



## Surge of Asylum-Seekers is Flooding Immigration System



### U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement

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According to Immigration and Customs Enforcement, a sudden influx of illegal immigrants from Mexico requesting asylum has overwhelmed the system. In fact, documents recently obtained by Fox News reveal that Immigration and Customs Enforcement has been paying for hotel rooms for illegal immigrants and their families owing to overcrowded processing centers in San Ysidro and Otay Mesa, California. Some now believe that the increase is actually an orchestrated effort.

In just one day last week, 200 Mexicans crossed the border through the Otay Mesa Port of Entry asking for asylum, while 550 people already overflowed the processing center.

"People were sleeping on floors — they had nowhere to put them," said one source, a long-time border agent and supervisor. "This shouldn't be happening. Unless there is an immediate and well-publicized policy change, this situation will become another debacle."

ICE employees are being asked to work overtime and requests have been made for others to volunteer to work weekend shifts, notes a memo obtained by Fox News. "Duties include intake, placements, transports and release of family groups and unaccompanied minors," the memo reads.

Because the processing centers are unable to house the overwhelming numbers, nearby hotels are being utilized by ICE. One hotel near San Diego witnessed the arrival of ICE vans several times throughout the weekend with immigrant families, who were escorted by two armed, uniformed agents. Two others were used to secure the entrance and side door.

Fox News notes that other hotels have been overwhelmed by the surge of illegal immigrants at the expense of the taxpayers:

Documents obtained by Fox News show that recently on a single day, dozens of illegal immigrants were being transferred to an area hotel where rooms cost \$99 a night. Others were released to addresses in Texas, Florida and even Brooklyn, N.Y.

ICE sources report that the addresses provided by the illegal immigrants are typically false, and when the immigrant does not report for court, they are removed by an immigration judge in absentia.

While the majority of immigrants are from Mexico, some are also from Haiti, Iraq, Guatemala, and Romania.

Those who are entering illegally have learned that they can receive asylum by using some key words, including asserting that they have a "credible fear" of drug cartels. This has some suspicious that there is an effort behind the surge. "This clearly has to have been orchestrated by somebody," said former U.S. Attorney for Southern California Peter Nunez. "It's beyond belief that dozens or hundreds or thousands of people would simultaneously decide that they should go to the U.S. and make this claim."

The Department of Homeland Security issued a statement on the increase of "credible fear" asylum requests.

Credible fear determinations are dictated by long standing statute, not an issuance of discretion. The USCIS officer must find that a "significant possibility" exists that the individual may be found eligible for asylum or withholding or removal.

If the credible fear threshold is met, the individual is placed into removal proceedings in Immigration Court. The final decision on asylum eligibility rests with an immigration judge.

Fox News reports that 91 percent of asylum claims from Mexico are denied. Asylum requests from Mexico are very unusual, leading critics to call the increase in requests an orchestrated charade because it provides the immigrants an opportunity into the United States, allows them to overwhelm the system, and secure a court date for which they never show up. According to ICE sources, anywhere from 600,000 to 800,000 illegal immigrants a year do not show up for their court date.

"Hundreds of thousands of people have never returned and the list of people for whom warrants are outstanding is phenomenal," said Nunez. "We have a long history of people

absconding from immigration hearings of one sort or another; they just blend back into the community."

The Senate Gang of Eight bill will likely provoke a further spike in those seeking asylum. Currently, those who come to the United States seeking asylum face a one year deadline to apply for a visa, but as noted by the *Washington Post* in April, the Senate Gang of Eight's bill would lift that deadline. Those supporting this provision contend that the deadline shuts out those who legitimately seek asylum, but supporters of the deadline assert it prevents fraud.

*Human Events* opined that the new surge of asylum-seekers "looks like a deliberate Cloward-Piven strategy to overwhelm the system, taking advantage of the weaknesses deliberately inserted into U.S. immigration policy."

Even without asylum, illegal immigrants are finding it easier to stay in the United States. "The orders from Washington are to simply turn these people loose," said Ira Mehlman, a spokesman for the Federation for American Immigration Reform. "All you have to say is you qualify for the Dream Act and/or you intend to apply, and they're instructed by their higher-ups to simply turn these people loose, to set them free and let them pursue any path they want."

## E-mails Show Collusion Between IRS and FEC to Target Conservatives



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Emails  
unearthed  
by the  
House Ways  
and Means

Committee seem to show collusion between a Federal Election Commission attorney and the Lois Lerner of the Internal Revenue Service on two separate occasions to influence the record prior to the FEC's vote in the case of a conservative non-profit organization. Not only does the correspondence suggest discrimination of conservative groups by the FEC and the IRS, but it also alludes to the fact that discrimination may have gone beyond the bounds of the IRS and into the FEC.

