partner=yahootix](http://www.forbes.com/sites/timworstall/2015/07/07/we-are-seeing-the-effects-of-the-minimum-wage-rise-in-san-francisco/?utm_campaign=yahootix&partner=yahootix)

As we keep trying to point out to people there really isn't anything even remotely resembling a free lunch when it comes to the discussion of wages and labor. Meaning that just because well meaning liberals wave their magic wand and decree that wages will rise there will indeed be countervailing effects. And in San Francisco, where the minimum wage was recently raised we did indeed see that comic book shop insisting that it just couldn't survive. And now we've another tale, this time from Chipotle. Beef prices have been rising around the country so they've raised the prices, around the country, of their beef products. Wages in San Francisco have been rising strongly so they've raised the prices of all their products in San Francisco strongly. There really is no free lunch. A rise in wages will come out of either less labor being employed, lower profit margins (and fast food doesn't have those wide enough to take the strain) or price increases to consumers.

And it's that last which is happening as Mark Perry [points out](#):

- In our weekly survey of ten of Chipotle's markets, we found the company implemented price increases in half of the surveyed markets this week—San Francisco, Denver, Minneapolis, Chicago, and Orlando. In most markets, the price increases have been limited to beef and average about 4% on barbacoa and steak, toward the lower end of management's expectation for a 4% to 6% price increase on beef.
- San Francisco, however, saw across-the-board price increases averaging over 10%, including 10% increases on chicken, carnitas (pork), sofritas (tofu), and vegetarian entrees along with a 14% increase on steak and barbacoa. We believe the outsized San Francisco price hike was likely because of increased minimum wages (which rose by 14% from \$10.74 per hour to \$12.25 on May 1) as well as scheduled minimum wage increases in future years (to \$13 next year, \$14 in 2017, and \$15 in 2018).

A rough guide to the finances of the fast food industry is as follows. 30% goes on wages, 30% of revenues goes on ingredients and the other 40% is everything else. Rents, advertising, capital costs and, of course, profits. Those profits are pretty low. 5% of revenues isn't an out of

order estimation of the net profit margins in the business (and, of course, that's an average, as some locations and some whole chains lose money).

So, if we by legislative fiat raise the price of one of those inputs then something, somewhere, has to give. Those profit margins are already pretty thin and so they're not going to be where that extra cost comes from. More than that if we reduce the returns to capital in a particular line of business then less capital will be invested in that line of business in the future. This means fewer jobs in that line of business: This is one of the ways that a rise in the minimum wage destroys jobs. Fewer will be created in the future than would have been in the absence of the rise in the minimum wage.

It's possible that employers will be encouraged to deploy their labor in a more productive manner as a result of the price increase. This is the same statement as fewer jobs will be created. For if I go and raise labor productivity then by definition I need less labor for any given level of output. Or of course employers could just automate the process a little more and that also means fewer jobs.

So, if employers either economize on labor or profits, there will be job losses: the minimum wage rise does reduce employment.

Or there is this final method: raise prices. Which also causes job losses: for the more money that consumers are spending on reasonably priced Mexican food (although now less reasonably priced Mexican food than it used to be) the less they have available to spend on other things. We might think that there could be an interesting overlap between those who consume reasonably priced Mexican food and those who frequent comic book shops for example. If the food now costs more then there might well be less being spent in the comic book shop: again, we see reductions in the number of jobs.

And just to head off at the pass one of the more insane points that people try to make. That if the workers at Chipotle are now making more money then they'll spend more at Chipotle, and the company's profits will rise! This doesn't even pass the basic math test, let alone any economic one. For note above the split in revenues. About 30% of revenue is spent upon labor. The other 70% is spent upon other things, including that 30% or so on food ingredients. So, if Chipotle raises wages by \$100 (just as an example) and all of those wages are then spent in the same store, it is impossible for profits to rise. Think about it for a moment: the wage bill has just gone up by \$100. Revenues have just gone up by \$100. But the food bill has also gone up by \$30. So, the increase in costs is \$130 (even in the very best, best, case) while revenues have gone up by \$100. This is known to the cognoscenti as a loss, not an increase in profit.

There really is no such thing as a free lunch. Only lunches of variable cost. And if we increase the cost of one of the major inputs into such lunches then something else will give. Here, as a result of the rise in the minimum wage Chipotle has raised prices in that specific location where the minimum wage rise occurred.

This doesn't help minimum wage earners: some unknown but knowable reduction in sales of reasonably priced Mexican food will take place as a result of this price rise. Demand curves



really do slope downwards. Thus some unknown but knowable number of people will not be employed to produce said food.

As we've been saying all along: a rise in the minimum wage really does destroy jobs.



## **Unintended Consequence of Wal-Mart's Raise- Unhappy Workers**

by [Shannon Pettypiece](#), Bloomberg Business, August 5, 2015

<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2015-08-06/an-unintended-consequence-of-wal-mart-pay-raise-unhappy-workers?cmpid=yhoo>



**Wal-Mart Stores Inc. president and chief executive officer Doug McMillon**

When Wal-Mart Stores Inc. chief Doug McMillon announced plans to boost store workers' minimum wage earlier this year, he said the move was intended to improve morale and retain employees.

Yet for some of the hundreds of thousands of workers getting no raise, the policy is having the opposite effect.

In interviews and in hundreds of comments on Facebook, Wal-Mart employees are calling the move unfair to senior workers who got no increase and now make the same or close to what newer, less experienced colleagues earn. New workers started making a minimum of \$9 an hour in April and will get at least \$10 an hour in February.

"It is pitting people against each other," said Charmaine Givens-Thomas, a 10-year veteran who makes \$12 an hour at a store near Chicago and belongs to OUR Walmart, a union-backed group that has lobbied for better working conditions. "It hurts morale when people feel like they aren't being appreciated. I hear people every day talking about looking for other jobs and wanting to remove themselves from Wal-Mart and a job that will make them feel like that."

Some workers also said they suspect their hours are being cut and annual raises reduced to cover the cost of the wage increase for newer workers. Wal-Mart denies that and says it's taking steps to ensure all employees have an opportunity to move into higher-paying jobs.

