

Patriot Perspective

In Search of Common Sense
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"Bind down the government with the chains of the Constitution."
Thomas Jefferson

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Editorial Note: We held off on the delivery of this edition of Patriot Perspective awaiting an article on the Dick Simkanin vs U.S (IRS) trial. Texas Spitfire and two other correspondents are there at the trial. We will be sending out a special edition upon their return!

Newsworthy Items in December!

In each issue of the *Patriot Perspective* we will summarize the events of the previous month that directly effect Americans, their rights and our country. This last month has been one of turmoil on many fronts. In this issue we will touch on some of the more pertinent news items to American liberty and inalienable rights.

Capture of Saddam Hussein

By far, the biggest news on the mainstream media this past month was the capture of Saddam Hussein on December 13th. He was bedraggled and gave up without a fight. There were many rumors going around that this could not be him, but rather one of his body doubles. George Bush delivered an address on December 15th saying, "We've come to this moment through patience and resolve and focused action. And that is our strategy moving forward. The war on terror is a different kind of war, waged capture by capture, cell by cell, and victory by victory. Our security is assured by our perseverance and by our sure belief in the success of liberty. And the United States of America will not relent until this war is won."

Parts of Patriot II Passed Without Fanfare

Interestingly enough, the same day that Saddam Hussein was captured, Congress passed HR 2417 which was a portion of the draft bill called Patriot II that civil libertarians have been screaming about since it was "leaked" to the public. Ron Paul, Congressman for Texas spoke out after HR 2417's passing, "It appears we are witnessing a stealth enactment of the enormously unpopular "Patriot II" legislation that was first leaked several months ago. Perhaps the national outcry when a draft of the Patriot II act was leaked has led its supporters to enact it one piece at a time in secret. Whatever the case, this is outrageous and unacceptable. I urge each of my colleagues to join me in rejecting this bill and its incredibly dangerous expansion of Federal police powers." Those at *Patriot Perspective* would highly suggest that you familiarize with and recognize the implications of this Act. You can see it at:

<http://www.cbo.gov/showdoc.cfm?index=4862&sequence=0>

Then write your representatives encouraging them to repeal it along with the USA Patriot Act.

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"The dignity and stability of government in all its branches, the morals of the people, and every blessing of society depend so much upon an upright and skillful administration of justice, that the judicial power ought to be distinct from both the legislative and executive, and independent upon both, that so it may be a check upon both, and both should be checks upon that."

-John Adams

"It should be the highest ambition of every American to extend his views beyond himself, and to bear in mind that his conduct will not only affect himself, his country, and his immediate posterity; but that its influence may be co-extensive with the world, and stamp political happiness or misery on ages yet unborn."

-George Washington

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Massachusetts Allows Gay Marriage

In the last days of November, the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court made a ruling requiring the state to allow gay marriages. The Massachusetts Constitution was written by the very religious, John Adams. In it, he makes many references to "the great Legislator of the universe." No court has ever found this type of "civil union" to have been a part of those inalienable rights, guaranteed by the Constitution. However, the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court has done just that. They must be reading a different document than the rest of us and all the courts before them.

New Medicare Bill Passes, American Elders In Trouble, Illegal Aliens Overjoyed

Congress passed the new Medicare Bill which ultimately will cost our elderly dearly. However, illegal aliens are probably dancing in the streets. Hidden in this bill is a provision that provides \$1 billion over four years in payments to border area hospitals, including \$150 million to Arizona facilities struggling under the strain of caring for illegal aliens. "It's ironic that this amendment was introduced by Kyl," David Ray, spokesperson for the Federation of Americans for Immigration Reform (FAIR) told Frontpagemag.com. "They've enacted laws in Arizona that virtually roll out the welcome wagon to illegal aliens. They have sanctuary policies barring cooperation between local police and immigration agents and they accept the Matrícula card for services intended for legal residents. Arizona is finally realizing that if you build it, they will come, but now they're looking to the rest of us to bail them out on the costs." the American Public Health Association, which was one of the few early supporters of Medicare when it was created in 1965, urged Congress Monday to correct what it sees as several major shortcomings in the bill. "This new law provides an inadequate prescription drug benefit for our nation's seniors and does not solve the problem," said Georges C. Benjamin, MD, FACP, executive director of APHA. "The serious failings of this measure jeopardize the long-term viability of the Medicare program and its ability to protect the health of older Americans. Congress has much more work to do to fix it," Benjamin said. *Once again, another entitlement program is passed which is not only bad for those it is meant to help, it is designed to fail.*

