

"Firearms are second only to the Constitution in importance; they are the peoples' liberty's teeth"
— [George Washington](#)

Obama's 23 executive orders on gun control: Doctors become snitches, gun ownership is a 'disease' and more

By Mike Adams, January 16, 2012, [naturalnews.com](#)

As promised, President Obama has issued 23 executive orders as part of his campaign to disarm the American people and strip them of their Second Amendment rights. These executive orders include things like turning doctors into police state snitches by ordering them to "ask patients about their guns."

It also orders the CDC to begin studying gun violence and gun ownership as if it were a "disease." This will no doubt become part of the mental health "solution" to disarming the public. Anyone who expresses a desire to own a gun will simply be labeled mentally ill and then denied the ability to purchase or possess otherwise legal firearms.

The following description of the 23 executive orders was provided by the White House. **These descriptions are almost certainly deceptions**, so don't take them at face value. The devil is in the details, as we all know, so until we get a chance to look at the actual wording of each executive order, we won't really know what Obama is trying to pull outside of law, without Congress and in violation of the U.S. Constitution.

These orders also **completely ignore the issue of the psychiatric drugging of children**, which we know is linked to nearly every school shooting that has taken place.

Furthermore, Obama has completely ignored the issue of violent video games, violent movies and violent television programming.

But here's the list provided by the White House so far:

1. Issue a Presidential Memorandum to require federal agencies to make relevant data available to the federal background check system.
2. Address unnecessary legal barriers, particularly relating to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, that may prevent states from making information available to the background check system.
3. Improve incentives for states to share information with the background check system.
More In Guns
4. Direct the Attorney General to review categories of individuals prohibited from having a gun to make sure dangerous people are not slipping through the cracks.
5. Propose rulemaking to give law enforcement the ability to run a full background check on an individual before returning a seized gun.
6. Publish a letter from ATF to federally licensed gun dealers providing guidance on how to run background checks for private sellers.
7. Launch a national safe and responsible gun ownership campaign.
8. Review safety standards for gun locks and gun safes (Consumer Product Safety Commission).
9. Issue a Presidential Memorandum to require federal law enforcement to trace guns recovered in criminal investigations.
10. Release a DOJ report analyzing information on lost and stolen guns and make it widely available to law enforcement.
11. Nominate an ATF director.
12. Provide law enforcement, first responders, and school officials with proper training for active shooter situations.

13. Maximize enforcement efforts to prevent gun violence and prosecute gun crime.
14. Issue a Presidential Memorandum directing the Centers for Disease Control to research the causes and prevention of gun violence.
15. Direct the Attorney General to issue a report on the availability and most effective use of new gun safety technologies and challenge the private sector to develop innovative technologies.
16. Clarify that the Affordable Care Act does not prohibit doctors asking their patients about guns in their homes.
17. Release a letter to health care providers clarifying that no federal law prohibits them from reporting threats of violence to law enforcement authorities.
18. Provide incentives for schools to hire school resource officers.
19. Develop model emergency response plans for schools, houses of worship and institutions of higher education.
20. Release a letter to state health officials clarifying the scope of mental health services that Medicaid plans must cover.
21. Finalize regulations clarifying essential health benefits and parity requirements within ACA exchanges.
22. Commit to finalizing mental health parity regulations.
23. Launch a national dialogue led by Secretaries Sebelius and Duncan on mental health.

Common Core Standards for Public Schools: A Bad Idea



Phyllis Schlafly, [creators.com](#)

The No Child Left Behind Act, which allowed states to set their own public school standards for "proficiency," is opposed and considered a failure by all factions in the education world. Therefore, we obviously should force all kids in every state to be held to uniform national standards of proficiency. Right?

No — wrong. But that bad idea is being aggressively promoted by the Obama administration. The mailed fist in the velvet glove is the extraordinary river of taxpayers' money used to force compliance. Having taken over major parts of the banking industry, the mortgage industry, the auto industry, the college student-loan industry and the health care industry, the Obama administration is now taking over the \$600 billion public-school industry with taxpayers' money from the stimulus package. The White House concedes that "stimulus" is a negative word and avoids its use because it obviously didn't stimulate jobs, but stimulus dollars will stimulate the takeover of our children's minds under Common Core Standards, the moniker for forcing national curriculum standards on all public schools.