Along with bumping up the minimum wage, it increased the amount workers receive when promoted, boosted pay for some managers and raised the maximum pay for all hourly positions.

## **Wage Inequality**

Several U.S. retailers have raised the minimum wage for their workers in recent months, among them Gap Inc., TJX Cos. and Target Corp. The moves were widely hailed amid calls to combat wage inequality -- an issue that even reached the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, which on Wednesday [voted](#) to force companies to reveal the pay gap between the chief executive officer and their typical worker.

However, if Wal-Mart and other retailers don't also adjust pay for veteran hourly workers, they could face rising dissent, said David Cooper, an economic analyst at the Economic Policy Institute. Typically, when employers boost their base pay, they also give raises to those making within \$1 to \$2 of the new minimum to preserve a type of wage hierarchy and keep their longer-time workers happy, studies show.

"Companies want to preserve some type of internal wage ladder, so to do that they have to adjust wages of folks above the new minimum," Cooper said. If Wal-Mart doesn't raise wages for these workers, "folks are going to leave or start complaining more vocally," he said.

## **Feeling Disenfranchised**

Executives knew the minimum wage hike would make those left out feel disenfranchised, said Kristin Oliver, Wal-Mart's U.S. human resources chief. Since then, the company has been hearing from upset employees and understands that the new wage policy could lead to increased turnover, she said.

In an attempt to retain workers who didn't get a raise, Wal-Mart has changed its scheduling system to help workers get the hours they want and started a new training program for employees looking to advance within the company. Wal-Mart announced the scheduling changes as well as a new training program at the same time as the wage increase to address the different needs of its workers, Wal-Mart spokesman Kory Lundberg said.

"We are constantly looking and evolving what the right pay should be and we were aware of the issue," Oliver said. "We weren't prepared to go forward with any additional increases but have continued to look at it to see if there is something else we should do for those in the middle."

Giving additional raises to employees already making close to the new minimum wage would cost Wal-Mart about \$400 million, said Jeannette Wicks-Lim, an assistant research professor at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. She based her calculation on raises the retail industry has handed out after past [increases](#) to state and federal minimum wages. Wal-Mart declined to comment on her calculation.

## **Strain Profits**

Additional pay bumps could put further strain on profits, which Wal-Mart said last quarter were dragged down by the \$1 billion it's already spending on raises. Last year, the Bentonville, Arkansas-based chain generated \$48.6 billion in annual sales and a profit of about \$1.6 billion.

Wal-Mart has said about 500,000 of its 1.3 million U.S. employees are getting raises as part of the new pay policy and all employees will be able to benefit from the new scheduling and training programs.

"We are trying to create a situation where they have a path to higher paying positions over time," Oliver said.

Still, that hasn't been the takeaway for many workers.

Sal Fuentes, who makes \$13 an hour operating a forklift overnights at a Wal-Mart in Duarte, California, said he expects the company to give out lower raises to him and other senior employees to compensate for the cost of raising pay for the newer employees.

## **Talent Competition**

"There is always some way they get the money back," said Fuentes, who has worked at the company since 2006 and is a member of OUR Walmart. "They give you some but they are taking away something else. It has always been like that."

While employers may think raising wages will help them compete for talent, research shows workers care more about how much a colleague is making than someone at another company.

"Workers appear to pay attention to peer wages," said Laura Giuliano, an associate professor of economics at the University of Miami who has studied the issue. "Even a small difference can matter, and whether or not it is going to matter may well depend on whether it appears arbitrary or unfair."

Givens-Thomas said she was happy to see her colleagues getting a raise and thinks it's a sign Wal-Mart is moving in the right direction. Still, she said the new wage policy is bittersweet; Givens-Thomas recently moved in with her mother because she couldn't afford her rent.

"I am impressed that they are even trying to raise the wages -- I know it has been hard for them," she said. "I would like to continue to see pay go up because it has been stagnant for so many years and people are really suffering."

# CLIMATE CHANGE

## Nobel Prize-winning scientist says Obama is ‘dead wrong’ on global warming

By Michael Bastasch, **THE DAILY CALLER**, July 08, 2015

<http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2015/07/08/nobel-prize-winning-scientist-says-obama-is-dead-wrong-on-global-warming/>

In 2008, Dr. Ivar Giaever [joined](#) over 70 Nobel Science Laureates in endorsing Barack Obama for president, but seven years later the Nobel Prize winner now stands against the president on global warming.

**“I would say that basically global warming is a non-problem,” Giaever, who won the Nobel for physics in 1973, [told](#) an audience at the Lindau Nobel Laureate meeting earlier this month.**

**Giaever ridiculed Obama for stating that “no challenge poses a greater threat to future generations than climate change.” The physicist called it a “ridiculous statement” and that Obama “gets bad advice” when it comes to global warming.**

**“I say this to Obama: Excuse me, Mr. President, but you’re wrong. Dead wrong,” Giaever said.**

Giaever was a professor at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute’s School of Engineering and School of Science and received the Nobel Prize for physics for his work on quantum tunneling. Giaever said he was “horrified” about the science surrounding global warming when he conducted research on the subject in 2012.

Ironically, just four years earlier he signed a [letter](#) with more than 70 other Nobel winners saying the “country urgently needs a visionary leader” and that “Senator Barack Obama is such a leader, and we urge you to join us in supporting him.”

But by 2011, Giaever left the American Physical Society because it officially [stated](#) that “the evidence is incontrovertible ... [g]lobal warming is occurring.” The Society also pushed for reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

**“Global warming really has become a new religion,” Giaever said. “Because you cannot discuss it. It’s not proper. It is like the Catholic Church.”**

Giaever argued that there’s been no global warming for the last 17 years or so (based on satellite records), weather hasn’t gotten more extreme and that global temperature has only slightly risen — and that’s based on data being “fiddled” with by scientists, he said.

“When you have a theory and the theory does not agree with the experiment then you have to cut out the theory. You were wrong with the theory,” Giaever said.