Bush Overruled on Padilla Detention

In a 2-to-1 ruling, a three-judge panel of the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals said that Padilla's detention was not authorized by Congress and that Bush could not designate him as an enemy combatant without the authorization. The court directed Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld to release Padilla from military custody within 30 days, but said the government was free to transfer him to civilian authorities who can bring criminal charges. The court stated, "...presidential authority does not exist in a vacuum, and this case involves not whether those responsibilities should be aggressively pursued, but whether the president is obligated, in the circumstances presented here, to share them with Congress." At least we can say that at least ONE part of our system worked this month.

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Your Rights vs. The LICENCE

These are a few thoughts for anyone who thinks they own their personal possessions. It also takes a brief but pointed glance at what your Rights really are, and how they're being gradually and surreptitiously eroded simply by the state using a piece of paper to provide an illusion. An illusion which will have the same far-reaching consequences as the dreadful illusion that was 9-11 and the Twin Towers. Please do not forget the Reichstag fire.

Please note that I use and spell the word 'licence' thus – L.I.C.E.N.C.E. This is the noun from the verb 'To License...' You are issued with 'a licence'...you give, or are given 'license (allowed) to do'... something. The fact that I spell the word the English way is A) because I AM English, and B) because we need to be able to differentiate between the NOUN and the VERB at various points. You see, there is a very good reason why the stupid English language is constructed the way it is - not so stupidly. Another of the problems of comprehension of legal or bureaucratic documents we face today is caused by the alterations that some 'cultures' have made to the English language, both in written and in verbal form].

Have you ever thought that radio and television stations are private property and actually require no one's permission to operate?

I start with this topic because I know both radio and television and because these are the areas in which I trained when I left school...oh, so many years ago! Since that time I have spent more than twenty years in radio broadcasting in New Zealand.

Remember, understanding the meaning of words - particularly when the Establishment is using them against you - is extremely important. How you interpret and utilize the words in return is critical to success in this area. Whatever 'success' means to you in this instance! This is something that too few people really comprehend – they **certainly do not always understand the importance of being able to translate legalese into every day Common Law language.**

Licensing is not only a violation of property rights but also a threat to freedom of speech, since such stations can be silenced by the withdrawal of 'the licence'. We can take the argument a step further and reject the validity of the very concept of licencing per se by 'the state'. This applies to any country in the world where the basis of language is English/Anglo Saxon, and the basis of law is the Common Law. So... America, England, Australia, New Zealand, Canada etc.

A licence is 'a legal permit to take certain action'. What is the source of this concept?

If you own certain property, you have the right to control its use and disposal. Your ownership means that you have the right to grant, or refuse, permission for its use. You may issue a licence, or a permit, for that property's use.

"It appears to me, then, little short of a miracle, that the Delegates from so many different States...should unite in forming a system of national Government, so little liable to well founded objections."
 - George Washington

"The size of the lie is a definite factor in causing it to be believed, for the vast masses of a nation are in the depths of their hearts more easily deceived than they are consciously and intentionally bad. The primitive simplicity of their minds renders them a more easy prey to a big lie than a small one, for they themselves often tell little lies, but would be ashamed to tell big lies."
 - Adolf Hitler

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"Newspapers...serve as chimnies to carry off noxious vapors and smoke."

-Thomas Jefferson

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A licence is, of necessity, tied to ownership. Thus, if someone claims a right to issue a licence, the unassailable implication and meaning is that this person owns the property being licensed. The same is true of actions taken by an individual. If you have the right to carry out an action, you need no one's permission to execute it, no licence to undertake such action.

In fact, the person who holds the power of licencing certain actions holds the ownership of the right to such actions.