The American Future Fund (AFF) is the conservative group in question and the correspondence in the emails obtained indicates that an attorney from the FEC sought and received tax information about AFF prior to recommending that AFF be prosecuted for violations of campaign-finance law.

National Review reports:

"Several months ago . . . I spoke with you about the American Future Fund, a 501(c)(4) organization that had submitted an exemption application the IRS [sic]," the FEC attorney wrote Lerner in February 2009. The FEC, which polices violations of campaign-finance laws, is not exempted under [Rule 6103](#), which prohibits the IRS from sharing confidential taxpayer information, but the e-mail indicates Lerner may have provided that information nonetheless: "When we spoke last July, you had told us that the American Future Fund had not received an exemption letter from the IRS," the FEC attorney wrote.

The timing of the correspondence between Lerner and the FEC suggests the FEC attorney sought information from the IRS in order to influence an upcoming vote by the six FEC commissioners. The FEC received a complaint in March 2008 from the Minnesota Democratic Farmer Labor Party alleging that the American Future Fund had violated campaign-finance law by engaging in political advocacy without registering as a political-action committee. The American Future Fund responded to that complaint in June 2008, telling the commission that it had applied for tax exemption in March of that year and was a "501(c)(4) social-welfare organization that was organized to provide Americans with a conservative and free-market viewpoint and mechanism to communicate and advocate on the issues that most interest and concern them." According to the e-mail correspondence, a month after receiving the American Future Fund's response, the FEC general counsel's office — which is prohibited under law from conducting an investigation into an organization before the FEC's six commissioners have voted to do so — contacted Lerner to investigate the agency's tax-exempt status.

The FEC general counsel's office, in its recommendation on the case, apparently didn't tell the agency's commissioners about how it had obtained the information about the group's

tax-exempt status. Recommending that the commissioners prosecute the American Future Fund, the general counsel's office wrote, "According to its response, AFF submitted an application for tax-exempt status to the Internal Revenue Service . . . on March 18, 2008." The footnote to that sentence reads, "The IRS has not yet issued a determination letter regarding AFF's application for exempt status. Based on the information from the response and the IRS website, it is likely that the application is still under review." In fact, an FEC lawyer knew that the organization had yet to obtain tax-exempt status because Lerner provided the confidential information.

A report on American Future Fund was then submitted in September 2008, but would not be voted on until late February 2009. Normally this time would take about a month, not over five.

However, on February 3, 2009, the FEC attorney contacted Lerner for an update about AFF's application. "Could you please tell me whether the IRS has since issued an exemption letter to the American Future Fund?" he asked. "Also if the IRS has granted American Future Fund's exemption, would it be possible for you to send me the publicly available information and documents related to American Future Fund?"

Eventually, the FEC voted 6-0 to close American Future Fund's case.

Calls are now coming from House Ways and Means Committee chairman Dave Camp and oversight-subcommittee chairman Charles Boustany for the IRS to provide all communications between the agency and the FEC between 2008 and 2012.

In a letter sent to acting IRS administrator Danny Werfel on Wednesday, Camp and Boustany wrote, "The American public is entitled to know whether the IRS is inappropriately sharing their confidential tax information with other agencies."

Emails indicate there may have been since the FED attorney also inquired about the American Issues Project in an email to the IRS.

Lerner's history of being aggressive towards conservatives is long and villainous.

Jim Hoft Points out, "Under the direction of Lois Lerner, the Federal Election Commission sued the Christian Coalition in the 1990s. She harassed the Christian Coalition for three election cycles. Eventually, she lost her case. At one point Lerner even asked a targeted conservative if Pat Robertson prayed over him."

"In 1996, while at the FEC, Lois Lerner harassed Republican Senate candidate Al Salvi and made him this outrageous offer, **'Promise me you will never run for office again, and we'll drop this case.'** One of Lerner's minions even asked Salvi to fork over \$200,000 with his promise not to run again."

Lerner pleaded the Fifth Amendment before Congress back in June, even though she took time to say she had done nothing wrong and then blamed others for the targeting. She has been on paid leave since May.

## Congressman Recalls Hillary Screamed at Member for Calling Benghazi Terror Attack



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An Illinois  
Republican  
Congressman  
dropped a  
bombshell

Wednesday night at a town hall meeting, when he told the crowd that two days after the Sept. 11 attack on our consulate in Benghazi, Libya, then-Secretary of State Hillary Clinton "screamed at a member of Congress" for referring to it as an act of terror.