Imposing common-core national standards sounds so alluring to those who look to the Obama administration to solve all our problems. We would get rid of our messy, different 50-state variations of standards, and make our kids smarter by incentivizing them to aspire to a higher bar of achievement, make them all college-ready, enable them to rank higher on international tests and enable them to better compete in the new global economy.

Au contraire. For starters, the imposition of national standards isn't constitutional. Nothing in the U.S. Constitution authorizes the federal government to exercise any control over education, and this limitation is reinforced by a longstanding federal law that forbids the federal government "to mandate, direct or control ... school's curriculum, program of instruction, or allocation

of state or local resources." But the Obama administration isn't known for checking out its authority with the Constitution or the law. And control of public school curriculum is a very desirable prize for those who seek to control the future.

Even Jimmy Carter's secretary of health, education, and welfare, Joseph Califano, admitted in 1977, "National control of curriculum is a form of national control of ideas." The bait is use of our money — lots of it.

The Obama administration plans to do an end-run around the Constitution and the federal law by tying the Common Core Standards to the granting or denying of federal appropriations, both the \$4.35 billion Race to the Top money and even Title I funding.

That effectively makes the Common Core Standards compulsory because state politicians are not likely to turn down billions of dollars.

So far, at least 36 states plus the District of Columbia have adopted Common Core Standards. Only Texas and Virginia have indicated reluctance to adopt. Much of the argument for Common Core Standards is that our decentralized, 50-state control of curriculum is so unlike educational systems in most other countries — but, so what! Americans honor our exceptionalism and our federalism, and we don't want to be "fundamentally transformed" into European-style socialism.

Conclusions offered by the research into systems used in other countries are thin, unpersuasive and largely irrelevant to the United States. The countries cited have a long tradition of central government control plus a largely homogeneous culture, whereas the United States has a diverse population and strong traditions of parental authority, limited government and state (not federal) control of education.

There is absolutely no assurance that parents or the public will approve the content of the proposed Common Core Standards. Many so-called education experts openly advocate imposing curriculum standards on content that parents find offensive, such as non-phonics in reading instruction and left-wing and feminist propaganda in social studies, and on methodology such as deliberately not teaching facts or basic arithmetic skills in order to emphasize creativity.

The better way to go is toward what is known as school choice — i.e., allowing parents to choose the school they want for their children, a.k.a. the free market in education. Private choice would sort out the curricula that do the job of making kids smart.

Children will never be adequately educated under a system run by bureaucrats handing out money and the teachers unions (the National Education Association and the American Federation of Teachers) spending the money in the classroom. The NEA and the AFT also have millions of dollars extracted from their members to lobby for policies they want to have enacted by Congress, state legislatures and school boards and also to elect their favored political candidates.

Martin Luther King Jr. Trivia and Fun Facts



www.imdb.com/name/nm0455052/bio#trivia

January 20, 1986 was the first national celebration of King's birthday as a holiday. Martin Luther King Jr. received a "C" in his public speaking class. Although with his passion and overcoming adversities he delivered one of the most famous speeches of all time. Won Nobel Peace Prize on December 10, 1964. Was stabbed in 1958 while promoting his book, "Stride Toward Freedom".

Earned Ph.D. in systematic theology in 1955.

Spouse: Coretta Scott King (Married from 18 June 1953 - 4 April 1968 [his death]) with 2 daughters, 2 sons
Children: Yolanda King (b. 1955), Martin Luther King III (b. 1957), Dexter King (b. 1961), Bernice King (b. 1963).

Graduated from Morehouse College in Atlanta, GA, in 1948.

January 20, 1986 was the third Monday in January, and consequently, the third Monday in January is an official holiday in the U.S. honoring Dr. King. To date, all 50 states observe the King holiday.

Birth name: Michael Luther King Jr.

His father was also named Michael Luther King, but changed his first name to Martin when he became a minister. The younger Michael changed his name to Martin as well, initially against his father's wishes.

Is the only U.S. citizen to have a national holiday dedicated to him.

Pictured on a 15¢ US commemorative postage stamp in the Black Heritage USA series, issued 13 January 1979.

Was a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated.

Time Magazine's "Man of the Year" (1963)

Pictured on a commemorative 25 cent postage label issued by the (now defunct) Independent Postal System of America in 1973.

Was a Trekkie (a fan of the original "Star Trek" (1966) TV series).