## Pope is Wrong on Science

[Mark LaRochelle](#), Human Events, Jun 22, 2015

[http://humanevents.com/2015/06/22/pope-is-wrong-on-the-science/?utm\\_source=hedaily&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=nl](http://humanevents.com/2015/06/22/pope-is-wrong-on-the-science/?utm_source=hedaily&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=nl)



Pope Francis' encyclical, *Laudato Si'*, refers vaguely to “the symptoms of sickness evident in the soil, in the water, in the air and in all forms of life,” which he blames on “consumerism” and “globalization,” which, he says, are harming the poor.

Is that true?

Regarding soil and water, in the U.S., the National Centers for Environmental Information maintains a series of environmental indicators for various risks. The environmental indicator for runoff risk for drinking water has not increased, but decreased sharply — by 60 percent from 1973-74 to 1996-97, the latest period for which data is posted. Likewise, soil erosion on cropland is not increasing, but decreasing, having declined 41 percent between the first (1982) and most recent (2010) Natural Resources Inventory.

Likewise, according to the EPA, US air quality has improved dramatically. In 1980-2013, ground-level ozone was down 33 percent, nitrogen dioxide 54-60 percent, sulfur dioxide 81 percent, carbon monoxide 84 percent, and lead 92 percent. Particulate matter was down 34 percent in just 2000-2013. In *Air Quality in America*, Joel M. Schwartz and Steven F. Hayward show that available data going back to 1900 document that air quality was improving at the same rates even before passage of the Clean Air Act in 1970. (No wonder environmentalists have switched to calling carbon dioxide – the breath of life for plants – a “pollutant.”)

Globally, the United Nations' 2014 Millenium Development Goals Report documents similar news:

· The WHO/UNICEF Joint Monitoring Programme for Water Supply and Sanitation reports that from 1990 to 2010, the share of the world's people without sustainable access to safe drinking water was cut in half, meeting its goal five years ahead of schedule. In 1990-2012,

the share of the world's population with access to an improved water source increased from 76 to 89 percent, meaning that more than 2.3 billion people gained access to an improved source of drinking water.

· Meanwhile in developing regions, the proportion of undernourished people decreased from 24 percent in 1990–1992 to 14 percent in 2011–2013. From 1990 to 2012, the proportion of the world's children under the age of five who were estimated to be stunted – having inadequate height for their age – declined from 40 to 25 percent.

· Perhaps most important, in 1990-2013, the global adult mortality rate declined from 198 to 152 per 1000 population. The mortality rate for children under age five dropped almost 50 per cent, from 90 to 48 per 1,000 live births in 1990-2012. The maternal mortality ratio dropped by 45 percent between 1990 and 2013, from 380 to 210 deaths per 100,000 live births. Globally, life expectancy in 1990-2013 increased by 6 years, to age 71. In Africa, it increased more than twice as fast, by 8 years in 2000-2013.

The Pope's encyclical emphasized traditional Christian concern for the poor, but attacked globalization, which is responsible for the unprecedented improvement in the condition of the world's poor in recent decades. Capitalism has done more for the poor in the past ten years than charity has done throughout all of history.

The liberal Fareed Zakaria, writing in the Washington Post, praised the Pope's embrace of global warming hysteria, yet even he admitted, "The encyclical is gloomy. But in fact, remarkable changes are taking place that could put the planet on a much more sustainable path."

That's true: There's ample reason for optimism, if we don't sabotage the poor by restricting their access to affordable energy.



## **Energy for the Poor**

June 22, 2015

<https://us-mg6.mail.yahoo.com/neo/launch?.rand=34s07gupe6au7#2150891324>

PBS is not known for its balanced coverage of global warming.

A PBS report broadcast in the wake of Pope Francis' recent encyclical entitled "[faith-based activism on climate change](#)" is now airing nationwide. It shows residents and Catholic clergymen attributing local conditions in the Louisiana Bayou to CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.

CFACT readers are well aware that **the small amount of global warming that occurred last century cannot be pinned principally to man's activities and there's been no meaningful warming this century.**

In addition, global sea level is only rising one to three millimeters per year (the width of the wire in a paper clip or so) just as it has been doing since before the Industrial Revolution. Whatever issues people may be experiencing in the bayou is not a result of manmade climate change.

This PBS report does, however, include some rare balance.

CFACT's Marc Morano, editor of our award-winning Climate Depot news and information service, is interviewed and presents an informed Catholic's perspective on science and an appropriate plea for the poor.

**PBS reporter KIM LAWTON:** Marc Morano is part of a coalition that went to Rome in April urging the Vatican not to rely only on scientists who take what they call "an alarmist, extremist" position on climate change.

**MORANO:** None of the predictions, the dire predictions they made so far are coming true. They're failing to come true. And this is one of the things that the pope is not hearing. He's only hearing one view. Carbon-based energy development is the best friend for poor people and would give them the best chance at life.

**LAWTON:** Morano is also concerned about the Vatican being too closely tied to the United Nations climate agenda.

**MORANO:** On many issues from abortion, euthanasia, overpopulation concerns there's going to be massive conflicts with Catholic teachings. And I think the pope has got to, and the Vatican, has to think this through better.

Marc did a great job presenting reason in this emotionally charged debate. You can watch the entirety of the PBS report on ["faith-based activism on climate change" here](#).

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# Scientists Issue Carbon **PRICE** Call to Curb Climate Change



, July 10, 2015

<http://news.yahoo.com/scientists-issue-carbon-price-call-curb-climate-change-151011304.html>



Paris (AFP) - **Academics and economists called Friday for a price on carbon and an end to fossil fuel subsidies** to help curb rampant greenhouse gas emissions harming Earth's climate system.

Rather than an economic burden, **such measures offered novel money-making opportunities** that would also ensure a liveable planet for future generations, they concluded at a climate science conference in Paris.

But time for action was running out fast, and mankind's voracious burning of coal, oil and gas has not abated.

"A two-in-three probability of holding warming to two degrees Celsius or less will require (limiting) future carbon dioxide emissions to about 900 billion tonnes, roughly 20 times annual emissions in 2014," the nearly 2,000 experts from 100 countries said in an outcome statement.

Emissions should reach zero by century's end.