U.S. Rep. Adam Kinzinger, R-Ill., addressed a group of constituents in Rochelle, Ill., when the issue of Benghazi, which resulted in the loss of four American lives came up.

"Two days after this attack we were in a briefing with Hillary Clinton and she screamed at a member of Congress who'd dare suggest that this was a terrorist attack," said Kinzinger.

The attack ended the lives of Amb. Chris Stevens, Sean Smith, Tyrone Woods, and Glen Doherty at the hands of the al-Qaida-affiliated group, Ansar al-Sharia.

## On Obamacare, Tea Party is on Right Track



By Star Parker,  
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Vitriol has gone beyond partisan give-and-take in the nation's politics. It is now seeping into and poisoning the ranks of the Republican Party.

Mainstream

Republican politicians are cringing at the proposal by senators in the Tea Party movement -- Ted Cruz of Texas, Mike Lee of Utah and Marco Rubio of Florida -- that upcoming legislation to appropriate funds to operate the federal government be held hostage on condition that Obamacare funding is withheld.

Republicans opposing this strategy see it as lose-lose. They don't believe this tactic can defund or deliver a deathblow to Obamacare. At the same time, they see it producing more antipathy toward Republicans and branding them as zealots and obstructionists.

I think the Tea Partiers are on the right track, and I think the "mainstream" opposition is missing key, important points. Republicans should be thinking about two objectives. First, fight public resignation that Obamacare will become an inevitable part of our national landscape and continue building public understanding of how bad and dangerous this law is for our health care and our economy.

Second, continue the ongoing work to build public awareness that Republicans are not the party of "no" but the party of "yes" to a conservative agenda, which is really the only viable path to national recovery.

On the first point, the Tea Party strategy is already working.

If Republicans sit politely on the sidelines and allow business as usual to continue in Washington, the American public can only conclude that everything is basically OK. But everything is not basically OK.

We don't even have to look to Republicans to show what a disaster Obamacare is.

The Obama administration itself initiated a one-year delay in implementing one of the most central features of the law -- the mandate on employers to provide government-defined health insurance. No clearer statement could be made of the unworkability of this bureaucratic nightmare.

Now Howard Dean -- former Democratic presidential candidate, Democratic National Committee chairman, Vermont governor and still a physician -- calls for scrapping another central feature of Obamacare: the Independent Payment Advisory Board.

This is the unelected committee of 15 Washington bureaucrats who will play the central role of pricing medical services under Medicare.

Pricing of medical services by bureaucrats is the pure socialism of Obamacare that those opposed to the law said from Day One would not work. Now Dean confirms this.

On the second point, Republicans must wake up to the public relations battle they have lost over recent years. Radical left-wing Democrats have been accepted in the public eye as moderate and reasonable, and conservative Republicans are portrayed as the nutty extremists.

When President Barack Obama took office, the nation was headed toward the bottom of a terrible recession.

His priority then should have been economic recovery.

It was not. He used the honeymoon of his first year in office to enact his socialist dream of government-funded health care.

Obamacare -- The Affordable Care Act -- was passed in March 2010 through legislative sleight of hand and without a single Republican vote. It brings socialism to almost one-fifth of the American economy. Its core features are regulation and the government printing press.

Where is the money going to come from to pay for all the subsidized purchases of government insurance? Where is the money going to come from to pay for the 20 million or so dumped into Medicaid on top of the 60 million already there?

And somehow those who brought us this nightmare are the moderates?

No, the Tea Partiers are right. The future of our country is at stake.

## America's Future is in Our Hands



By Karen  
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During one of the many lightening storms I shut off my computer, which I now do for protection from the surges. I wondered what the Human Capital (Common Cores name for our children) will do if there is a prolonged storm, or brown out or electricity prices necessarily skyrocket?

How will human capital *think* if they cannot press an APP? Our human capital cannot function without electricity and an APP to guide them. They cannot communicate without a device. Look what we have done to our children. We are providing a future for them that will be totally dependent on machines. Communication skills and relationships will be a thing of the past. Teachers, Parents, Family, America and God will become obsolete as we allow machines to take their place. This will be our doing, on our watch. The damage done to this country by progressive, still angry baby boomers of the 60s, is insurmountable unless we stop all political correctness and tell the truth.

