



## Victory on Arms Trade Treaty



By Dick Morris, December 29, 2013, dickmorris.com

As a result of our persistent efforts (mainly yours), I am pleased to announce that the Inhofe Amendment to the Defense Appropriation Bill has passed and been signed by the president!

The Arms Trade Treaty will not receive any money for implementation for all of 2014!

As you may recall, the Treaty — a backdoor UN gun control effort — was signed by Secretary of State Kerry in March of 2013. While it has not been ratified by the Senate (and probably cannot be), under the Vienna Convention, it acquires the force of law in the U.S. until it is either turned down by the Senate or withdrawn by the president. Harry Reid will not bring the Treaty up for a vote, so it would remain in force for the duration of the Obama presidency. By 2017, its structures and commitments would have bitten deep into American law and practice.

But... Senator James Inhofe (R-Okla.) saved the day by inserting a ban on funding for the Treaty into the Defense Appropriation Bill for 2014. With the Administration eager to get the money, he was able to keep it in the final bill that was signed by the president on Thursday.

Victory!

Now we need to capture the Senate so we can get the signature expunged and kill the Treaty entirely.

Thanks for all your help! Spread the good word!

## We Are Not SUBJECTS (and Other Observations About Obamacare)



By Laura Hollis, November 20, 2013

The unveiling of the dictatorial debacle that is Obamacare absolutely flabbergasts me. It is stunning on so many levels, but the most shocking aspect of it for me is watching millions of free Americans stand idly by while this man, his minions in Congress and his cheerleaders in the press systematically dismantle our Constitution, steal our money, and crush our freedoms.

The President, Nancy Pelosi and Harry Reid (with no small help from Justice John Roberts) take away our health care, and we allow it. They take away our insurance, and we allow it. They take away our doctors, and we allow it. They charge us thousands of dollars more a year, and we allow it. They make legal products illegal, and we allow it. They cripple our businesses, and we allow it. They announce by fiat that we must ignore our most deeply held beliefs — and we allow it.

Where is your spine, America?

Yes, I know people are complaining. I read the news on the internet. I read blogs. I have a Twitter feed. So what? People in the Soviet Union complained. People in Cuba

complain. People in China complain (quietly). Complaining isn't the same thing as *doing* anything about it. In fact, much of the complaining that we hear sounds like resignation: *Wow. This sucks. Oh well, this is the way things are. Too bad.*

Perhaps you need reminding of a few important facts. Here goes:

### 1. The President is not a king.

Barack Obama does not behave like a President, an elected official, someone who realizes that he works for us. He behaves like a king, a dictator — someone who believes that his own pronouncements have the force of law, and who thinks he can dispense with the law's enforcement when he deigns to do so. And those of us who object? How dare we? Racists!

And while he moves steadily "forward" with his plans to "fundamentally transform" the greatest country in human history, he distracts people with cheap, meaningless trivialities, like "free birth control pills"! (In fact, let's face it: this administration's odd obsession with sex in general — Birth control! Abortion! Sterilization! Gay guys who play basketball! -- is just plain weird. Since when did the leader of the free world care so much about how people have sex, who they have it with, and what meds they use when they have it? Does he have nothing more important to concern himself with?)

### 2. It isn't just a failed software program; it is a failed philosophy.

People are marveling that Healthcare.gov was such a spectacular failure. Well, if one is only interested in it as a product launch, I've explained some of the reasons for that here. But the larger point is that it isn't a *software* failure, or even a *product* failure; it is a *philosophy* failure.

I have said this before: Obama is not a centrist; he is a *central planner*. And this — all of it: the disastrous computer program, the hundreds of millions of dollars wasted, the lies, the manipulation of public opinion, the theft of the public's money and property, and freedom (read insurance, and premiums, and doctors) -- IS what central planning looks like.

The central premise of central planning is that a handful of *wunderkinds* with your best interests at heart (yeah, right) know better than you what's good for you. The failure of such a premise and the misery it causes have been clear from the dawn of humanity. Kings and congressmen, dictators and Dear Leaders, potentates, princes and presidents can all fall prey to the same imperial impulses: "we know what is good for 'the people.'"

And they are always wrong.