Correctly, and in a free society, licences should be issued only by private individuals and are recognition of individual rights – a recognition of the fact that you may not use another person's property without his permission.

Statists reverse this principle – they say, *you may not own certain property or take certain action without their permission!*

A licence is 'a legal prohibition of certain action without the express permission of the owner of the right to such action'. [The Driving (Driver's) Licence].

State licencing rests on the notion that the state, not you, is the owner of the action and/or property being licensed. So-called 'professional licences' are nothing more than a permit from the state to live your life pursuing your chosen profession. This means that you do not have the right to engage in your selected profession without the state's permission. You may only do so at the sufferance of the state. This is of course a nonsense when we know the true state of things.

When you went to the car dealership and purchased your new car, was it the state (government) that paid for it and placed its name on the re-gis-tration papers? No, it was you. So how is it that the state tells you that you must have a licence to move your car around on the surface of the globe? Well, of course, it does not have that right. Or does it?

"No man's life, liberty, or property are safe while the legislature is in session."

-- Mark Twain

When you re-gist-ered the car what you did, in effect, was to transfer ownership of the car over to the state. Silly you. The only way you can retrieve true ownership of 'your' car (sorry...the state's) is to de-re-gist-er it. Only then does the car become yours and not the state's. Strictly speaking, until you de-re-gist-er it, it is the 'Property of the Court'. And this is why you can be stopped and questioned at any time when you're in the car. It is also what makes it possible for the state (court) to confiscate and do whatever it sees fit to do at the time – WITH YOUR PROPERTY.

We have licences for plumbers, electricians, physicians, pilots, stockbrokers, engineers, teachers, motorists and a host of other professionals. You must obtain a permit before occupying your newly constructed home. You must, in most places, obtain a permit before setting up certain businesses. You must obtain permission

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from the state before you can own certain property, such as land. And even then you do not 'properly' own it.

New Zealand, America, Australia, Canada, England and virtually every other country on Earth are drowning in licences. Being swept away by this flood of 'legal permits' is the concept of '*the right of action you may take without anyone's permission*'.

The non-validity of state licensing has descended into the subconscious mind of so many individuals around the world through conditioning organised by the state over many years, that it has become one of the most formidable threats to the future freedom and Rights of the Individual. The acceptance by the masses of this illusion as being a valid and concrete one has provided statist with a tool with which they can continue quietly to dismantle freedom. If the state has the right to license one activity, then it may license any activity. This is the logic that has driven the proliferation of licences over the past few decades and continues to feed the growing call by statist to license even more areas of once-free life.

Now statist, are calling for the licensing of guns. And they will win this argument as long as the validity of licensing continues to remain unchallenged. Licences, or permits, issued by the state stand in direct contradiction of Common Law Rights. They are the obliteration, both intellectually and in practical terms, of Rights per se.

Licences (by the state) and Rights are mutually exclusive. It is the 'either-or' syndrome: either you have the right to certain action, or you don't. If it is that you don't, then you must get permission - 'a licence', - from the state before acting.

You must choose...you can't have both.

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Cato's Fifteenth Letter: Of Freedom of Speech: That the fame is Inseparable from Public Liberty.

"Without Freedom of Thought, there can be no such Thing as Wisdom; and no such Thing as Public Liberty, without Freedom of Speech: Which is the Right of every Man, as far as by it he does not hurt and control the Right of another; and this is the only Check which it ought to suffer, the only Bounds which it ought to know."

-- Cato

"They have treated me and others like me with utter contempt. They have confiscated our property and put people in maximum-security prisons over ownership of fender washers, claiming they were unassembled silencer parts. ... They have shot a man's wife in the head because his gun's buttstock was too short. ... They burned 90 people alive over a disputed two hundred dollar tax."

-- John Ross,
"Unintended
Consequences"
(1996)

"Every government degenerates when trusted to the rulers of the people alone. The people themselves, therefore, are its only safe depositories."
-Thomas Jefferson

“Experience should teach us to be most on our guard to protect liberty when the government's purposes are beneficent. Men born to freedom are naturally alert to repel invasion of their liberty by evil-minded rulers. The greatest dangers to liberty lurk in insidious encroachment by men of zeal, well-meaning, but without understanding.”
-- Judge Louis D. Brandeis

Gold, Our Economy and the Threat To Your Money - Part 3

In the last edition of Patriot Perspective, I pointed out that the current state of the U.S. Dollar is in a sorry condition is for two simple reasons:

1. It is not backed by a gold standard.
2. The control of our money is now in the hands of the FED, the IMF and the World Bank.