Americans are trained in school to never talk about politics and religion and become part of the silent majority. We were trained in school that people over 30 were old school, dumb, didn't get it in the new modern world of fast things and instant gratification. We were taught: to envy our neighbors because we had to have the same or better; never make waves or someone's feeling will get hurt; turn the other cheek no matter what the offense; accept mediocrity as we must all be common and the same; always blame someone else; never take responsibility for anything; actions have no consequences; we must be gratified instantly; patience is not a virtue; retire at 62 and live the good life; don't pay attention to hard unpleasant stuff; don't talk about politics and religion; your elected official will do everything for you.

We learned well, too well. We abrogated raising our family and our responsibility to the school. We watched and joined as angry American hating, God hating flower children of the 60s infiltrated our schools by promoting peace and love. Our problem being, we never asked peace and love of what? Now we are finding that peace means acceptance of every perversion imaginable and love is love of government.

And so we have come full circle. We have become the silent majority, afraid to make waves, because of our job, healthcare, and pension. We paid attention to our jobs so we can retire early and live the good life. Is Bernake's plan to print money propping up the stock market a ruse to silence seniors? If not, it certainly has become exactly that. The 5% of seniors paying America's bills now feel guilty about our fortune so we are happy to pay more of our fair share to help those less fortunate. Stocks that are doing good give us enough money to keep us insulated, so our attention is diverted to play things like vacation, golf, shop, tennis, cars, beach houses etc. After all we worked hard, we deserve it. We will just give more money to the government thinking they will fix everything. It is not our responsibility, we pay our share.

So of what have we to be proud? Americans created some of the most innovative, creative successes for humankind. Instead of treasuring our success and teaching others how to achieve their success, we gave it all away as we left the responsibility of our children (human capital) to a government that we always knew was corrupt. We *think*, after all, I pay my taxes, I donate to charities. What else can I do?

Are we now part of the low information voter pool who knows something is wrong, but will continue to elect the same people who lie and cheat because it is easier than investigating or participating? We think we did our job, we voted. Is that our only job, just to vote?

Will you look in the mirror and say, I am responsible for letting America become just another great country that allowed truth, freedom, liberty and private property slip away by letting common sense run amok? Or will I be the one who will stand up, be heard, use my voice to scream, "America cannot die."

- They came for my children and I did nothing because I did not have young children.
- They came for my privacy and I did nothing because, it doesn't affect me, I did nothing wrong.
- They came for my money and I did nothing and gave because I have plenty.
- They came for my God, morality and values and I did nothing because I didn't want to offend anyone. I must be PC.
- They came for America and I did nothing because truth is no longer important.
- They came for me and I got on the re-education bus, after all I must fit in this new world order.

Or must I fit? American individuals never wanted to fit into any box. That is the formula that makes America great and

different. The strength of America is Americans, who realized that the American spirit means being different, outspoken, and unafraid. America is suffering from an ideological war that is no different than the same war continued for decades. Can we make a difference? We sure can, but only by doing things differently.

Once again, Americans are being asked to step up, step out, connect with neighbors and tell the truth. Can you give up a golf game to go to a community meeting, email, make calls or tutor?

Can you remember that the things we have which make America great did not come to us without hard work and devotion? We did not get liberty and freedom by delegating our responsibility to others. We have liberty and freedom because Americans recognize freedom is not free. What part of history will carry your name? Will you step up for serfdom by doing nothing or will you step up for freedom and participate? Once again America's future is in our hands. Victory is our only option.

## Forced Home Inspections Are Coming With Obamacare

By Eric Odom, August 16, 2013

When the United States Supreme Court, the United States Congress, the United States Senate and Barack Hussein Obama **betrayed America and her Constitution with the passage of the healthcare mandate**, they unleashed a monster that will in the end, crush the rights of a once great nation. You'll find instance after instance of this within any given daily news cycle. Most discussions involve death panels, the necessity to give up private information (such as gun ownership) and national health history databases run by the IRS and other government agencies. There is a new piece, however, that doesn't get discussed much at all.

**Forced home inspections.**

Thanks to a South Carolina state bill that passed the house but failed in the Senate we learn of something very, very ugly coming packaged with Obamacare. As Ben Swann reports:

*"Clearly, any family may be visited by federally paid agents for almost any reason."*

*According to an Obamacare provision, millions of Americans will be targeted.*

*The Health and Human Services' website states that your family will be targeted if you fall under the "high-risk" categories below:*

- Families where mom is not yet 21.*
- Families where someone is a tobacco user.*
- Families where children have low student achievement, developmental delays, or disabilities.*
- Families with individuals who are serving or formerly served in the armed forces, including such families that have members of the armed forces who have had multiple deployments outside the United States.*

*There is no reference to Medicaid being the determinant for a family to be "eligible."*

ts worse. The home visits won't be just about Obamacare eligibility. It will be about killing off private life in every way, shape or form. Take homeschooling, for example.