There is a reason that the only times communism has really been tried have been after wars, revolutions, or coups d'état. You have to have complete chaos for people to be willing to accept the garbage that centralized planning produces. Take the Soviet Union, for example. After two wars, famine, and the collapse of the Romanov dynasty, why wouldn't people wait in line for hours to buy size 10 shoes? Or settle for the gray matter that passed for meat in the grocery stores?

But communism's watered-down cousin, socialism, isn't much better. Ask the Venezuelans who cannot get toilet paper. *Toilet paper. ¡Viva la Revolución!*

Contrary to what so many who believe in a "living Constitution" say, the Founding Fathers absolutely understood this. That is why the Constitution was set up to *limit* government power. (Memo to the President: the drafters of the Constitution deliberately didn't say "what government had to do on your behalf.") They understood that that was the path to folly, fear, and famine.)

### 3. Obama is deceitful.

Just as the collapse of the computer program should not surprise anyone, neither should we be shocked that the President lied about his healthcare plan. Have any of you been paying attention over the past few years? Obama has made no secret of his motivations or his methods. The philosophies which inspire him espouse deceit and other vicious tactics. (Don't take my word for it: read Saul Alinsky.) Obama infamously told reporter Richard Wolffe, "You know, I actually believe my own bullshit." He has refused to be forthcoming about his past (where are his academic records?). His own pastor, Rev. Jeremiah Wright, told author Ed Klein, that Obama said to him, "You know what your problem is? You have to tell the truth." Did Obama lie when he said dozens of times, "If you like you plan, you can keep it"? Of course he did. That's what he does.

### 4. The media is responsible.

And had the media been *doing their jobs*, we would have known a lot of this much, much earlier.

The press is charged with the sacred responsibility of protecting the people from the excesses of government. Our press has been complicit, incompetent, or corrupt. Had they vetted this man in 2008, as they would have a Republican candidate, we would have known far more about him than we do, even now. Had they pressed for more details about Obamacare, Congress' feet would have been held to the fire. Had they done their jobs about Eric Holder, Fast and Furious, Benghazi, the IRS scandal, NSA spying - or any of the other myriad betrayals of the public trust that this administration has committed, Obama would likely have lost his 2012 re-election campaign. (A fact which even the Washington Post has tacitly acknowledged. Well done, fellas! Happy now?)

Instead, they turned a blind eye, even when they knew he was lying, abusing power, disregarding the limits of the Constitution. It was only when he began to spy on *them*, and when the lies were so blatant that the lowest of low-information voters could figure it out that they realized they had to report on it. (Even in the face of blatant, deliberate and repeated lies, the *New York Times* has the audacity to tell us that the President "misspoke.") They have betrayed us, abandoned us, and deceived us.

**5. Ted Cruz was right. So was Sarah Palin.** The computer program is a disaster. The insurance exchanges are a disaster. What's left? The healthcare system itself. And this, of necessity, will be a disaster, too.

Millions of people have lost their *individual* insurance plans. In 2015, millions more will lose their *employer-provided* coverage (a fact which the Obama administration also knew, and admitted elsewhere).

The exorbitant additional costs that Obamacare has foisted on unsuspecting Americans are all part of a plan of wealth confiscation and redistribution. That is bad enough. But it will not end there.

When the numbers of people into the system and the corresponding demand for care *vastly* exceed the cost projections (and they will, make no mistake), then the rationing will start. Not only choice at that point, but quality and care itself will go down the tubes. And then will come the decisions made by the Independent Payment Advisory Board about what care will be covered (read "paid for") and what will not.

That's just a death panel, put politely. In fact, progressives are already greasing the wheels for acceptance of that miserable reality as well. They're spreading the lie that it will be about the ability of the dying to *refuse* unwanted or unhelpful care. Don't fall for that one, either. It will be about the deaths that inevitably result from decisions made by people *other* than the patients, their families, and their physicians. (Perhaps it's helpful to think of their assurances this way: "If you like your end-of-life care, you can keep your end-of-life-care.")

### 6. We are not SUBJECTS (or, Nice Try, the Tea Party Isn't Going Away).

We have tolerated these incursions into our lives and livelihoods too long already. There is no end to the insatiable demand "progressives" have to remake us in their image. Today it is our insurance, our businesses, our doctors, our health care. Tomorrow some new crusade will be announced that enables them to take over other aspects of our formerly free lives.