Encouraged Nichelle Nichols to remain on the original "Star Trek" (1966) series (according to William Shatner's "Star Trek Memories").

Subject of the U2 song "Pride (In the Name of Love)" from their 1984 album "The Unforgettable Fire".

Santa Monica auditorium named in his honor with daughter Yolanda King officiating and performer/activist Anthony Begonia organizing the music. [January 2006]

He stated that he would not live to be 40. He died aged 39.

Is portrayed by LeVar Burton in Ali (2001).

Among his personal, non-violent reform heroes was Mahatma Gandhi (1869-1948).

During the funeral, his casket was pulled by a mule-driven cart down Atlanta's main street.

Was a vegetarian.

Publicly spoke out against the Vietnam War in 1967.

On King's 60th birthday in 1988, the U.S. government unveiled a statue memorial of his likeness, to commemorate the progress of civil rights.

Grandfather of Yolanda Renee King.

Younger brother of Willie Christine King and Alfred Daniel King.

Son of Martin Luther King and Alberta Williams King.



Saving Private Smoke: Wounded Soldier and War Puppy Reunite

By Maria Goodavage, January 26, 2012, dogster.com

A wounded soldier and the puppy he rescued on the front lines of Afghanistan in exchange for three cigarettes have been reunited after months of separation.

A mortar attack severely wounded Private First Class Donny Eslinger in September 2011. He was swept into emergency medical care, first at Kandahar Airfield, then Germany, and now at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland. He never had a chance to say goodbye to his beloved pup, whom he had named Smoke Pup Barbarian, and toted around in his backpack when he could.

But the squad leader of Eslinger's platoon didn't want to see Eslinger without his dog, or the dog without Eslinger. He wrote to a magnificent group called The Puppy Rescue Mission, whose motto is "Soldiers Saving Puppies, Puppies Saving Soldiers":

"Smoke was the only bit of morale that made these kids forget where they were and cope with the tragedy we just experienced. It is amazing how therapeutic a little

creature can be. Donny took care of that dog up until he was injured. Many of us in his Platoon would love nothing more than to see Smoke reunited with Donny. It would be the only decent thing we would see come from this place."

After a great deal of paperwork and fundraising, the two were reunited at the hospital this week, and word is that the two couldn't be happier. Check them out in the photo below.



Smoke has grown up since last seeing Eslinger. They've both been through so much since September. And now the pup who was rescued by the soldier may well help rescue the soldier.

(I wrote a book about the soldier-dog relationship, in case you'd like to read more about the incredible bond they form. It's called *Soldier Dogs: The Untold Story of America's Canine Heroes*. It's coming out in March, and I just rolled out my Soldier Dogs website a couple of days ago. Please come visit and have a look around. The site features some wonderful bonus photos of dogs and their soldiers, sailors, airmen, and Marines.)



The War against U.N. Agenda 21 Just Got Hotter

Dr. Llane Johnson Paugh, January 6, 2013, canadafreepress.com

The war against U.N. Agenda 21 just got hotter in Virginia. Thinking Americans understand now what U.N. Agenda 21 is and are not backing down from fighting the anti-American, anti-prosperity, wealth redistribution scheme of the United Nations against our way of life.

The U.N. has deemed commercial agriculture unsustainable and has used taxpayer dollars and local supervisors to re-zone, re-shape, and prohibit land use for local agriculture or building that is not approved by their bio-diversity plan of limiting human habitation – all in the name of saving the planet.

Our planet does not need saving, Mother Earth is doing fine. The problem lies with progressive humans in positions of power who want to control everything we do while they line their pockets with our hard-earned taxpayer dollars.

Unfair regulatory actions against Martha Boneta, a farmer in Fauquier County, Virginia, "violate fundamental rights and unfairly restrict her property rights." Delegate L. Scott Lingamfelter (R-Woodbridge/31st district) plans to strengthen Virginia's Right to Farm Act and to "protect farmers against future encroachments by local government."

Delegate Lingamfelter, who represents four of the Fauquier County's 20 voting precincts, is planning a press conference to discuss his proposed legislation on January 8, 2013 in Richmond, Virginia. Two prominent property rights advocates will be in attendance, Joel Salatin and Mark Fitzgibbons.