*Constitutional attorney and author Kent Masterson Brown states,*

*"This is not a "voluntary" program. The eligible entity receiving the grant for performing the home visits is to identify the individuals to be visited and intervene so as to meet the improvement benchmarks. A homeschooling family, for instance, may be subject to "intervention" in "school readiness" and "social-emotional developmental indicators." A farm family may be subject to "intervention" in order to "prevent child injuries." The sky is the limit.*

Once the government has complete control over the healthcare system, families will be at their mercy. And as we've already seen, Congress and the Supreme Court no longer serve to protect our rights. **They now serve as entities that openly violate them.**

South Carolina attempted to confront this with passage of a bill that would empower state authorities to arrest feds who attempt these unconstitutional home inspections. The bill did not make it past the Senate.

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## DID YOU KNOW?

### Smart Grid/Smart Meters

The smart grid technology is proposed for the North American Union (Mexico, U.S. and Canada) just as it is for the European Union.

Your power company or neighbor can spy on your electrical consumption thereby determining what time you go to work or when you are on vacation. This is done by intercepting the digital signal produced by your newly installed smart meter. See AMRUSB-1 AMR receiver.

Your smart meter will soon be monitoring your water consumption (including wells) as well as natural gas usage.

The Smart Grid Interoperability Panel (SGIP) has named Patrick Gannon to CEO and President. In 2006 he was appointed as a high-level Advisor to the United Nations Global Alliance for ICT and Development. One might ask: "What business it is of the United Nations how we operate our electrical distribution?" Is this related to Agenda 21 (One World Order)?

### Government

The **New Mexico Supreme Court** ruled Monday that the inability to speak or understand **English** in a meaningful way cannot be used to dismiss a prospective juror from the selection process. On Tuesday, August 13, the Melbourne City Council Unanimously repealed the red light camera program. Could Florida be far behind?

### Business

Two private operators (Lavabit and Silent Mail) of secure e-mail have discontinued their service to block government surveillance of their customers' electronic messaging.

### Government Integrity

City Manager Auburn Ford, 53 of Havana, Florida has been arrested for violating his probation after law enforcement agents found a firearm in his city issued vehicle.

Agents of the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, arrested former State Representative Mitch Needelman, 60, and his one-time business partner, lobbyist William Matthew Dupree, 47. The two were charged with bid tampering and bribery related to the BlueWare scanning contract signed by Needelman when he was the Brevard County Clerk of the Court. Needelman is also charged with official misconduct for allegedly directing employees to use private email accounts to circumvent public records laws. In addition to Needelman and Dupree, an arrest warrant has been issued for BlueWare CEO Rose Harr, 55, also on bid tampering and bribery charges.

### Taylor County Local

The attorney for the Taylor County Board of County Commissioners stated in a recent meeting that the Board did not need competitive bids for the county health insurance program, which will be an expenditure well over \$1 million dollars annually. Purchase of an item like an automobile requires advertisement and bids.

Taylor County belongs to FAC (Florida Association of Counties) and NACo (National Association of Counties). Both of these organizations work with and have jointly held conferences with U.N. organizations that promote the United Nations Agenda 21 program. Our County Administrator is a board member of FAC's Florida Counties Foundation.

### Agenda 21

SE Florida Sustainable Development Plan (UN Agenda 21) has been rejected by Vero Beach. The plan is called Seven50. The main planner for this regional plan said "Fascism" is the best way to implement plan. The Taylor County plan is called Vision 2060.

## Two Mayors and Two Lobbyists Charged in Separate Corruption Investigations



Mayor of Sweetwater Received More Than \$40,000 in Bribes; Mayor of Miami Lakes Received \$6,750 in Bribes

By U.S. Attorney's Office, Southern District of Florida, August 6, 2013

Wifredo A. Ferrer, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Florida, and Michael B. Steinbach, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Miami Field Office, announce that four individuals have been charged in two separate complaints involving public corruption allegations. The first complaint charges Manuel L. Maroño, 41, the mayor of Sweetwater, and two lobbyists, Jorge L. Forte, 41, and Richard F. Candia, 49, all of Miami, for their alleged participation in a kickback and bribery scheme (the Maroño complaint) in connection with purported federal grants for the city of Sweetwater. The second complaint charges Michael A. Pizzi, 51, the mayor of Miami Lakes and town attorney for the town of Medley, and Richard F. Candia, in a separate kickback and bribery scheme in connection with purported federal grants for both Miami Lakes and Medley (the Pizzi complaint). Both complaints charge the defendants with conspiracy to commit extortion under color of official right, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1951(a).