"Ambitious **mitigation will require a range of actions, including investing in research, development and technology transfer; phasing out subsidies on fossil energy; and pricing carbon**," the experts said.

The UN is targeting 2 C (3.6 degrees Fahrenheit) for average global warming from pre-Industrial Revolution levels.

It will be done with the help of nationally-determined emissions targets **underpinning a world climate pact** to be thrashed out at a November 30-December 11 **UN conference** in the French capital.

Switching from cheap and abundant fossil fuels, however, to alternative energy sources from water, wind, the Sun and nuclear is costly in the short term, and politically-charged.



UN negotiations have drawled on for years, and scientists warn that on current emission trends the world is heading for warming of 4 C or more by 2100.

"The window for economically feasible solutions with a reasonable prospect of holding warming to 2 C or less is rapidly closing," said the conference statement.

**One possible tool is carbon pricing, which imposes a cost on fossil fuels to encourage a shift to energy efficiency and cleaner sources.**

**It can take the form of a tax on pollution or a requirement to buy emissions permits,** which can be traded.

- Level the playing field -

Proponents say it is an essential tool, but efforts in several countries to introduce a pricing system have largely failed.

Industry at first resisted, but last month six leading oil and gas companies said a carbon price would "reduce uncertainty" and stimulate low-carbon investments.

Joseph Stiglitz, a Nobel laureate in economics and a professor at Columbia University in the United States, said current ambition for curbing emissions was not high enough, and a carbon price may provide the impetus needed.

But there would have to be enforcement, to ensure everybody was given the same treatment.

Countries which agree to work a carbon price into their economies could, for example, **levy taxes on export products from nations with unrestrained emissions.**

"The important thing about those cross-border taxes is that they change the political economy, they change the incentives," the economist said.

For governments outside the system, "effectively the carbon taxes are being collected by their trading partners."

But what the price should be, or how to set it, remain open questions, and it is unlikely that the world's nations would agree on a single mechanism.

One option was for governments themselves to decide whether to use a tax, trading scheme, or policy measures to put a price on carbon -- whether "implicitly or explicitly", said French climate negotiator Laurence Tubiana.

The conference statement said global investments in energy would total trillions of dollars over the rest of the century.

"The additional investment required to transition to clean energy can be a small fraction of this amount," it said.

It also offers exciting opportunities, noted Stiglitz.

"The central problem facing the global economy is a lack of aggregate demand," he told delegates.

"This lack of demand is causing weak growth in the United States, near-stagnation in Europe, a slowdown in Asia. If we used the opportunity to retrofit the global economy to face the challenge of climate change it would stimulate the economy, it would improve economic growth and it would obviously increase employment," Stiglitz said.

"Creating a green economy is not only consistent with economic growth, actually it can promote economic growth."



## Where Does the Carbon Dioxide Really Come From?

Ian Rutherford Plimer is an Australian geologist, professor emeritus of earth sciences at the University of Melbourne, professor of mining geology at the University of Adelaide, and the director of multiple mineral exploration and mining companies. He has published 130 scientific papers, six books and edited the Encyclopedia of Geology.

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| Born              | 12 February 1946 (age 67)                                                                                  |
| Residence         | <u>Australia</u>                                                                                           |
| Nationality       | Australian                                                                                                 |
| Fields            | <u>Earth Science, Geology, Mining Engineering</u>                                                          |
| Institutions      | <u>University of New England, University of Newcastle, University of Melbourne, University of Adelaide</u> |
| <u>Alma mater</u> | <u>University of New South Wales, Macquarie University</u>                                                 |
| <u>Thesis</u>     | <u><i>The pipe deposits of tungsten-molybdenum-bismuth in eastern Australia</i> (1976)</u>                 |
| Notable awards    | <u>Eureka Prize (1995, 2002), Centenary Medal (2003), Clarke</u>                                           |

## Where Does the Carbon Dioxide Really Come From?

**PLIMER: "Okay, here's the bombshell - the volcanic eruption in Iceland. The spewing of volcanic ash has, in just FOUR DAYS, negated every single effort you have made in the past five years to control CO<sub>2</sub> emissions on our planet. All of you!**

Of course, you know about **this evil carbon dioxide that we are trying to suppress. It's that vital chemical compound that every plant requires to live and grow and to synthesize into oxygen for us humans and all animal life.**

I know....it's very disheartening to realize that all of the carbon emission savings you have accomplished while suffering the inconvenience and expense of driving Prius hybrids, buying fabric grocery bags, sitting up till midnight to finish your kids "The Green Revolution" science project, throwing out all of your non-green cleaning supplies, using only two squares of toilet paper, putting a brick in your toilet tank reservoir, selling your SUV and speedboat, vacationing at home instead of abroad, nearly getting hit every day on your bicycle, replacing all of your 50 cent light bulbs with \$10.00 light bulbs ..... well, **all of those things you have done have all gone down the tubes in just four days.**

The volcanic ash emitted into the Earth's atmosphere in just four days - yes, FOUR DAYS - by that volcano in Iceland has totally erased every single effort you have made to reduce the evil beast, carbon. And **there are around 200 active volcanoes on the planet spewing out this crud at any one time. EVERY DAY!**

I don't really want to rain on your parade too much, but I should mention that when the volcano **Mt. Pinatubo erupted in the Philippines in 1991, it spewed out more greenhouse gases into the atmosphere than the entire human race had emitted in all its years on earth.** Yes, Mt. Pinatubo was active for over one year - think about it!!!!

Of course, I shouldn't spoil this 'touchy-feely tree-hugging' moment and mention the effect of solar and cosmic activity and the well-recognized 800-year global heating and cooling cycle, which keeps happening despite our completely insignificant efforts to affect climate change

And I do wish I had a silver lining to this volcanic ash cloud, but the fact of the matter is that **the bush fire season across the western USA and Australia this year alone will negate your efforts to reduce carbon in our world for the next two to three years. And it happens every year.**

**Just remember that your government just tried to impose a whopping carbon tax on you on the basis of the bogus 'human-caused' climate-change scenario.**

Isn't it interesting how they don't mention 'Global Warming' anymore, but just 'Climate Change'. You know why? It's because the planet has COOLED by 0.7 degrees in the past century and these global warming bull artists got caught with their pants down.