"Martha Boneta's rights have been wrongly challenged. I am bringing legislation in the 2013 session of the General Assembly to improve the Right to Farm Act here in Virginia, so small farmers like Martha will enjoy fully their property rights. It's not about demonizing anyone in this controversy. It's about standing by property rights and our Founder's vision."

Local Governments for Sustainability, formerly known as ICLEI, the International Council on Local Environmental Initiatives, has been quite successful since 1992, when U.N. Agenda 21 was adopted, in infiltrating and recruiting local governments to do their bidding. When Americans exposed their nefarious plans, they have changed their name. Their main goal is to control zoning and land use.

Martha Boneta's plight and subsequent lawsuit stemmed from a planned birthday party for eight ten-year olds on her farm. County officials notified her that she should have obtained a prior permit for hosting this party and

thus would be fined \$5,000 for failing to abide by the local ordinance. She was charged with two additional violations of up to \$5,000 each, one for advertising a pumpkin carving and another for operating a small shop on her property from which Martha sold her fresh produce and homemade crafts. The county made these allegations without ever setting foot on her farm. The Fauquier county board of zoning appeals upheld the zoning administrator's decision that Boneta held "temporary and/or special events without the required county approvals."

I have written about Martha's plight in my book, "U.N. Agenda 21: Environmental Piracy." Martha purchased a ruined and abandoned farm under an agricultural conservation easement. Nothing in the bill of sale was mentioned that she could not farm. A lot of hard work, sweat, and tears went into breathing life into this property. She never dreamed that stumbling blocks would be placed in front of her along the way by the very Americans who are supposed to protect our freedoms.

She got a business license. She built an apiary, harvested hay, grew herbs, and rescued 165 animals, sold chicken, duck, turkey, emu eggs, candles made from beeswax, birdhouses, and fiber from llamas and alpacas.

First, she was told she could not cut grass on her property. Then she had to fence in 20 acres for two years because it was considered "hallowed ground," although nobody died there during the Civil War, it was just an encampment area. By this rule, the whole state of Virginia should be cordoned off to any kind of use due to its many battlefields and movements of troops across the state. After two years, a "clerical error" was declared and Martha could use her land; no reimbursement for loss of property or revenue.

A trench was dug to prevent parking on her property because it might obscure the view shed. Then came the infamous pumpkin carving party that actually never took place, it was cancelled. Yet the harassment from the county and the moneyed environmentalists never stopped. These people prefer and define farming as penny-loafer farming, running a few horses on lush endless green grass fields, nothing to grow that people would need.

The battle did not stop with Martha. Thirteen vintners filed lawsuits against the same county for not being allowed to serve wine on their premises after 6 p.m., another Fauquier County restriction passed to please one vintner who chose to close early. Why leave things alone? Force everyone to do the same, control what everyone else does.

Americans are waking up when they run into legal battles at the state and local levels involving zoning issues driven by one ultimate goal, global governance. The U.N. Agenda 21 "soft law" document is not legally binding per se but morally obligatory. Unfortunately, so many of its 40 chapters of rules have already been written into law within other laws passed by Congress and they provide specific rules and regulations about local organizations and their practices, limiting everyone's behavior and freedom, individuals and organizations alike. Add zoning ordinances passed by local and state governments and you have a recipe for disaster, total control of what you do with your own property.

Declaration of Orders We Will NOT Obey

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1. We will NOT obey orders to disarm the American people.
2. We will NOT obey orders to conduct warrantless searches of the American people
3. We will NOT obey orders to detain American citizens as "unlawful enemy combatants" or to subject them to military tribunal.
4. We will NOT obey orders to impose martial law or a "state of emergency" on a state.
5. We will NOT obey orders to invade and subjugate any state that asserts its sovereignty.
6. We will NOT obey any order to blockade American cities, thus turning them into giant concentration camps.
7. We will NOT obey any order to force American citizens into any form of detention camps under any pretext.
8. We will NOT obey orders to assist or support the use of any foreign troops on U.S. soil against the American people to "keep the peace" or to "maintain control."
9. We will NOT obey any orders to confiscate the property of the American people, including food and other essential supplies.
10. We will NOT obey any orders which infringe on the right of the people to free speech, to peaceably assemble, and to petition their government for a redress of grievances.

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The Delphi



Technique: Let's Stop Being Manipulated!