U.S. Attorney Wifredo A. Ferrer stated, "Our democracy suffers when, as in these cases, elected officials use their power and political influence for personal gain instead of for the public good. Public corruption, at any level of government, corrodes and undermines the public's confidence in our system of government. We are committed to stopping this corrosion and to help restore transparency to local government."

"For the public to have confidence in their government, they must be certain that their elected officials will not use their position for personal gain," said Michael B. Steinbach, Special Agent in Charge, FBI Miami. "We encourage anyone who may have information about corruption to come forward and report it. This information is critical to our work. The South Florida community can be assured that public corruption will remain a top priority for the FBI."

The defendants made their initial appearances in federal court today at 1:30 p.m. before U.S. Magistrate Judge Andrea Simonton. If convicted, the defendants face a maximum statutory penalty of up to 20 years in prison.

### Investigation Background

The investigation began in approximately June 2011, when Candia began dealing with an FBI confidential source and two undercover FBI agents posing as the owners of a Chicago-based grant administration business. During meetings, the undercover agents represented to Candia that, with the aid of corrupt local public officials, they could obtain federal grant moneys, which they would then keep and distribute among themselves. After listening to the undercover agents' proposal, Candia identified Maroño and Pizzi as potential participants in the scheme.

### The Sweetwater Deal—Manuel Maroño

According to the Maroño complaint affidavit, after identifying Maroño as a potential participant in the proposed scheme, Candia introduced Maroño to the undercover agents. Maroño caused the passage of a

resolution in Sweetwater that authorized the undercover agents' company to apply for federal grant moneys on behalf of the city of Sweetwater. After the resolution was passed, Maroño and Forte personally met and negotiated with the undercover agents and accepted a series of cash payments in exchange for Maroño's official action in support of the grant scheme. During these negotiations and meetings, Forte acted as the front man for Maroño.

To further the scheme and avoid detection, Maroño also participated in what he believed to be audit telephone calls from a federal grant auditor to confirm the grantee's performance on the grant. During two separate audit calls, both of which were recorded, Maroño lied to and misled the auditor, who was in fact an undercover FBI agent, about the actual use of the grant money and the grantee's performance. For their actions, Maroño and Forte received \$40,000 and Candia received at least \$5,000 in kickbacks in connection with the Sweetwater deal.

Lastly, Maroño, Forte, and Candia received additional payments for their assistance in identifying other public officials whom they claimed might also be interested in participating in similar grant schemes in their cities. To this end, Maroño, Forte, and Candia used Maroño's position as President of the Florida League of Cities to introduce the scheme to other officials. Maroño and Forte received an additional \$20,000 in cash for these introductions, but no other public officials ultimately participated in the scheme.

### The Miami Lakes/Medley Deals—Michael Pizzi

The second complaint charges Michael Pizzi and Candia with engaging in a similar grant scheme in Miami Lakes and Medley. As more fully explained in the affidavit filed in support of the Pizzi complaint, Candia introduced Pizzi to the undercover FBI agents to help implement the grant scheme in Medley, where Pizzi was the town attorney. After a series of meetings with Candia and the undercover agents, Pizzi initially agreed to participate in the scheme in exchange for \$750 in campaign contributions, which he received in three separate checks delivered to his office by the FBI confidential source.

Thereafter, to aid in the grant scheme's success, Pizzi backdated a document that endorsed the undercover agents' company. Pizzi also handled what he believed to be an audit telephone call from a federal grant auditor to confirm the grantee's performance on the grant. During that call, which was recorded, Pizzi lied to and misled the auditor, who was in fact an undercover FBI agent, about the actual use of the grant money and the grantee's performance. In return for Pizzi's help in Medley, Pizzi received a \$1,000 cash kickback and other things of value.

Later, with the intent of expanding the grant scheme to Miami Lakes, Pizzi worked to get a resolution passed in Miami Lakes that would authorize the undercover FBI agents' company to seek additional grant funds for the city of Miami Lakes. In exchange for his work in Miami Lakes, Pizzi received additional \$2,000 and \$3,000 cash pay-offs.

These cases were investigated by the FBI Miami Area Public Corruption Task Force with assistance from the City of Miami Police Department, Hialeah Police Department, Miami Beach Police Department, Miami Dade Police Department, and Customs and Border Protection-Internal Affairs. The cases are being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Jared E. Dwyer.