I will say it again: WE ARE NOT SUBJECTS. Not only is the Tea Party right on the fiscal issues, but it appears that they are more *relevant* than ever. We fought a war once to prove we did not want to be the subjects of a king, and the Boston Tea Party was just a taste of the larger conflict to come. If some people missed that lesson in history class, we can give them a refresher.

The 2014 elections are a good place to start. Call your representative, your senator, your candidate and tell them: "We are not subjects. You work for us. And if the word "REPEAL" isn't front and center in your campaign, we won't vote for you. Period."

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## These 13 Tax Increases Hit in 2013



December 31, 2013, The Heritage Foundation

It's about time for us to uncover our eyes and

take a hard look at what 2013 did to our finances.

Did you feel the pinch of the 13 tax hikes that hit Americans this year?

Before you review the list below, put these two on your watch list for 2014:

- **Obamacare's individual mandate-** Beginning in 2014, it's mandatory to purchase health insurance. If you don't, you'll pay a penalty that dramatically increases overtime. It starts at \$95 or 1 percent of your income (whichever is greater). It rises to \$325 or 2 percent of income in 2015, and \$695 or 2.5 percent of income in 2016.
- **Obamacare tax on insurance companies-** If you liked seeing your premiums go up, you'll love this new tax on health insurers—which they are most likely to pass on to you.

As you start reviewing your tax information for 2013, here's what you're contending with.

### The 13 Tax Increases of 2013

1. **Payroll Tax:** increase in the Social Security portion of the payroll tax from 4.2 percent to 6.2 percent for workers. This hit all Americans earning a paycheck—not just the “wealthy.” For example, *The Wall Street Journal* calculated that the “typical U.S. family earning \$50,000 a year” would lose “an annual income boost of \$1,000.”
2. **Top marginal tax rate:** increase from 35 percent to 39.6 percent for taxable incomes over \$450,000 (\$400,000 for single filers).
3. **Phase out of personal exemptions** for adjusted gross income (AGI) over \$300,000 (\$250,000 for single filers).
4. **Phase down of itemized deductions** for AGI over \$300,000 (\$250,000 for single filers).
5. **Tax rates on investment:** increase in the rate on dividends and capital gains from 15 percent to 20 percent for taxable incomes over \$450,000 (\$400,000 for single filers).
6. **Death tax:** increase in the rate (on estates larger than \$5 million) from 35 percent to 40 percent.
7. **Taxes on business investment:** expiration of full expensing—the immediate deduction of capital purchases by businesses.

### Obamacare tax increases that took effect:

8. **Another investment tax increase:** 3.8 percent surtax on investment income for taxpayers with taxable income exceeding \$250,000 (\$200,000 for singles).
9. **Another payroll tax hike:** 0.9 percent increase in the Hospital Insurance portion of the payroll tax for incomes over \$250,000 (\$200,000 for single filers).
10. **Medical device tax:** 2.3 percent excise tax paid by medical device manufacturers and importers on all their sales.
11. **Reducing the income tax deduction** for individuals' medical expenses.
12. **Elimination of the corporate income tax deduction** for expenses related to the Medicare Part D subsidy.
13. **Limitation of the corporate income tax deduction** for compensation that health insurance companies pay to their executives.

President Obama demanded these higher taxes, but they did nothing to address the actual cause of our deficit and debt problem: too much spending. The proper way to address this problem is through reforms to entitlement programs.

President Obama promised the American people a “balanced approach” of tax increases and spending cuts to reduce deficits and debt. He achieved the tax increase portion of that approach. Now Congress needs to force him to follow through on the spending cuts.

## Made in China: Your Chicken



By Jennifer Leigh, September 9, 2013, medicinalnutrition.com

The other night after food shopping, I was coming home in a taxi and heard a radio segment about Chicken on NPR. Being a foodie and a public health advocate, my ears tuned in:

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has announced an end to the ban on processed chicken imports from China. This will allow processed chicken from China to be sold to the United States. Notwithstanding the fact that we have some serious food safety issues of our own here in the United States, let's review some scary facts about food safety in China:

This year alone:

- January 2012: Thousands of cats and dogs were killed due to deadly contaminants in animal treat ingredients
- Outbreak of a deadly bird flu virus in fresh meat markets
- March 2012: Thousands of unexplained dead pigs found in the waters of Shanghai, after a supposed crackdown and ban of selling meat from dead or diseased pigs.
- May 2013: Huge controversy due to rat and rodent meat placed into the food market under the disguise as lamb

I have nothing against China. I have an issue with FOOD SAFETY. I have an even bigger issue of why we can't get back to natural farming and food production methods here in our homeland.