By Albert V. Burns, Etherzone.com, September 23, 2002

More and more, we are seeing citizens being invited to "participate" in various forms of meetings, councils, or boards to "help determine" public policy in one field or another. They are supposedly being included to get "input" from the public to help officials make final decisions on taxes, community growth or whatever the particular subject matter might be.

Sounds great, doesn't it? Unfortunately, surface appearances are often deceiving.

You, Mr. or Mrs. Citizen, decide to take part in one of these meetings.

Generally, you will find that there is already someone designated to lead or "facilitate" the meeting. Supposedly, the job of the facilitator is to be a neutral, non-directing helper to see that the meeting flows smoothly.

Actually, he or she is there for exactly the opposite reason: to see that the conclusions reached during the meeting are in accord with a plan already decided upon by those who called the meeting.

The process used to "facilitate" the meeting is called the Delphi Technique. This Delphi Technique was developed by the RAND Corporation for the U.S. Department of Defense back in the 1950s. It was originally intended for use as a psychological weapon during the cold war.

However, it was soon recognized that the steps of Delphi could be very valuable in manipulating ANY meeting toward a predetermined end.

How does the process take place? The techniques are well developed and well defined.

First, the person who will be leading the meeting, the facilitator or Change Agent must be a likable person with whom those participating in the meeting can agree or sympathize.

It is, therefore, the job of the facilitator to find a way to cause a split in the audience, to establish one or a few of the people as "bad guys" while the facilitator is perceived as the "good guy."

Facilitators are trained to recognize potential opponents and how to make such people appear aggressive, foolish, extremist, etc. Once this is done, the facilitator establishes himself or herself as the "friend" of the rest of the audience.

The stage is now set for the rest of the agenda to take place.

At this point, the audience is generally broken up into "discussion—or 'breakout'—groups" of seven or eight people each. Each of these groups is to be led by a subordinate facilitator.

Within each group, discussion takes place of issues, already decided upon by the leadership of the meeting. Here, too, the facilitator manipulates the discussion in the desired direction, isolating and demeaning opposing viewpoints.

Generally, participants are asked to write down their ideas and disagreements with the papers to be turned in and "compiled" for general discussion after the general meeting is reconvened.

This is the weak link in the chain, which you are not supposed to recognize. Who compiles the various notes

into the final agenda for discussion? Ahhhh! Well, it is those who are running the meeting.

How do you know that the ideas on your notes were included in the final result? You Don't! You may realize that your idea was not included and come to the conclusion that you were probably in the minority. Recognize that every other citizen member of this meeting has written his or her likes or dislikes on a similar sheet of paper and they, too, have no idea whether their ideas were "compiled" into the final result! You don't even know if anyone's ideas are part of the final "conclusions" presented to the reassembled group as the "consensus" of public opinion.

Rarely does anyone challenge the process, since each concludes that he or she was in the minority and different from all the others.

So, now, those who organized the meeting in the first place are able to tell the participants *and the rest of the community* that the conclusions, reached at the meeting, are the result of public participation.

Actually, the desired conclusions had been established, in the back room, long before the meeting ever took place. There are variations in the technique to fit special situations but, in general, the procedure outlined above takes place.

The natural question to ask here is: If the outcome was preordained *before* the meeting took place, why have the meeting? Herein lies the genius of this Delphi Technique.

It is imperative that the general public believe that this program is theirs! They thought it up! They took part in its development! Their input was recognized!

If people believe that the program is theirs, they will support it.

If they get the slightest hint that the program is being imposed upon them, they will resist.

This very effective technique is being used, over and over and over, to change our form of government from the representative republic, intended by the Founding Fathers, into a "participatory democracy." Now, citizens chosen at large are manipulated into accepting preset outcomes while they believe that the input they provided produced the outcomes which are now theirs! The reality is that the final outcome was already determined long before any public meetings took place, determined by individuals unknown to the public. Can you say "Conspiracy?"

These "Change Agents" or "Facilitators" can be beaten! They may be beaten using their own methods against them.

Because it is so important, I will repeat the suggestions I gave in the last previous column. One: Never, never lose your temper! Lose your temper and lose the battle, it is that simple! Smile, if it kills you to do so. Be courteous at all times. Speak in a normal tone of voice.

Two: Stay focused! Always write your question or statement down in advance to help you remember the exact manner in which your question or statement was made.