**And keep in mind that you may yet have an Emissions Trading Scheme-yes, another new tax-imposed on you that will achieve absolutely nothing except make you poorer.** It won't stop any volcanoes from erupting, that's for sure. But, hey, relax.....give the world a hug and have a nice day!"

## **UNITED NATIONS AGENDA 21**

### **Vatican speaker and California Governor in push for massive depopulation... talk of 'Planetary Court' and removal of 6 billion people under new 'Earth Constitution' and 'World Government'**

[Mike Adams](#), the Health Ranger, June 15, 2015

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(NaturalNews) The depopulationists are on the move again, pushing hard for the elimination of six billion people on planet Earth in order to bring the planet down to what's being touted as its "sustainable carrying capacity of one billion people."

But this time, the depopulation agenda may be codified by the Vatican. Professor John Schellnhuber has been chosen as a speaker for the Vatican's rolling out of a Papal document on climate change. He's the professor who previously said the planet is overpopulated by at least six billion people. Now, the Vatican is giving him a platform which many expect will result in an official Church declaration in support of radical depopulation in the name of "climate science."

"The teaching document, called an encyclical, is scheduled for release on June 18 at Vatican City," reports [Breitbart.com](#). "Perhaps with the exception of the 1968 encyclical on contraception, no Vatican document has been greeted with such anticipation."

#### **A new Planetary Court to hold power over all nations... one ring to rule them all**

Schellnhuber daydreams about a "Planetary Court" guided by a new "Earth Constitution" which would hold power over every nation and government on the planet. As he explains himself in [this document on HumansAndNature.org](#), he's a proponent of an all-powerful, climate-focused world government that would rule over the planet... a literal "science dictatorship" based on whatever "science" the climate change proponents can fudge together each year.

As Schellnhuber says:

Let me conclude this short contribution with a daydream about those key institutions that could bring about a sophisticated -- and therefore more appropriate -- version of the conventional "world government" notion. Global democracy might be organized around three core activities, namely (i) an Earth Constitution; (ii) a Global Council; and (iii) a Planetary Court. I cannot discuss these institutions in any detail here, but I would like to indicate at least that:

- the Earth Constitution would transcend the UN Charter and identify those first principles guiding humanity in its quest for freedom, dignity, security and sustainability;

- the Global Council would be an assembly of individuals elected directly by all people on Earth, where eligibility should be not constrained by geographical, religious, or cultural quotas; and

- the Planetary Court would be a transnational legal body open to appeals from everybody, especially with respect to violations of the Earth Constitution.

Schellnhunber, in other words, believes a new world government can create "freedom" for humanity by dictating to it with a new Planetary Court guided by an Earth Constitution which will no doubt begin by declaring the planet can only sustain one billion people. The other six billion or so **simply have to go**. So instead of a Bill of Rights, this new Earth Constitution will be founded on a *Bill of Deaths* and a global government that might order the extermination of billions of human beings in order to "save the climate."

"In an unprecedented encyclical on the subject of the environment, the pontiff is expected to argue that humanity's exploitation of the planet's resources has crossed the Earth's natural boundaries," reports [The Guardian](#). "...[T]he world faces ruin without a revolution in hearts and minds."

The Guardian goes on to report:

*The pope is "aiming at a change of heart. What will save us is not technology or science. What will save us is the ethical transformation of our society," said Carmelite Father Eduardo Agosta Scarel, a climate scientist who teaches at the Pontifical Catholic University of Argentina in Buenos Aires.*

### **California Governor worried that too many people exist**

Interestingly, California Governor Jerry Brown might welcome such a depopulation agenda organized under a new world government. He recently [tweeted about California having too many people](#), saying, "At some point, how many people can we accommodate?" Gov. Brown goes on to say that climate change is the reason the current drought is so much more worse than anything they've seen in the past.

Apparently, California has too many people, Gov. Brown says, and that means **California needs to be deliberately depopulated**.

With this, the Vatican and Jerry Brown join the efforts of other depopulation advocates like Bill Gates, who [once said that vaccines can help reduce the world population by 10 to 15 percent](#).

True to that claim, vaccines given to young women have now been discovered to be intentionally laced with sterilization chemicals, [according to the Kenya Catholic Doctors Association](#), a pro-vaccine organization funded in part by UNICEF.

Similarly, a shocking [75% of children given vaccines in a small town in Mexico ended up hospitalized or dead](#) after a recent round of vaccine shots that many have speculated might be part of a depopulation test run.

### **Fast depopulation vs slow depopulation**

Since YOU are one of the targets of global depopulation, you may want to increase your awareness of how it might be accomplished. When it comes to depopulation, there are two approaches considered by the globalists:

**SLOW DEPOPULATION:** This method focuses on covert sterilization via vaccines, free birth control pills, and "social services" education efforts that try to convince women to have fewer children. The idea is to slowly let the current population of 7 billion die off while the birth rate plummets, causing the total population to shrink over time. You might call this the "non-violent" way to gradually reduce the population over time. Nobody has to prematurely die for this to be pulled off, in other words.

**FAST DEPOPULATION:** This method involves fast-kill strategies to essentially murder billions of people while blaming it on something else. The most likely candidates include the release of an aerosolized bioweapon (Ebola 2.0?), the insertion of aggressive cancer viruses in vaccines (see the [confession of former Merck vaccine scientist Maurice Hilleman for background](#)), global nuclear war, the intentional release of EMP weapons that destroy the power grid, and so on. These are obviously the more nefarious, dastardly depopulation pursuits, and they would obviously consist of global murder on a massive scale.

"Slow depopulation" methods have been tried since the 1970's. They haven't worked. As world population continues to rise, the global power brokers now seem to be experimenting with "fast depopulation" approaches to achieve their goal of eliminating six billion people from the planet.

### **Deliberate depopulation vs. unintentional depopulation**

Another dimension in this discussion emerges in the distinction between "deliberate" and "unintentional" depopulation.

**Deliberate depopulation** is, of course, the pursuit of actions and policies which are intended to directly and quantifiably reduce the number of humans living on the planet.