But before I start to explain the most insane thing I have heard in a long time, I have to bring light and question if this new ruling has anything to do with the recent story about cancer causing arsenic in conventional chickens produced in the U.S. for the last sixty years. See, in recent news you may have heard that the evidence of arsenic in our chicken is now so overwhelming, the manufacturer of the arsenic rich chicken feed (Roxarsone) decided to graciously pull their long standing product off the shelves. Oddly enough the company says it won't necessarily remove it from feed products in other countries unless it is forced by regulators to do so. Things that make ya say “hmmmm”.

So fine, conventional chicken processed in China will soon be consumed everywhere. We won't know if the chicks are eating arsenic but the best part: this chicken will be sold without a country of origin label - so you won't even know where it came from, even IF you cared!

The importance of labeling is greater than ever. We still haven't won the battle to get Genetically Modified Organisms labeled in our food and now this. More than 50 countries, including China, label GMO's...but not the United States.

If people want to make GMO's or send us meat from countries with huge food safety issues, or use arsenic laced feed- fine-but please for the love of all things holy... label it! But they don't. And I think it is safe to say they don't label it because no one would want to buy it.

Back to the China chicken debacle: For now, food processors in China will only be permitted to export processed chicken to the U.S. from the birds that were raised in the U.S.

Yes- you are reading that correctly: the journey of your dinner will go something like this:

- First we get some baby birds
- Next we send the baby birds across the world so they can be grown and fattened (possibly with feed containing arsenic)
- Then they are killed and processed super cheaply.
- After that, the poultry processors in China will then send the meat back to the U.S.
- So that finally we can buy it and eat it for dinner.

Oh yum. Cause that makes sense.

The only thing that could make this situation worse is what I read here in the New York Times: “under the new rules, the Chinese facilities will verify that cooked products exported to the United States came from American or Canadian birds. So no U.S.D.A. inspector will be present in the plants”.

I am shaking my head as I type this cause I just can't believe that is true. I don't want it to be true. So, I am gonna dig deep on this subject and report back with what I find. Make sure you stay connected for updates.

As if fast food wasn't bad enough – this is just another reason to skip the nuggets.

Made in China: Your (possibly arsenic fed) Chicken.

## John Beale, The EPA Climate Change ‘Expert’ With The Long, Outlandishly Fraudulent Career, To Be Sentenced For Theft

December 16, 2013 by Ben Bullard

John C. Beale, the former senior policy adviser



Picture – Global Warming Science Mission Stranded in Ice Flow.

in the Office of Air and Radiation – and the highest-paid EPA employee before his admission in September of lying his way to nearly a million dollars' worth of unearned government money and benefits – will face sentencing Wednesday for a single count of theft of government property.

Beale, 64, was regarded as one of the EPA's top climate change policy experts at the time of his “retirement” in September of 2011. EPA administrator Gina McCarthy began to wonder why he was still on the payroll in March of 2012 – six months after she had helped fete Beale and other EPA retirees at a retirement party on a yacht. He had worked for the EPA since 1989, and had perpetrated a lavish fraud over much of that time that afforded him the luxury of being absent from work for up to 18 consecutive months by falsely telling coworkers he was a CIA operative. Even his wife (allegedly) believed him.

Beale helped to write the Clean Air Act in 1990 and led EPA delegates at United Nations climate change conferences in 2000 and 2001. He was also instrumental in negotiating carbon reduction deals with China and other Asian polluters.

At the time of his plea agreement, the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia released a statement that could easily be mistaken for hyperbole, were it not true.

All told, between January 2000 and April 2013, Beale was absent from his duties at the EPA for about 2 ½ years in which he was drawing a salary and benefits.

For more than a dozen years, Beale engaged in a pattern and scheme of deception during which he lied to the U.S. government, his supervisors, friends, and his family to avoid performing his job at the EPA.