These agents are trained to twist things to make anyone not acceding to their agenda look silly or aggressive. Smile, wait till the change agent gets done speaking and then bring them back to your question. If they distort what you said, simply remind those in the group that what he or she is saying is not what you asked or said and then repeat, verbatim, from your notes the original objection.

Three: Be persistent! Wait through any harangues and then repeat the original question. (Go back and reread the previous column.)

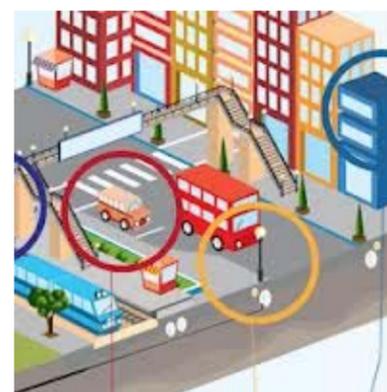
Four: (I wish to thank a reader of the previous column for some EXCELLENT suggestions.) Don't go alone! Get as many friends or relatives who think as you do, to go along with you to the meeting. Have each person "armed" with questions or statements which all generally support your central viewpoint. Don't sit together as a group! Spread out through the audience so that your group does not seem to be a group.

When the facilitator or change agent avoids answering your question and insists that he must move on so everyone may have a chance to speak, your own agents in the audience can then ask questions, worded differently, but still with the same meaning as yours. They can bring the discussion back to your original point.

They could even point out, in a friendly manner, that the agent did not really answer your question. The more the agent avoids your question, and the more your friends bring that to the attention of the group, the more the audience will shift in your favor.

To quote my informant: "Turn the technique back on them and isolate the change agent as the kook. I've done it and seen steam come out of the ears of those power brokers in the wings who are trying to shove something down the citizen's throats. And it's so much fun to watch the moderator squirm and lose his cool, all while trying to keep a smile on his face."

Now that you understand how meetings are manipulated, let's show them up for the charlatans which they are.



Taylor County Vision 2060 Plan

Taylor County has developed a program called Vision 2060, which is a guide the county's development during the next 50 years. **The program has used sustainable development (smart growth) policies that very much parallel those found in the U.N. program called Agenda 21.** Agenda 21 was introduced in 1992 at a conference in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. At the completion of this conference over 178 nations signed the 40 chapter document. President George H.W. Bush signed the document for the United States. In 1993 the Agenda 21 (soft law) program was implemented by President Bill Clinton in an Executive Order 13575.

The Taylor County Vision Plan was unanimously adopted by a County Commission vote on May 5, 2008. The American Planning Association gave the Vision Plan an award. Here is the information from the Taylor County website:

"The American Planning Association Florida Chapter (APA-FL) has announced that the Taylor County Vision 2060 has been selected for an APA Florida Award of Excellence. Awards of Excellence recognize outstanding planning projects that had been completed within the last two years. Projects are evaluated using the following criteria: Significance to the planning field; Innovation; Transferability; Quality; Implementation; and Comprehensiveness. The Taylor County Vision 2060 will be recognized at the Awards Ceremony of the APA-FL Annual State Conference on Tuesday, September 11, 2008, in Miami, Florida."

But **now** there's a problem for Taylor County and the APA.

Smart Growth is much further advanced in Europe. According to an article by Wendell Cox in www.newgeography.com dated June 28, 2012, the APA said that the **Smart Growth program isn't working.** Here is a quote from this article:

"A new analysis from the United Kingdom concludes that smart growth (compact city) policies are not inherently preferable to other urban land use policy regimes, despite the claims of proponents. 'The current planning policy

strategies for land use and transport have virtually no impact on the major long-term increases in resource and energy consumption. They generally tend to increase costs and reduce economic competitiveness.' The article goes on: 'Claims that compaction will make cities more sustainable have been debated for some time, but they lack conclusive supporting evidence as to the environmental and, particularly, economic and social effects.'

These would not be surprising findings to *newgeography.com* readers, who are accustomed to similar analyses rooted in economic, demographic, and environmental data. However, this article appeared in the Spring 2012 issue of the *Journal of the American Planning Association*, under the title, "Growing Cities Sustainably: Does Urban Form Really Matter?"