A complaint is only an accusation and a defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

Taylor County Commission Meeting  
August 27, 2013, Workshop Meeting 5:30 PM  
September 3, 2013 Board Meeting, 5:30 AM

Perry City Council Meeting  
August 27, 2013, 5:30  
September 10, 2013, 5:30 PM

Taylor County School Board  
August 20, 2013, 6:00 PM  
September 3, 2013, 6:00 PM

# Data Mining Using Common Core: Cha Ching – Cha Ching!



By Diane Kepus, August 8, 2013

## Its about power, control and especially money!

Not only is the Common Core State Standards initiative about “dumbing down” children under the guise of bringing them up, it is also about power, control and especially money! While many Americans worry about government drones spying on their private lives and NSA wiretapping phones, Washington is already in schools gathering intimate data on children and families.

Before you get into this article, please go to and read this link. It is the minutes of the 1954 hearing before the Special Committee to investigate Tax-Exempt Foundations and Comparable Organizations, US House of Representatives Eighty-Third Congress. A growing number of parents are disturbed about the “data mining” under Common Core, not just because of the cost, but the privacy implications. Let me explain why your children’s and your information is no longer private through FERPA although you may have been told otherwise.

Education Secretary Arne Duncan and those at the US Department of Education knew Congress would never vote to codify the changes they sought in the Federal Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), so they’re using regulations in order to bypass Congress. They want to allow private and invasive information to be gathered on students and families in order to supply the future workforce. The intent is to make that information available without parental consent, which was previously required. Do not let anyone from the Bush Foundation or any Florida legislator tell you that student and parent information is still protected. The Florida statutes have been changed in 2012 to match the changes in FERPA.

Government needs this information on our 1st, 2nd and 3rd graders in order to create psychological profile on each child to be stored at the Federal Department of Labor. How will your first grader will respond to questions like: Does your Mommy or Daddy own a gun? Do they fight? Do they drink? Do they go to church? Say goodbye to your and your child’s privacy. Say hello to an unprecedented nationwide student-tracking system, whose data will apparently be sold by government officials to the highest bidders. It’s yet another encroachment of centralized education bureaucrats on local control and parental rights under the banner of Common Core.

The American Principles Project, a conservative education think tank, reported, Common Core’s technological project is “merely one part of a much broader plan by the federal government to track individuals from birth through their participation in the workforce.” The 2009 RTTT included a “ State Fiscal Stabilization Fund” to bribe states into constructing “longitudinal data systems (LDS) to collect data on public-school students.” These systems will aggregate massive amounts of personal data health-care histories, income information, religious affiliations, voting status, and even blood types and homework-completion rates. The data will be available to a wide variety of public agencies. Despite federal student-privacy protections previously guaranteed by FERPA, the Obama administration has managed, through regulations, to pave the way for private entities to buy their way into the data. More alarming, the U.S. Department of Education is encouraging a radical push from aggregate-level data-gathering to invasive individual-student-level data collection.

The last South by Southwest education conference in Austin, Texas, had education-technology gurus salivating at the prospects of information plunder. “This is going to be a huge win for us,” Jeffrey Olen, a product manager at education software company Compass Learning, told Reuters.

Cha-ching-ching-ching.

The company is already aggressively marketing curricular material “aligned” to fuzzy, dumbed-down Common Core math and reading guidelines (which more and more states are now revolting against). Along with two dozen other tech firms, Compass Learning sees even greater financial opportunities to mine Common Core student-tracking systems. The centralized database is a strange-bedfellows alliance between the progressive Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (which largely underwrote and promoted the Common Core standards scheme) and a division of conservative Rupert Murdoch’s News Corp. (which built the database infrastructure).

Another nonprofit startup, inBloom, Inc., has evolved out of that partnership to operate the database. The Gates Foundation and other partners provided \$100 million in seed money. Reuters reports that inBloom, Inc. will “likely start to charge fees in 2015” to states and school districts participating in the system. According to inBloom’s web site – “Inspired by the vision of the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO), inBloom was created in response to a request from **school districts** to create a secure data storage resource that better enables their collection, retention, and use of student information.

Currently, New York, Massachusetts, Colorado, North Carolina, and Illinois are working with inBloom to understand how our technology resources work and how they may help them meet the needs of teachers, students, and families. Each of these states is working through selected pilot districts to evaluate inBloom’s offerings, and each is at a different stage in discussions and implementation timelines.

When learning about these companies I always urge you to do your own research and always go to the board of directors, leaders or whatever title they are using – it is always very telling.