**Unintentional depopulation** is what happens when catastrophe strikes and the systems keeping modern civilization humming along suddenly collapse: a power grid failure, for example, or a runaway genetic pollution of crops that leads to global starvation. The climate change scientists insist that the release of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere will somehow cause the catastrophic collapse of society, leading to the deaths of millions or billions of people.

Accordingly, the globalists see themselves as being compassionate for humanity by invoking deliberate depopulation, thereby preventing catastrophic, unintentional depopulation (i.e. a global die-off following the catastrophic collapse of the global ecosystem). That's how they justify covert vaccine sterilization programs, for example, or talk of eliminating six billion people on the planet. In other words, when they are murdering you and six billion of your brothers and sisters, just remember that in their own minds, they LOVE life and are protecting the ecosystem!

But how, exactly, do you go about eliminating six billion people if you're a globalist pushing for mass murder in the name of climate science?

### **How do they kill six billion people? Twelve monkeys!**

Killing one person is called murder. Killing six billion people is called "climate science." But how do you pull it off, exactly?

It's easier than you might think. As depicted in the movie *Twelve Monkeys*, all it takes is the release of a weaponized, genetically engineered virus in any major airport, anywhere in the world. (I'm not saying this is true because it was in a movie. That would be absurd. Rather, in this case, the movie correctly depicts the reality of how easily a bioweapon could be spread by someone with the intent to destroy human civilization as we know it.)

From there, the virus replicates and spreads globally, causing widespread death and depopulation while simultaneously empowering world governments to control their populations with medical police state powers such as forced quarantines, restrictions on travel, forced immunizations, medical checkpoints on highways and so on. (It's sort of the perfect police state model if you think about it, and it gives governments the justification to insert medical tracking RFID chips into everybody's bodies at gunpoint. C'mon you control freaks, you know how excited you get when you think about microchipping the population! It's FUN!)

### **The U.S. military already possesses biological weapons which could kill one billion or more**

It's an undebatable fact that the U.S. military has long engineered and tested such viral bioweapons to potentially use as weapons of war. (I previously wrote about the [airborne Ebola that ran wild through a U.S. Army medical research facility in 1990](#), killing an entire building full of monkeys before they "nuked" the building with sterilization chemicals.)

While international treaties claim such research has been abandoned, only a fool believes such hollow promises are ever kept. In reality, the research is merely shifted into covert status,

continuing as normal on "black budgets." Today, the United States government possesses viral strains which could decimate humanity in less than a year's time... and they could be "accidentally-purposely" released anywhere on the planet without notice.

Of course, if you were going to release a deadly virus to decimate humanity (the word "decimate" means to kill 1 in every 10, by the way, it does not mean to "eradicate"), you would first make sure all your elite globalist buddies received vaccine shots against the virus. Naturally, those vaccine shots would be manufactured without any of the mercury, aluminum, formaldehyde and MSG found in vaccines given to the general public, thereby making them significantly safer. The CDC, of course, would stay completely silent on this pandemic, just as they've maintained absolute silence on the confession of their scientist Dr. William Thompson, who [publicly admitted to taking part in scientific fraud at the CDC to hide the links between vaccines and autism in African-Americans.](#)

The public would be left to fend for itself. And in this scenario, guess who would be most likely to survive? **People who use medicinal herbs and immune-boosting superfoods.** Those who are wiped out by the weaponized population control virus would largely consist of the elderly, the immuno-suppressed, and the malnourished.

That might be precisely who the new "Planetary Court" world government wants to eliminate in the first place, sparing the able-bodied workers who pay confiscatory taxes to governments and produce economic output that can be exploited by the globalist corporations.

So I now throw the question back to the Pope, Professor John Schellnhuber, Bill Gates, Ted Turner and other depopulation fanatics: **How exactly are you planning to eliminate six billion people from this planet?**

The truly hilarious part in all this is that the world's masses are already so totally brainwashed by climate propaganda that if you ordered them to voluntarily report to "eco-friendly euthanasia chambers" to save the planet by killing themselves, they'd line up in droves to comply! Heck, they'd buy tickets!

Interestingly, that might not be such a bad idea just to **invoke the global Darwin award** and invite the world's most idiotic, obedient sheeple to voluntarily remove themselves from the human gene pool in a sort of modern-day mass sacrifice to Gaia. The Aztecs did it, and that worked out just great! (Just ask all the Aztecs that are still around.) What could possibly go wrong?





## **Obama Voters Sign Petition to Ban the American Flag and Replace it With New Design for New World Order**

[June 29, 2015, 5BMartin1776](http://savingtherepublic.com/blog/2015/06/obama-voters-sign-petition-to-ban-the-american-flag-and-replace-it-with-new-design-for-new-world-order/)

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Since this country is now certified batshit crazy the masks are coming off anti-Americans everywhere! I have but one question for the people who believe the US is imperialistic, racist, too rich etc why are you here? Leave America, go to Europe, South America, Russia and the middle east!

As you have seen in previous [Mark Dice](#) vids he is beyond clear and explicit of his petitions intention that many people willingly sign...

*“the new flag will have like a pyramid with like a rainbow stripes and it looks really cool”*

*“the old stars and stripes represent the old world, imperialistic America. This petition is going to implement the new American flag banning the current American flag”*

Now before people watching this say “oh well these are just typical crazy Californians” you need to understand this is in semi-conservative San Diego! #2 the people signing this petition are a sampling of the general progressive socialist attitude now sweeping across the country. Face it we have been fundamentally transformed, this is the America obama has been working to create since 2008!

BTW the guy in the light blue shirt that rushes up and says “ill sign that sh\*t man” has a typical US Marine haircut... Camp Pendleton is not far away!



# Texas Delivers Some MAJOR Bad News to the UN

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<http://conservativetribune.com/texas-major-news-un/>

The state of Texas used to be its own country and is both bigger and more populous than many of the nations in the rest of the world.