The basic rule of the gold standard was a fixed amount of gold for each money, i.e., each money was defined as a specific weight of gold. Paper currencies were redeemable into gold at any time. A nation's monetary reserves consisted of only gold. On an international level, importing and exporting gold was unrestricted. All trade payment deficits were settled in gold.

I also made you aware of the recent actions by 32 Muslim countries to move back to a gold standard in opposition to all the efforts by the U.N., FED, IMF and WTO to force their compliance. This is already taking place in all International Trade between these countries and is beginning to show its effects in both domestic and foreign markets.

It is crucial to recognize that gold has always had a disciplining and “self-balancing” influence on national economies. When using gold-backed currencies, public spending, that is, *spending by governments*, is limited.

It also provided citizens with *species* money that not only maintained but also, over time, slightly increased in its purchasing power and was internationally recognized. If there was an imbalance of trade payments between countries, gold automatically transferred out of the country. When America was a producing powerhouse, this was a good thing as it meant that most of that gold was coming *into* the U.S. and not being shipped abroad. Unfortunately, those days are long gone due to U.S. foreign policies and those imposed on the U.S. by the U.N. and the IMF.

During the common use of gold and gold-backed currency over several centuries, economies made quantum leaps in their productivity and living standards which were necessarily tied to their use of gold-backed currency.

This monetary unit was accepted and recognized as the only “rational currency system”. Due to the “disciplining and self-balancing” aspects of this currency, the monetary institutions were held strictly accountable and fluctuations in the exchange rates were very limited if not altogether impossible. This was the incalculable advantage of a gold currency. It liberated the value of money from the impact of the governments' whims.

Regardless of what you may hear from all the monetary reformers in the mainstream media (and especially from Alan Greenspan and the FED), no reasonably equivalent replacement has been found.

“None but the dead are permitted to speak the truth.”
- Mark Twain

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All of these monetary reformers have strictly followed the same warped economics. The sorry economic state of world affairs can all be attributed to one economist, an Englishman by the name of John Maynard Keynes. His economic theories, and his socialistic ideological leanings, have become a driving force in economic thought.

By the early 1900s, Keynes was working at the Treasury of England where:

...he was daily concerned with the economic management of the war. His special responsibility covered relations with allies and the conservation of England's scant supply of foreign currencies.

The major changeover came in 1913 when America, using “Keynesian” Economics and coerced by the major banking consortiums, went from using “real” money to “fiat” money unbeknownst to most Americans even to this day. This was accomplished through the creation of the Federal Reserve (see *Creature from Jekyll Island* by G. Edward Griffin).

Another important period of Keynes' career came during the 1930s. This was a period of unemployment and the depression. Conventional economics could not cope with the extraordinary events which took place leaving traditional economic theory with no answer.

Keynes first major work which indicated the socialistic direction his ideas were taking away from the conventional approach was *A Treatise on Money* published in 1930. His most important work giving the culmination of his ideas was *The General Theory of Employment, Interest and Money* published in 1935-36. The main message of this work was:

“... the existing theory of unemployment nonsense. In a depression ... there was no wage so low that it could eliminate unemployment. Accordingly, it was wicked to blame the unemployed for their plight. The second proposition proposed an alternative explanation about the origins of unemployment and depression. This centred upon aggregate demand - i.e. the total spending of consumers, business investors, and public agencies. When aggregate demand was low, sales and jobs suffered. When it was high, all was well.”

Note that Keynes never held the government (more accurately the State) itself, and its economic policies, responsible in any part for itself causing unemployment and problems with the economy. His ideas were enthusiastically accepted by politicians greedy for power as his philosophy gave the government the impetus and rationale for curing all of society's woes.