...“John Beale stole from the government for more than a decade by telling lies of outlandish proportions,” said U.S. Attorney [Ronald] Machen. “He dodged his work at the EPA for extended periods by claiming that he was away working on operations for the CIA. He even got a parking space for three years by falsely claiming that he had malaria. Today's guilty plea is proof positive that lies do catch up with you and that eventually fraudsters will be held accountable for ripping off the American taxpayer.

“The details of this remarkable story are unfathomable – and yet they happened. An absence of even basic internal controls at the EPA allowed an individual to commit multiple frauds over a long period of time,” said Inspector General [Arthur] Elkins.

When he retired, Beale was earning a combined salary and bonuses of \$206,000 per year – even more than McCarthy, his boss. In his plea agreement, he confessed to defrauding the government of \$886,186 since 2000. He faces up to 37 months in prison and must pay more than \$1.3 million in restitution and forfeiture of illegally-obtained government property.

*The Washington Post* also reported last week that the EPA had been warned in 2010 of Beale's fraudulent claim to bonus pay to which he was not entitled, but that the agency took no action.

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## Floridians Are More Important Than Felons



By Paul Henry, Jan. 2, 2014,  
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If you've tried to renew your driver license since January 2010, you've encountered the federal REAL ID law as enacted by the Florida Legislature in 2008. This law was in

response to 19 Middle Eastern males that attacked our country 12 years ago. The law requires citizens to produce numerous documents to re-prove who they are even though no one suspects them of being someone else. If you're a woman that has ever been married or divorced, you're likely painfully aware of the costly numerous documents you must produce in order to just renew your license. A lady recently contacted me and told me the government had lost her paperwork so she could not renew the license she'd had here for decades. Without it, she can't drive or work. Incidentally, a driver license is a document for the I-9 employment form required due to the federal E-Verify law that gives the government the power to say who can work.

I've worked over the past three years to rid Florida of this bad law that hurts so many citizens. Politicians such as Rick Scott tell me there is nothing they can do, as it is a federal law. Yet states such as Montana flatly refused to comply. Then there are states like Ohio that did comply and discovered the privacy and other issues for their citizens and backed out. In addition, not one terror plot has been foiled by having citizen's documents scanned into a state database, and the law has cost states millions of dollars.

Our Legislature has given some people driver license relief. In early 2013, a bill to give foreign tourists relief from an international driver license law was filed, passed, and signed by Gov. Scott in 21 days. Later in that same session, a bill to give relief to certain illegal aliens (thanks to "deferred action" letters from the same federal government that gave us REAL ID) passed the Legislature 151-2. It was then vetoed by Gov. Scott, but has been re-filed for 2014.

The latest people scheduled to get relief are convicted felons. A pair of bills in the Florida Legislature would waive fees for inmates being released from prison and use tax dollars to help them obtain out of state documents needed to obtain a REAL ID license. These bills will be heard next Thursday, January 9. Floridians should pack the meeting rooms and tell the legislators it's time they helped us.

Who do our legislators represent? None of the above groups of people can vote for them, yet all have enjoyed representation from our legislators.

It is time our legislators and Rick Scott "got to work" and gave Floridians relief from the mess that is REAL ID. Floridians are more important than felons. We live and (try) to work here.



## Vets Starving in the Ocala Forest

By Bill Garner

Our nation has a very serious problem regarding our Veterans committing suicide. The primary causes can be due to homelessness, post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), and jobs that are unavailable for many returning Veterans. Currently, a Veteran commits suicide every 80 minutes, 18 a day, or 6570 a year. The majority of these Veterans that are committing suicide are between the ages of 19 and 29. There are now approximately 150,000 Veterans without work.

As said by local assistance groups, there are approximately 800 Veterans along with their families living in tents with no running water or indoor facilities in the Ocala Forest. They have no jobs to provide money for their families or propel their old, dilapidated vehicles. They merely live off of the food and clothing given to them by local charity groups.

Right now, there are 150,000 homeless Veterans in addition to their families living in our once great country. It is truly amazing how our governments can find jobs for 1,100,000 new immigrants and 550,000 jobs for those coming here on work visas each year. Also, according to Senator Rubio, we have over 12,000,000 illegal immigrants working in our country, yet our governments cannot find 150,000 jobs for our jobless soldiers who have served our country.