**So if any state is going to fight the power-grabbing agenda of the United Nations, it's likely to be the Lone Star State.**

**Texas is doing just that by introducing Senate Bill 445, legislation that would ban implementation of the controversial United Nations "Agenda 21" program within the state's boundaries.**

It's a bold step forward in the fight against the overreach of the international organization.

The bill, introduced by State Sen. Bob Hall, will not only prohibit the state of Texas from enacting any reforms from the Agenda 21 protocol, but also ban individual cities and counties from doing so, as well.

The bill reads, in part, "A governmental entity may not enter into an agreement or contract with, accept money from, or grant money or other financial aid to a nongovernmental or intergovernmental organization accredited by the United Nations to implement a policy that originated in the Agenda 21 plan adopted by members of the United Nations at the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development in June 1992."

Agenda 21 — so named because it sets an agenda for the 21st century — was supposed to be an exercise to promote "environmental sustainability."

However, if fully adopted, the plan would give large parts of land use, energy, and fiscal policy over to the United Nations without any local, state or national input (H/T Tenth Amendment Center).

"In a nutshell, the plan calls for governments to take control of all land use and not leave any of the decision making in the hands of private property owners," read a release from the Post-Sustainability Institute, an organization opposed to Agenda 21.

"(Agenda 21) is a whole life plan" the group added. "It involves the educational system, the energy market, the transportation system, the governmental system, the health care system, food production, and more. The plan is to restrict your choices, limit your funds, narrow your freedoms, and take away your voice."

While the plan was endorsed by the United States under President George H.W. Bush in 1992, along with 177 other nations, Agenda 21 has undergone far greater scrutiny in recent years.

It's good to see one state finally take a stand against it, and we hope that others will, as well.

## THE 2<sup>ND</sup> AMENDMENT

### Obama Openly Calls for Gun CONFISCATION...

[http://conservativetribune.com/obama-gun-confiscation/?utm\\_source=Facebook&utm\\_medium=WesternJournalism&utm\\_content=2015-06-28](http://conservativetribune.com/obama-gun-confiscation/?utm_source=Facebook&utm_medium=WesternJournalism&utm_content=2015-06-28)

We have often been told by gun control advocates that “nobody is coming to take your guns” and all they wanted were “common-sense” gun laws.

**However, the gun control reforms they have called for lead inevitably toward national registration of all firearms, which will inevitably lead to confiscation of firearms, which in turn will result in a second civil war or outright revolution.**

**Belying this end goal, President Barack Obama recently called for America to emulate the strict gun control laws passed in Australia nearly 20 years ago.**

Speaking of the horrific 1996 mass shooting in Port Arthur that left 35 people dead and many more wounded, Obama said, “It was just so shocking the entire country said, ‘Well, we’re going to completely change our gun laws’, and they did. And it hasn’t happened since.”

What Obama deliberately failed to mention was what happened *after* Australia outlawed guns, which was a coercive mandatory buyback of weapons and forced confiscation of firearms from those who resisted.

Bearing Arms pointed out the enormous difference between Australia and the United States: Australia had approximately one million firearms to worry about confiscating from a more or less willing population, while the U.S. has upwards of 300 million firearms held by a population that is dead-set against giving them up.

In fact, as we have clearly seen in both Connecticut and New York, gun owners have remained staunchly opposed to even registering their firearms, so willingly turning them in or sitting back and allowing them to be confiscated simply isn’t going to happen.

Essentially, by calling for America to follow Australia’s lead regarding gun control, Obama has called for America to follow the lead of the colonists in 1776, who were finally pushed into sparking a revolution because of gun control and confiscation of firearms by the British Crown.

Any attempt at national registration, and the mass confiscation that would inevitably follow, will only result in widespread bloodshed and quite possibly an end to America as we have known it — for better or worse.

In other words, "shall not be infringed" means leave our guns alone. And we are serious about that.



## A LITTLE GUN HISTORY

**PLEASE DON'T THINK FOR A MOMENT, THAT THIS COULDN'T HAPPEN IN OUR COUNTRY ALSO !!!!!**

In **1911**, **Turkey** established gun control: From 1915 to 1917, 1.5 million Armenians, unable to defend themselves, were rounded up and exterminated.

In **1929**, the **Soviet Union** established gun control: From 1929 to 1953, about 20 million dissidents, unable to defend themselves, were rounded up and exterminated.

**China** established gun control in **1935**: From 1948 to 1952, 20 million political dissidents, unable to defend themselves, were rounded up and exterminated.

**Germany** established gun control in **1938**: From 1939 to 1945, a total of 13 million Jews and others who were unable to defend themselves were rounded up and exterminated.

**Cambodia** established gun control in **1956**: From 1975 to 1977, one million educated people, unable to defend themselves, were rounded up and exterminated

**Guatemala** established gun control in **1964**: From 1964 to 1981, 100,000 Mayan Indians, unable to defend themselves, were rounded up and exterminated.

**Uganda** established gun control in **1970**: From 1971 to 1979, 300,000 Christians, unable to defend themselves, were rounded up and exterminated.

**56 million defenseless people were rounded up and exterminated in the 20th Century because of gun control**

You won't see this data on the US evening news, or hear politicians disseminating this information.

Guns in the hands of honest citizens save lives and property and, yes, gun-control laws adversely affect only the law-abiding citizens.

With guns, we are 'citizens'; without them, we are 'subjects'

## OTHER NEWS

### Fox News Lurches Left as Murdoch's Sons Take Control of Media Dynasty

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expected.

Rupert Murdoch handed over 21st Century Fox, the conglomerate behind Fox News, to sons James and Lachlan July 1, 2015. James is now CEO and Lachlan executive co-chairman. Last year Murdoch elevated his sons to prominent positions, James to co-COO and Lachlan to non-executive co-chairman, but the turnover of the conglomerate came sooner than

For 15 years, Roger Ailes has enjoyed near total autonomy as head of Fox News, but Ailes' sovereign rule ended abruptly with the move. A 21st Century Fox spokesperson told The Hollywood Reporter from now on, "Roger will [report to](#) Lachlan and James."

"For Ailes, it was a [stinging smack-down](#) and effectively a demotion."