Without going any further into the full background on Keynes and his philosophies, I will just quote Swiss historian Jacob Burckhardt who describes Keynes as, “one of the great destructive forces in world history.”

“Diplomacy is the art of saying 'Nice doggie' until you can find a rock.”

-- Will Rogers

“We have staked the whole future of American civilization, not upon the power of government, far from it. We have staked the future of all of our political institutions upon the capacity of each and all of us to govern ourselves, to control ourselves, to sustain ourselves according to the Ten Commandments of God.”

- James Madison

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“If liberty should be the highest political end, then what is the grounding for that goal? It should be clear . . . that, first and foremost, liberty is a moral principle, grounded in the nature of man. In particular, it is a principle of justice, of the abolition of aggressive violence in the affairs of men. Hence, to be grounded and pursued adequately, the libertarian goal must be sought in the spirit of an overriding devotion to justice. But to possess such devotion on what may well be a long and rocky road, the libertarian must be possessed of a passion for justice, an emotion derived from and channeled by his rational insight into what natural justice requires. Justice, not the weak reed of mere utility, must be the motivating force if liberty is to be attained.”

-- Murray N. Rothbard

Gold, Our Economy ... Part 3 - Continued

Before continuing, I'll cover a couple of definitions for those readers who may not have them:

Fiat Money – “Money printed by a government as legal tender **which is not redeemable** and which **lacks economic value**”.

In order to understand this definition, we must understand what is meant by “redeemable”.

Redeemable – “The return of an investor's principal in a security, such as gold or silver, a bond, preferred stock or mutual fund shares, at or prior to maturity”.

Most “baby-boomers” and their parents remember when even Federal Reserve Notes *used* to be redeemable in gold or silver as specified in our Constitution as the ONLY lawful currency! Therefore the FED and their overseers, the IMF, began our downfall and attempted to blind the public to their activities from the beginning!

They first instituted “*fractional reserve banking*” and created the first Fiat Money, which had at least the *appearance* of being lawful money, as it was backed by gold and silver. The problem is that most of the money in circulation was not backed by anything of redeemable value whatsoever. It was a fiction or in other words, fiat money.

The other major coup by the Federal Reserve was obtaining the ability to determine the value or exchange rate of this money. When the congress delegated this power along with the power to “coin” (or print) money to the Federal Reserve, it had no such power under the Constitution. Therefore, the whole problem stems from an unconstitutional action taken by our Congress. Thus if you are ever looking for the cause of all the economic problems our country has had and currently faces, you have to look no further than Congress.

When a currency changes its character from gold or gold-receipt to fiat paper, confidence in its stability and quality is shaken, and demand for it declines. Furthermore, now that it is cut off from gold, its far greater quantity relative its former gold backing now becomes evident.

With a supply greater than gold and a lower demand, its purchasing-power, and hence its exchange rate, quickly depreciate in relation to gold. And since government under the Keynesian system is inherently inflationary, it will keep depreciating as time goes on.

To believe that the Federal Government and especially, the Federal Reserve were unaware of these eventualities is to believe in the Easter Bunny and that it lays golden eggs!

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“Anybody who wants the presidency so much that he'll spend two years organizing and campaigning for it is not to be trusted with the office.”

**-- David Broder,
Washington Post
[July 19, 1973]**

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The Federal Reserve is guided completely by the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank. To say their goals are sinister would be an understatement. In order to comply with all the conditions of the IMF, countries are required to agree to hundreds of conditions. Complying with these conditions eventually means the total collapse of their economic base, their resources and their freedoms. This is not idle speculation, it is fact which can easily be researched.

Just look into all those countries that have been forced into these agreements with the IMF and you will see a pattern (especially note the South American countries). The IMF steps in and forces them to follow their Fiat Money system in order to obtain their funds. The IMF, by the way, is funded to a large degree by U.S. contributions into their accounts but the U.S. is still *subject to* all those same conditions!

When they cannot pay their loans to the IMF, it steps in and forces them to sign over the rights many of their resources. In certain cases, this can be mineral rights, railroads and even water supplies!. The IMF *clears the old debt* and loans them more.