The National Education Data Model (NEDM), available online, lists hundreds of data points considered indispensable to the nationalized student tracking racket. These include:

- “Bus Stop Arrival Time” and “Bus Stop Description”
- “Dwelling arrangement”
- “Diseases, Illnesses and Other Health Conditions”
- “Religious Affiliation”
- “Telephone Number Type” and “Telephone Status”

Homeschoolers and religious families that reject traditional government education will be tracked. Original NEDM data points included hair color, eye color, weight, blood types, and even dental status.

How exactly does amassing and selling personal data improve educational outcomes? It doesn’t.

This, at its core, is the central fraud of Washington’s top-down **nationalized standards scheme**. The Bill Gates/Jeb Bush-endorsed Common Core “standards” are a phony pretext for big-government expansion. The dazzling allure of “21st-century technology” masks the privacy-undermining agenda of nosy bureaucratic drones allergic to transparency, accountability, and parental autonomy. Individual student privacy is sacrificed at the collective “For the Children” altar.

In 1989 at the Governor’s Conference in Kansas, Senator Lamar Alexander (you know him – he is the one who had his hands on HR 5 wording it so you thought it was great and has always been for nationalized education) stated, The brand new American school would be year-round, open from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. for children 3 months to 18 years”.

And the parents get to visit with their children when? They aren’t supposed to because the goal is to have our children under the control of the government. You don’t believe me?

In 1934 NEA former Executive Secretary Willard Givens stated, “The major function of the school is the social orientation of the individual. It must seek to give him the understanding of the transition to the new social order.” Teachers, the NEW has never been your friend if you are a true teacher and have a love of children.

Remember the words of former General Counsel Bob Chanin of the National Education Association’s 2007 convention:

Transcript:

*“In my opinion, NEA and its affiliates are such effective advocates. Despite what some among us might like to believe, it is **NOT** because of our creative ideas; it is **NOT***

*because of the merit of our positions; it is **NOT** because we care about children; and it is **NOT** because of a vision of a great public school for every child. The NEA and its affiliates are effective advocates because we have **POWER** and we have **POWER** because there are more than 3.2 million people who are willing to pay us hundreds of millions of dollars in dues each year because they believe that we are the unions that can most effectively represent them. The unions that can best protect the rights and advance their interests as employees.*

The Chairman of the House Education Committee in letter dated February 2010 to Arne Duncan stated his concerns and dismay that grant awards were to be based “in part on the willingness of the states to expand their statewide longitudinal data systems that would include a broad swath of student information”. Kline quotes Duncan as stating data collection was part of the “cradle to career agenda”. This is not only the mindset of the Unions, but of progressives and the Federal government as well. Federal education, under Common Core, is less about excellence or academic achievement. It’s more about control, control and more control.

A question for Senator Kline: Why did you not make every effort to stop Common Core State Standards, when you knew in 2010, it was being implemented without legislative process?

HR 5, the Student Success Act, could undo everything previously put in place by CCSS. We will watch what happens to HR 5

## MacDill K-9 Handlers Give Homeless Dogs a "Paw" Up on Adoption



By Senior Airman Melissa Paradise, 6<sup>th</sup> Air Mobility Wing public affairs, July 25, 2013

Members of the 6th Security Forces Squadron military working

dog section volunteered their time and skills to train dogs at the Society for Prevention of Cruelty of Animals Tampa Bay, St. Petersburg, Fla., July 19, 2013.

Staff Sgt. Shannon Hutto, 6th SFS MWD lead trainer, along with four K-9 handlers, trained 15 dogs using basic commands with treats, toys and praise to reinforce good behavior.

"Being able to use our training to get dogs adopted is very rewarding," said Hutto.

Most of the dogs learned quickly while the others were a little slower to catch on, but the handlers took their time until the dogs made progress.

"Our volunteers take the dogs from their cages to train and play," said Megan Montmeny, SPCA Tampa Bay behavior department manager. "Some days they are not out for as long, which causes the dogs to act out, deterring people from adopting them so it's great having these guys here to help us out."

Teaching the fundamentals to the future companions also taught the K-9 handlers how to train a dog with little to no previous training.

"This is a great opportunity for the handlers to be involved in the community especially since dogs are something they are all passionate about," stated Chief Master Sgt. Scott Blake, 6th SFS security forces manager. "It also benefits the handlers to prepare them for advanced supervisory courses on how to train the handlers and the K-9's."

This training opportunity proved to be beneficial for local families as well.

"On the weekends we average 4-6 adoptions, but this weekend we had 18 dogs adopted with the help of the handlers," said Montmeny. "I can't wait to have them come back. I love that they are so willing to donate their time and talent to helping prepare these dogs for adoption and transitioning to their new homes."

The MWD handlers will continue to volunteer at the SPCA Tampa Bay periodically