According to our Federal Representative, Rich Nugent, aid is costing the American taxpayers \$745 billion a year. Benefits such as food stamps, housing, WIC, school meals, free medical, telephone, and so forth are wasting billions of dollars and are being given to illegal immigrants, terrorists, and those working for minimum wages.

I live in The Villages located in Sumter County where most of the people working for the county and The Villages governments pay their employees minimum wages. This qualifies every one of these employees for the benefits mentioned previously. Naturally, this money is a portion of the \$745 billion. It is a disgrace that our local and county governments plus a developer (a multi-billionaire) are subsidized with federal money. This is happening across the state of Florida and the USA. It is also a disgrace to Veterans and their families who are less fortunate.

It is time for our governments to stop the nonsense and move these Veterans into decent houses and provide them jobs with benefits and enough money to provide for their families. Employment can be immediately provided to these Veterans by moving illegals out and/or halting legal immigration. It is time for each of you to start working for the American people.

I demand action be taken by Sumter, Lake, and Marion counties with the assistance of the federal and state governments to provide these Veterans with jobs and move them out of the Ocala Forest by February 15, 2014.

I also demand that our state with the help of the federal government do the same for all Veterans within Florida and be completed by April 1, 2014.

Furthermore, I demand the federal government take action to do the same for the 150,000 Veterans currently unemployed and be completed by May 1, 2014.

Currently our Congress has a favorable rating of 6 percent. I have absolutely zero confidence in our governments being capable to resolve this simple problem. Therefore, if you are unable to accomplish this problem for our Veterans, I highly recommend you resign.

As I write this message, tears are in my eyes.

Merry Christmas for our Veterans.

## Chamber Of Commerce, GOP Establishment Gear Up For Assault On Tea Party



By Sam Rolley,  
December 30, 2013,  
personalliberty.com

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce is gearing up to spend at least \$50 million in an effort to embolden the campaigns of establishment Republicans

running in primaries against more conservative GOP candidates leading up to the 2014 elections.

According to *The Wall Street Journal*, the Chamber fears that candidates with strong Tea Party views are more likely than establishment Republicans to lose winnable seats to Democrats.

"Our No. 1 focus is to make sure, when it comes to the Senate, that we have no loser candidates," Chamber political strategist Scott Reed told the newspaper. "That will be our mantra: No fools on our ticket."

The Chamber's anti-Tea Party attitude became more apparent than ever following the government shutdown. The group has joined other organizations such as American Crossroads and the GOP leadership in its quest to get more centrist Republicans in office.

Earlier this month, House Speaker John Boehner (R-Ohio) gave a taste of the coming establishment attack on the GOP's conservative fringe when he unloaded on conservative groups who have criticized his agenda throughout the years and more recently criticized the \$85 billion bipartisan budget compromise.

"Frankly, I think they're misleading their followers. I think they're pushing our members in places they don't want to be," he said of Tea Party groups. "And, frankly, I just think they've lost all credibility."

States where the Chamber could get involved to block Tea Party candidates include Iowa, North Carolina and Georgia.

But conservative groups like Heritage Action say that the Chamber's and GOP establishment's efforts to create a Party of obedient lawmakers are out of step with the average American's agenda.

"Lawmakers do not have a monopoly on information, and we will continue to communicate directly with their constituents on important legislation as it moves through Congress," Michael Needham, chief executive of Heritage Action, told *The Wall Street Journal*.

Needham went on to note that most lawmakers "will find it difficult to go back home and defend votes that increase spending, increase deficits and undermine the rule of law."

### Eric Golub Speaking in Perry

Eric Golub, nationally known conservative comedian, will be speaking in Perry at the Catholic Parish Hall, Tuesday, January 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:45 PM. Eric is a native of California and will be traveling here to give us some exciting information. The event is open to the public at no charge. Please plan to attend. Refreshments will be served.

Taylor County Commission Meeting  
January 6, 2014, Board Meeting, 5:30 PM  
January 21, 2014, Board Meeting, 5:30 PM  
Perry City Council Meeting  
January 14, 2014, 5:30 PM  
Taylor County School Board  
January 21, Board Meeting, 6:00 PM

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# Help Wanted: Principled, Conservative Leaders



When most Americans feel the biggest threat facing us is big government, yet they do not want to take on the biggest factors driving the growth of government, we have got a problem.

By Star Parker, December 31, 2013, [urbancure.org](http://urbancure.org)

As 2013 comes to a close, it's as good a time as any to do some national soul searching.