The problem is, now they are charged even higher interest on these loans and, since they have lost control of many of their resources, they aren't as productive nor can they grow through their unfettered use. Therefore, they see the same problems as mentioned earlier with Fiat Money in their economies and unemployment rises, the standard of living drops and these countries notoriously see increases in civil unrest, changes of government and depreciation of their currency's value.

Such depreciation is highly embarrassing to a government. Here in America, we have seen enormous depreciation of our “dollar” since 1913. All one has to do is look at what Americans could buy in 1940 and for what amount, and compare it to the current price.

At the close of World War II, it was decided to introduce the gold/dollar standard in place of the gold standard, thereby moving us away from the “only reasonable” system of using REAL money backed by gold.

Note this progression away from the gold standard is taken in steps, with each successive step giving more power to the FED, IMF and World Bank. Their means of accomplishing this is through planned inflation and obtaining control of resources.

After World War I, we went from the gold standard to the gold exchange standard with dollars and pounds. Later on, we proceeded to the gold/dollar standard and eliminated the pound. The pound had lost its previous stature in the interim, and, next to gold, the dollar remained the only valid reserve currency and, then, only because the dollar was convertible by foreign central banks into gold on demand. It was a sign of the increasing economic power of the U.S.

“The state is the great fictitious entity by which everyone seeks to live at the expense of everyone else.”

-- Frederic Bastiat

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"What bitter anguish would not the people of Athens have often escaped if their government had contained so provident a safeguard against the tyranny of their own passions? Popular liberty might then have escaped the indelible reproach of decreeing to the same citizens the hemlock on one day and statues on the next."

-- Alexander Hamilton or James Madison, *Federalist No. 63*

"The multiplication of public offices, increase of expense beyond income, growth and entailment of a public debt, are indications soliciting the employment of the pruning knife."

-Thomas Jefferson

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The next step in this overall plan was the passing of the Bretton Woods agreement. This put the U.S. in the position of a monopoly allowing foreign countries to settle their debts with fiat money they the FED had printed. Countries could not resist the temptation of working with this money as it could be created out of *thin-air*.

In 1971, this system collapsed and the FED, IMF and World Bank, with the assistance of President Richard Nixon, removing ALL backing by gold and moved us into a system of floating exchange rates giving further power to the FED. This important step allowed for unlimited creation of money, credit, and governmental deficit spending.

It is a solid rule of thumb that the FED considers 5% inflation per year to be "acceptable." Therefore, through the last century, the inflation rate averages...guess what? 5%.

Now what does this mean to the average hard-working American?

At the beginning of the year, your dollar is worth X amount. The FED manipulates the value of exchange and we get 5% inflation that year. This means that at the end of the year, every 100 dollars you had is now only worth 95 dollars. Imagine this going on over 100 Years! And where does that 5% go??? It goes straight into the FED as profits. This is a hidden tax, or more properly, a penalty that no one ever thinks about and the mainstream media and government have made sure that no one does.

It's even worse when you understand the global interest tacked on to those loans from the IMF to these smaller countries. They are collecting 21% to 70% interest on those loans! Imagine having your entire economy suffering from having to pay off that kind of interest. Is it any wonder that most of these third world nations are in such dire economic straights? And the U.S. is on the same path.

From the previous article in the last issue of Patriot Perspective, now you can see why this move back to gold-backed currency by the 32 Muslim countries is such a threat to the FED, IMF and World Banks. It would effectively devalue every fiat currency to the point that they are no longer viable, and this could take place in a very short time frame.

The FED, IMF and World Bank *will* and *are* using every bit of political power they have to prevent these countries from moving away from their *sacred cow*. In addition to the war in Iraq, here in the U.S., we are seeing moves by our government to pass legislation to limit access to gold. If things get worse for the FED, as it most assuredly will, ownership of gold could possibly be criminalized and outlawed as it was during FDR's administration.

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“Cherish public credit. One method of preserving it is to use it as sparingly as possible, avoiding occasions of expense by cultivating peace... avoiding likewise the accumulation of debt.”