Moreover, the authors are urban planning insiders, including Marcial H. Echenique, a land use and transport professor at Cambridge University, Anthony J. Hargreaves from the Martin Centre for Architectural Studies at Cambridge, Gordon Mitchell from the Faculty of the Environment at the University of Leeds and Anil Namdea of the School of Engineering at the University of Newcastle.

Smart Growth Criticisms

Many of the British critiques parallel those made by critics of smart growth for years. They focus particularly on the concern that smart growth generally has neglected economic and social costs. For example, smart growth policies lead to higher house prices by rationing land (such as with urban growth boundaries). Higher house prices lead to less discretionary income for households, so that there is less money for other goods and services, lowering employment levels. The resulting densification leads to more intense traffic congestion, with resulting economic losses and more intense air pollution, which is less healthful."

So now Taylor County Commissioners should be asking themselves, "How do we get out of this mess?"



REGIONALISM IS COMMUNISM

By Charlotte Iserbyt, February 4, 2004, NewsWithViews.com

An article in The Times Record, Brunswick, Maine, dated 2/1/04 entitled "Regional Efforts Taking Root" says, 'About 50 elected officials, planners, natural resources advocates and economic development specialists gathered from every town in Sagadahoc County, Brunswick and Harpswell Thursday to talk about regionalism, a concept that is being encouraged statewide by Governor John N. Baldacci.' (Note: Maine's Governor Baldacci had one of the most, if not the most, socialist voting record of any Congressman during his tenure in Congress. Shouldn't that be adequate warning to our elected officials to at least keep this concept of regionalism at arms length and not to embrace it without studying its origins, unless they themselves are socialists?)

The article goes on to quote an elected official on the Town Council as saying: 'A first step will be to educate the public about the importance of regionalism so citizens will support these efforts. **We need to shock people a little bit.**'

Well, she sure shocked me with that comment. She has also given us fair warning that resistance to this change in governance will not be tolerated; we must be educated to see the benefits of failed socialism (regionalism) over those of our highly successful republican form of government which is designed to protect the rights of the individual rather than those of the group (state).

This article was a reminder I'm really getting old. I feel great and never think much about my age until I run across articles such as this one which covered a meeting during which well-meaning "younger-than-I" elected or unelected officials casually discuss changes in government which will spell economic, political and

social ruin for our cities, towns, and nation (which means "us").

These well-meaning individuals who are recommending regionalism to solve financial and planning problems, have, through no fault of their own, been **deliberately dumbered down** (denied an education in the workings of our republican form of government which is the antithesis of the form of governance they are considering. I know "maleducation" is a fact due to an incident in 1974 when my son's 11th grade public school teacher, a so-called "conservative" Republican, by the way, gave his class an assignment to write a paper on different forms of governance. My son wrote his paper on regional government and received a D for his politically incorrect effort. His conclusions, which were based on the scholarly research of the late Jo Hindman (The Metrocrats, Blame Metro, and Terrible 1313 Revisited, Caxton Printers, Ltd.) were that **regional governance cannot coexist within a republican form of government since regional governance does away with or dilutes local representation and eliminates borders between towns, counties, states, and even countries.** The latter can be observed in Europe with nations ceding their sovereignty and distinct cultures to the European Union (region), which former Soviet President Gorbachev enthusiastically refers to as the "New European Soviet". Gorbachev also said in a speech to the Soviet Central Committee on November 2, 1987, 'We are moving toward a new world, the world of communism. We shall never turn off that road.'

Regional Governance emanates from the United Nations, which was formed in 1945 by a majority of communists, and it is essential for United States' participation in the world government (international redistribution of wealth socialist state) being implemented right now under our very noses. Example: European Union, NAFTA, GATT, and CAFTA, (the Central American Free Trade Association which Congress will vote on shortly, etc. Contact your congressman and tell him to vote no on CAFTA!)

In "*The Globalists, The Power Elite Exposed*", page 304, Denis L. Cuddy, Ph.D, says "Most members of the European Union are already members of The Socialist International, and if other nations around the world can be moved toward socialism and regional economic arrangements, then these regional groupings can be more easily merged into a world socialistic government." This scenario is quite similar to the three-stage plan outlined by Stalin at the 1936 Communist International. At that meeting, the official program proclaimed: "Dictatorship can be established only by a victory of socialism in different countries or groups of countries," after which there would be federal unions of the various groupings of these socialist countries, and the third stage would be an amalgamation of these regional federal unions into a world union of socialist nations.