Polls show that three out of four Americans say the nation is on the wrong track. Disapproval ratings of our president are lodged above fifty percent.

Clearly, whatever was generating the glow that got the most left-wing president in American history elected twice is starting to fade.

Despite the considerable human experience from around the world that socialism does not work, and the considerable experience in our own country that human freedom and capitalism does work, many Americans bought the left-wing sweet talk and sugar-coated promises from Barack Obama that this time things would be different.

As Obamacare socialism implodes, as every conservative observer knew from day one it would, the American people need alternatives, not just to how we get our health care, but to the destructive left-wing vision that has gripped this country over recent years.

And here, the Republican Party leadership needs to shoulder its share of the blame.

Nature abhors a vacuum. It is not enough to know what doesn't work. Citizens need to hear, with clarity, what does work, and this can only happen through courageous, principled leadership.

Leadership, by this standard, from the opposition party, the Republican Party, has been woefully lacking.

Two recent surveys point to the deep confusion among the American people.

A Gallup poll last week reported that 72 percent of Americans identify "big government" as "the biggest threat to the country in the future," the highest percentage since Gallup began reporting this in 1965.

Yet, when asked in a Pew Research Center survey, also reported last week, which parts of the federal budget should be scaled back to deal with the deficit, most Americans do not want to touch what is the biggest problem – entitlement spending.

Social Security and Medicare take 36 percent of the federal budget compared to 18 percent that goes to defense spending. And projections show entitlement spending rapidly growing to take an increasingly larger chunk of the federal budget.

Yet 69 percent of Americans are opposed to taking on Social Security and Medicare to deal with the deficit while only 40 percent are opposed to cutting the defense budget. Even a majority of Republicans – 62 percent – don't want to touch Social Security and Medicare.

When most Americans feel the biggest threat facing us is big government, yet they do not want to take on the biggest factors driving the growth of government, we have got a problem.

This is a problem that can only be addressed through leadership. And at this writing, that leadership is absent.

Not only absent, but things are moving in the wrong direction.

The Wall Street Journal reports this week, "Republican leaders and their corporate allies have launched an array of efforts aimed at diminishing the clout of the party's most conservative activists..."

Americans desperately need leaders today who will be honest that we cannot go on with Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid structured as they are.

Ideas abound how we can get better and cheaper health care through genuinely free markets. But it will never happen without leaders willing to say it.

And we need leaders who are willing to be honest about the moral collapse of our country. Societies without virtue and personal responsibility cannot bear the burdens of

freedom and reap its benefits. Can a free country really live with almost half its babies born to unwed mothers?

We got to where we are today as result of political leaders who thought American freedom is on automatic pilot.

It's not. Freedom requires eternal vigilance.

Minority Leader Mitch McConnell and Speaker John Boehner should be on alert that conservatives have just begun to fight. We're hanging out the Help Wanted sign for a new generation of principled, conservative leaders.

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## The NSA Intercepts Computers, Plants Bugs



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If you got a shiny new computer for Christmas, you may want to check it for bugs. A report from the German magazine *Der Spiegel* reveals how the National Security Agency's intrusive data collection efforts go far beyond so-called "metadata" collection, detailing how the NSA sometimes intercepts computer deliveries in order to plant spyware to monitor user activity and gain backdoor access to the electronics.

According to the report, NSA has intercepted and compromised computers, hard drives, routers and other electronic equipment from Cisco, Dell, Western Digital, Seagate, Maxtor, Samsung, Huawei and other big-name technology companies.

In what is described as one of the NSA's "most productive operations," the agency can collaborate with the FBI and CIA to intercept new computers and electronic equipment en route to its intended destination and retrofit the devices with espionage software or hardware designed to create a log and provide access to a user's every activity.

Based on information obtained by the magazine, NSA expects to have backdoor access to 85,000 computers around the world by the end of 2013 via physical modifications or network hacking. That's up from 21,252 in 2008.

*Der Spiegel* also reports that the NSA also has a listing of tools resembling a mail order catalog to give its spies the ability to do everything from computer monitoring to phone call interception.

From the report:

...And no matter what walls companies erect, the NSA's specialists seem already to have gotten past them.