-- George Washington, Farewell Address [September 26, 1796]

“The moment the idea is admitted into society that property is not as sacred as the laws of God, and that there is not a force of law and public justice to protect it, anarchy and tyranny commence. If 'Thou shalt not covet' and 'Thou shalt not steal' were not commandments of Heaven, they must be made inviolable precepts in every society before it can be civilized or made free.”

-- John Adams

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On December 13th, Congress authorized Attorney General John Ashcroft to track gold in the U.S. under HR 2417 (Section 374), which became Public Law 108-177.

This law modified Section 1114 of the Right to Financial Privacy Act of 1978 (12 U.S.C. 3414) is amended by adding at the end the following:

'(d) For purposes of this section, and sections 1115 and 1117 insofar as they relate to the operation of this section, the term 'financial institution' has the same meaning as in subsections (a)(2) and (c)(1) of section 5312 of title 31, United States Code [...]'

The Financial Privacy Act was one of the victims of the USA PATRIOT Act (Section 358). Now HR 2417 redefines "financial institution" to match U.S. Code Title 31 Section 5312:

(2) "financial institution" means - [...] (N) a dealer in precious metals, stones, or jewels;

In my next article in this series, I will focus on the threat to your money by governmental legislation along with updating you on the current state of the Muslim nations move back to the gold standard and how it will effect the devaluation of your money!

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Patriot Updates

Dick Simkanin Tax Trial in Dallas in Process

Dick Simkanin, President of Arrow Plastics in in the midst of a Tax trial in Dallas. He has been acquitted twice for charges against him, once in an 11-1 decision. Arrow Plastics stopped withholding from its employees recognizing that there is no place in the IRS code which requires Dick to be a withholding agent for the government. The IRS has placed him back in jail on 32 charges. Reporters from Patriot Perspective have been on hand to gather information regarding this very important case. We will be sending out a special edition on this important case later this week.



Biographies for Article Contributors

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I am a 4th generation Texan with a long list of Confederate and Revolutionary ancestors. My lines go back to 1855 in Texas and to the late 1600's in America. In other words, I come from a long line of freedom fighters with one having had a book written about him: "William Lawson, A Scottish Rebel" by Bill Porter.

My own awakening came as a result of the Viet Nam conflict as I came to slowly understand what was going on behind the scenes and that all was not as it was portrayed. For me the final "nail in the government's coffin" came on May 4, 1970 when the Nat'l Guard gunned down four Kent State students during a protest of "our" invasion of Cambodia.

I have been reading, studying and protesting in some form or fashion ever since.

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I was born a Texan and my ancestry includes a Federal Judge, two of the original 100 members of the Texas Rangers and my grandfather was a recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor for his experiences running a POW camp in New Guinea during WWII. I am a blend of American Indian, German and French. I was a professional musician until 1987 when I changed careers to become an entrepreneur and expert in database/data warehouse engineering. I am currently the owner of Target Database Marketing, providing marketing services for small to mid-sized companies.

I am the founder of the Constitutional Review Committee which is devoted to informing the public and obtaining support for legislation that would return our country to the intent of our founders. I am a Constitutional and American History Scholar, specializing in Constitutional Law, American Jurisprudence and the original intent of our founders. I have read, collected and maintain an electronic library of over 1,500 books, articles and research on the Constitution, American History, United States Law and the history of government, the legal system and philosophy.

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“Any single man must judge for himself whether circumstances warrant obedience or resistance to the commands of the civil magistrate; we are all qualified, entitled, and morally obliged to evaluate the conduct of our rulers. This political judgment, moreover, is not simply or primarily a right, but like self-preservation, a duty to God. As such it is a judgment that men cannot part with according to the God of Nature. It is the first and foremost of our inalienable rights without which we can preserve no other.”

-- John Locke

Prospects for 2004

The editors and contributors of the *Patriot Perspective* feel that there is great change on the horizon. Now is the time for us to consider where we stand, where our "line in the sand" is.

We can all choose to be part of the solution, or we can choose to remain part of the problem because when we do nothing, we are part of the problem.

God Bless America and God Bless our great Nation of Texas.

We must also remind our public servants of their sacred duty to uphold their Oath to preserve, protect and defend our Constitution and the values and principles of our founders.

Which would you prefer to belong to?



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