Readers of this article are surely asking: But she's talking about Stalin and international regional government...what's going on at the local county level has nothing to do with that. Anyway, Communism is dead. The most incriminating evidence regarding regional government being communism is found in "Planning is Socialism's Trademark" by Morris Zeitlin which appeared in the *Communist Daily World*, November 8, 1975. Zeitlin says, 'We (U.S.A.) have no regional government and no comprehensive regional planning to speak of. Regional government and planning remain concepts our urban scholars and planners have long advocated in vain...In socialist countries, metropolitan regions enjoy metropolitan regional government and comprehensive planning. Of the many regions on the vast territory of the Soviet Union the Moscow Region commands special attention, for it has been, since the 1917 Revolution, the country's economic and political center. The economic and functional efficiencies and the social benefits that comprehensive national, regional and city planning make possible in socialist society explain the Soviet Union's enormous and rapid economic and social progress. Conversely, our profit-oriented ruling capitalist class makes comprehensive social and economic planning impossible, causing waste and chaos and dragging the entire nation into misery and suffering as its rule deteriorates and declines.'

In January of this year 'a new world organisation, United Cities and Local Governments (certainly a regional government association if ever there was one! ed.) was launched which will be the interlocutor between local government and the United Nations and will ensure the political representation of local government to the international community. It will progress (sic) local government policies in the key areas of decentralised cooperation, sustainable development, urbanisation, social inclusion and poverty eradication. IULA's Founding Congress will take place in Paris in May of this year.' Go to www.iula-int.org/iula/news.asp for this press release and more information.

I'm glad I'm getting old and won't have to live too many years under this "failed" socialist system which for some reason unknown to this writer is being accepted by persons on the right as well as the left. President Bush is one of its greatest supporters! I question how our elected officials at the local, state and national level who are implementing this totally alien FAILED system of government, can, in good conscience, pass it on to their children and grandchildren.

Thomas Babington Macauley, London, England, writing to an American on May 23, 1857, said "...Your republic will be...laid waste by barbarians in the 20th Century..."



Private Property Rights Bill

Florida will have a new Private Property Rights Bill introduced in the next legislative session. Volunteers from Taylor County as well as all parts of the State have been gathering support for this legislation.

Lines 6 through 13 read:

6 *Relating to public policy, due process, and private real*
7 *property; to strongly reject United Nations Agenda 21*
8 *and its*
9 *ancillary programs; to prohibit the State of Florida and*
10 *all of*
11 *its political subdivisions from adopting and developing*
12 *environmental and developmental policies that, without*
13 *due*
14 *process, would infringe or restrict the sovereignty of the*
15 *State*
16 *of Florida and private property rights of the owner of*
17 *private*
18 *property.*

Liberty minded groups as well as legislators have real concerns about the United Nations Sustainable Development program called Agenda 21. This program is being implemented locally and nationally by non government organizations (NGO's) under a program called Local Agenda 21 (LA 21).

The state of Alabama has passed Senate Bill 477 which bans the U.N. Agenda 21 but more importantly bans the NGO's from implementing the program. Senator Don Gaetz who is president of the Florida Senate has publicly stated that we can expect Anti-Agenda 21 this session.

The supporting petition to Senate President Don Gaetz may be signed by going to the legislative tab at www.agenda21today.com

Ramon's Caesar Salad

Courtesy of Ramon's Restaurant, Cocoa Beach, Florida



Ramon's was a famous restaurant in Cocoa Beach, favored by astronauts in the nineteen sixties and seventies. Not only were the walls lined with autographed pictures of the astronauts, you frequently would find yourself sitting near one in Ramon's Rainbow Room. Many locals dined there weekly and when in town for a launch you simply *had* to go to Ramon's for their fabulous prime rib...and of course Caesar salad! This fine restaurant has long since closed, but this recipe lives on in many families of the space age era.

1 pint (2c) mayonnaise	3 oz. grated Parmesan cheese
¼ tsp. curry powder	¼ c dried onion soup mix
¼ tsp. garlic powder	1 tsp. anchovy paste (optional)
3 eggs	croutons
Romaine lettuce	

Combine everything except the lettuce and croutons in a mixing bowl and stir well. It's best to chill, but not necessary. This is equivalent to 3 regular size bottles of dressing.

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