To say that Ailes and Murdoch's son James have a strained relationship would be a bit of an understatement. James, whose wife once worked for the Clinton Foundation, is a rabid environmentalist who led the campaign to make News Corp a carbon-neutral company. Conversely, Ailes is a "fierce climate-change denier," who allegedly has called James a "[f@#\\$%!g dope](#)" and "[Fredo](#)."

Ailes was not notified of the management change in advance. Apparently, Murdoch has been convinced that Fox News will continue do well without Ailes at the helm. Last year Ailes took a leave of absence due to an illness, and the network's ratings didn't slide.

Now that control of Fox News has been given to Murdoch's sons Ailes' fair and balanced reporting and conservative punditry will soon fall by the wayside.

"I think the boys are back ... yoked together in a sort of [competitive collaboration](#)," said David Folkenflik, author of *Murdoch's World: The Last of the Old Media Empires*.

Last month at the behest of Ailes, Fox News gave Trump [more airtime than any other candidate](#), and analysts and hosts made pro-Trump arguments and gushed over him. But then the network [jumped the shark](#) at the Republican Party's first presidential primary debate in Cleveland, Ohio, last Thursday.

Murdoch's message to blunt Trump's rise in the polls came loud and clear over his social media and publishing outlets, and the Fox News debate moderators tried to destroy his candidacy in a single night by unleashing an all-out character assassination to discredit him.

“This wasn't a debate, at least not like most of those I've seen. [This was an inquisition.](#)”—Frank Bruni, journalist, New York Times

Throughout the night, Fox News moderators, Bret Baier, Chris Wallace, and Megyn Kelly, deluged Trump with cheap shots and sophomoric “gotcha” questions, while pitting the candidates and the audience against him.

It was an obvious planned hit to destroy Trump's candidacy, a failed bread-and-circus show that left viewers with nothing substantive but a foul taste in their mouths. Cyberspace erupted with “disappointing, disgusting, embarrassing, appalling, shocking, and [shameful.](#)”

In spite of the moderators' collective efforts to take care of “[This Trump Thing,](#)” Trump managed to survive their inquisition, but the network that Ailes had built over the past 15 years did not. Fox News died a humiliating death at Quicken Loans Arena August 6, 2015, in front of [24 million viewers.](#) In display of [solidarity with its leftist alphabet and cable network counterparts,](#) the network relinquished any pretense of credibility.

### **Will future bosses James and Lachlan Murdoch tame Fox News, 'the beating heart of conservative America'?**



Succession plan ... Rupert Murdoch is planning to step down as 21st Century Fox CEO in favour of son James, right, while other son Lachlan (left) will be co-executive chairman of Fox, according to reports. *Photo: Getty Images*

News that Rupert Murdoch was ceding some control of his empire to his sons, Lachlan and James, was met with immediate social media speculation that Fox News might be tamed, with significant consequences for the coming presidential election.

The powerful and ferociously conservative tabloid TV outfit soon acted to douse that speculation, reporting that Fox's president and driving force, Roger Ailes, would remain in charge and would continue to report directly to Rupert.

Over the years there has been tension between Mr Ailes and the younger generation of Murdochs.

**James Murdoch, whose wife Kathryn Murdoch Hufschmid works for the Clinton Climate Initiative, has signaled disquiet at some of the more extreme positions taken by Fox and Mr Ailes.**

"He finds Fox's politics and its demeanor and its bombastic nature and relentlessness to be embarrassing," said David Folkenflik, the media reporter for National Public Radio and author of the book *Murdoch's World*, shortly after the announcement.

Lachlan Murdoch has a more personal history with Mr Ailes. When he came to the United States to work in the organisation, Mr Ailes and another executive, Peter Chernin, actively thwarted Lachlan's ambitions, deliberately cutting him out of crucial decision making processes said Mr Folkenflik.

"I think they did not have the greatest regard for him," he said. "Not unreasonably they thought that if his surname was Smith or Folkenflik, he would not have been there at all."

Eventually Lachlan was so disenchanted that resigned his post as deputy chief operating officer and returned to Australia.

This was viewed as a failure by Rupert Murdoch, said Mr Folkenflik.

"He was tested and found wanting."

Mr Folkenflik believes that Mr Ailes also feels some resentment for the broader Murdoch clan because he has never been properly recognised for his creation of the Fox News brand.

"He is angry that he does not have some ownership, that he has not been recognised for his creative act."

That creative act was not just seeing that there was a substantial audience of older, conservative viewers, but one that could be broadened.

"A sense of aggrievement is such an integral ingredient [in Fox's success], but it is also self-perpetuating, it creates new adherents."

He said Mr Ailes, who is 75, will be protected within the organisation by Rupert Murdoch at least until his contract expires sometime in 2017, because Fox News has proved to be the most reliable generator of wealth in the organisation.

Even when Mr Ailes retires, it is likely that Rupert Murdoch will decide who replaces him, said Mr Folkenflik.

In his research of the Murdoch empire, Mr Folkenflik has learned that it is proper corporate etiquette in discussing succession plans by saying, "If Rupert dies" rather than "When Rupert dies."

This is not to say that the announcement is not significant, said Mr Folkenflik.

"It is the culmination of a plan that has been years or decades in the making," he said. "It is a strong signal to the world that this publically traded company is still a family firm.

"It shows that Rupert believes the hacking scandal is in the rear-view mirror and it is fading fast."

Eric Boehlert, a senior fellow at Media Matters, a non-profit established to counter what it sees as misinformation published by conservative media, agreed that he can see no immediate changes coming to Fox, which he said was on track to make \$US1 billion (\$1.29 billion) this year.

"The last thing the [younger] Murdoch's need is showdown with Roger Ailes," he said, especially as they will be wanting to maintain share price as they take control.

"They might not be Tea Party members at heart but they make a ton of money being so closely aligned with the Republican Party.

"And Fox News is not just a cable channel, it is the beating heart of conservative America."

But he said change is on the horizon. <http://www.smh.com.au/business/media-and-marketing/will-future-bosses-james-and-lachlan-murdoch-tame-fox-news-the-beating-heart-of-conservative-america-20150611-ghm3fh.html#ixzz3iVvoGLWp>

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