This, at least, is the impression gained from flipping through the 50-page document. The list reads like a mail-order catalog, one from which other NSA employees can order technologies ... for tapping their targets' data. The catalog even lists the prices for these electronic break-in tools, with costs ranging from free to \$250,000.

With its ability to intercept computers and install spy software in addition to its digital data penetration and collection abilities, the NSA has essentially gained the ability to penetrate the security of just about every major technology firm.

Many of the firms that the NSA exploits to gain user data by physical and electronic means have no idea that they are providing information to the spy agency, according to the report.

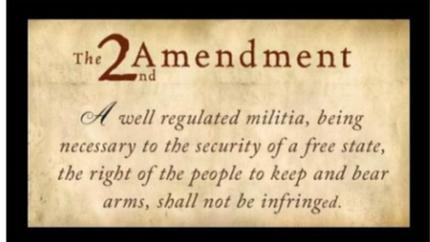
In one example, *Der Spiegel* reveals that the NSA has the ability to spy on all of Microsoft Corp.'s crash reports, the messages sent to users and Microsoft engineers when a program malfunctions on a consumer's machine. The crash reports are used to help the agency find better ways to infect users' computers with spyware. The magazine cites one NSA document that jokingly

replaces the standard Microsoft error message a user sees when a crash report is sent with, "This information may be intercepted by a foreign sigrant (signals intelligence) system to gather detailed information and better exploit your machine."

In an email to *USA Today*, Microsoft said that it was completely unaware of the government's activities.

"Microsoft does not provide any government with direct or unfettered access to our customer's data," a company representative said. "We would have significant concerns if the allegations about government actions are true."

## Threatened Use of Force Bill to be Heard in Senate Wednesday January 8th



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**SB 448** and the companion **HB 89** deal with people threatening to use

force, notably deadly force. This bill is needed due to certain prosecutorial abuses where people have been incarcerated under minimum mandatory laws due to their threatening to use deadly force, such as firing a warning shot. SB 448 has three committees to clear. HB 89 has 39 co-sponsors and has already cleared one of three committees. We will send out updates as the bill moves in the House.

Please call or email and ask the Senators to pass this bill next Wednesday.

**WHERE:** Senate Criminal Justice Committee, Senate Office Building Room 37

## -Interesting Science- Dogs Are Sensitive to Small Variations of the Earth's Magnetic Field

By Vlastimil Hart, Petra Nováková, Erich Pascal Malkemper, Sabine Begall, Vladimír Hanzal, Miloš Ježek, Tomáš Kučta, Veronika Němcová, Jana Adámková, Kateřina Benediktová, Jaroslav Červený and Hynek Burda, December 27, 2013, [Frontierzinzology.com](http://Frontierzinzology.com)

### Introduction

Several mammalian species spontaneously align their body axis with respect to the Earth's magnetic field (MF) lines in diverse behavioral contexts. Magnetic alignment is a suitable paradigm to scan for the occurrence of magnetosensitivity across animal taxa with the heuristic potential to contribute to the understanding of the mechanism of magnetoreception and identify further functions of magnetosensation apart from navigation. With this in mind we searched for signs of magnetic alignment in dogs. We measured the direction of the body axis in 70 dogs of 37 breeds during defecation (1,893 observations) and urination (5,582 observations) over a two-year period. After complete sampling, we sorted the data according to the geomagnetic conditions prevailing during the respective sampling periods. Relative declination and intensity changes of the MF during the respective dog walks were calculated from daily magnetograms. Directional preferences of dogs under different MF conditions were analyzed and tested by means of circular statistics.

### Results

Dogs preferred to excrete with the body being aligned along the North-south axis under calm MF conditions. This directional behaviour was abolished under Unstable MF. The best predictor of the behavioral switch was the rate of change in declination, i.e., polar orientation of the MF.

### Conclusions

It is for the first time that (a) magnetic sensitivity was proved in dogs, (b) a measurable, predictable behavioral reaction upon natural MF fluctuations could be unambiguously proven in a mammal, and (c) high sensitivity to small changes in polarity, rather than in intensity, of MF was identified as biologically meaningful. Our findings open new horizons in magnetoreception research. Since the MF is calm in only about 20 % of the daylight period, our findings might provide an explanation why many magnetoreception experiments were hardly replicable and why directional values of records in diverse observations are frequently compromised by scatter.