

Patriot Perspective

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

Newsworthy Items in January!

142 Organizations Support the Arab-American and Muslim Open Letter

On January 12, 2004, an "Open Letter from the Arab-American and Muslim Community to the US Anti-War Movement" was initiated by 41 Arab-American and Muslim organizations in the United States and Canada. By the end of January, this coalition carried the names of 218 signatory organizations that are supported by thousands of activists and community members, including solidarity groups and anti-war coalitions from coast to coast. The call to mobilize, which constitutes the political basis for the unity of the March 20 National Coalition, demanded ending "all colonial occupations from Iraq to Palestine and everywhere". It also called for "bringing the troops home NOW" without delay, and for opposing giving an international cover to the colonial occupation of Iraq. <http://www.InternationalANSWER.org>

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High Achiever Is "Too Intellectual" to Teach High School

Many Georgia public high schools have serious problems. The state has ranked 50th - worst in the nation - in SAT scores for two years in a row. Aspiring high school teacher Marquis Harris of Atlanta would be a dream-come-true for some lucky school. Harris is a 22-year-old African-American male, recent graduate of a respectable liberal arts college in Kentucky with a 3.75 grade-point average, a Rhodes Scholar nominee, inducted into the Mensa society in May 2001, and named to the National Dean's List for three consecutive years. However, he said, "it appears that my achievements have proved to be a liability rather than an asset." He received the following response from one school. "Though your qualifications are quite impressive, I regret to inform you that we have selected another candidate. It was felt that your demeanor and therefore presence in the classroom would serve as an unrealistic expectation as to what high school students could strive to achieve or become. However, it is highly recommended that you seek employment at the collegiate level; there your intellectual comportment would be greatly appreciated. Good luck." How comforting it must be to Atlanta-area parents to realize that, while many schools are failing to teach basic skills, at least some are working hard to spare young people from having "unrealistic expectations" (as the principal put it) as to what they might achieve in life. (Source: Atlanta Journal-Constitution, "Brains Can Hurt Job Applicants" <http://www.ajc.com/opinion/content/opinion/0104/23teacher.html#>)

"An honest man can feel no pleasure in the exercise of power over his fellow citizens.... There has never been a moment of my life in which I should have relinquished for it the enjoyments of my family, my farm, my friends and books."
-Thomas Jefferson, Letter to John Melish
January 13, 1813

Right-To-Petition Lawsuit Filed

The We The People Foundation announced that the much-anticipated Right-to-Petition class-action lawsuit was filed before the opening of the three-day Give Me Liberty 2004 conference that commenced January 22nd just outside our nation's capitol. The filing of this action in federal court marks the beginning of what will be a lengthy, and complex

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“A President of the Union, on the other hand, though he may even pardon treason, when prosecuted in the ordinary course of law, could shelter no offender, in any degree, from the effects of impeachment and conviction.”

- Alexander Hamilton, Federalist No. 69

“Never trouble trouble till trouble troubles you. I must study politics and war that my sons may have liberty to study mathematics and philosophy. My sons ought to study mathematics and philosophy, geography, natural history, naval architecture, navigation, commerce and agriculture in order to give their children a right to study painting, poetry, music, architecture, statuary, tapestry, and porcelain.”

- John Adams

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legal dispute to resurrect the "long-forgotten" Right of the People to Petition their servant government for redress of their grievances - and the People's corollary Right to withhold taxes until such redress is secured. <http://www.givemeliberty.org>

US War on Terror May Spread to Syria, Report Says

(CNSNews.com January 23, 2004) - A new report indicates that Syria may be the next target in the U.S. war on terror. In a report released Friday by the London-based Jane's Intelligence Digest, Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld was quoted as saying that the U.S. is considering "multi-faceted attacks," which could be conducted against Hezbollah positions in Lebanon's Bekaa Valley, controlled by Syria. According to the report, the U.S. move would "almost certainly involve a confrontation" between American Special Forces and Syrian troops. The report highlights potential military action against Somalia as well as Syria. According to the Jane's report, "Covert U.S. forces have periodically infiltrated Somalia over the past two years to conduct surveillance and even potentially snatch suspects wanted for the November 2002 suicide bomb attacks in Mombassa, Kenya." <http://www.cnsnews.com/ViewForeignBureaus.asp?Page=/ForeignBureaus/archive/200401/FOR20040123b.html>

Border Control Failure

President Bush's has proposed a temporary guest worker program to deal with the problem of those who are variously called illegal immigrants, undocumented workers or working semi-permanent tourists, depending on one's viewpoint. Beginning with the 1986 Immigration Reform and Control Act, the federal government invested steadily more money and effort to stop illegal immigration. Since 1993, federal spending on border enforcement has more than quintupled from \$740 million to \$3.8 billion. The number of border patrol agents tripled and the most popular corridors for illegals -- San Diego and El Paso -- were sealed off, says the WSJ. The IRCA traded amnesty for illegals currently in the United States in return for employer sanctions - fines or prison terms if they hired undocumented aliens. These policies have been either ineffective or had unintended consequences: Circular migration is now less common, human smugglers have increased their fees, there is a flourishing fake ID industry and hundreds of additional deaths from exposure in the mountains and deserts between San Diego and El Paso. Illegal immigration has continued at a rate of about 500,000 per year, according to Walter Ewing of the Immigration Policy Center. Between 1990 and 2000, illegal immigration -- 77 percent of which is from Latin America -- rose by 5.5 million people.

In 2001, undocumented workers filled 1.4 million jobs in the wholesale and retail trades, according to the Pew Hispanic Center; more than one million worked in manufacturing and another 1.2 million worked in agriculture. Source: Editorial, "Our Border Brigades," Wall Street Journal, January 27, 2004.

Last year, the Hispanic community in the United States sent \$32 billion dollars to their families in Mexico."

http://www.hispanic.bz/sending_dollars_back_home.htm

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The Missing Bill of Rights

Whatever inalienable rights you thought you had have been systematically stolen from you under the past administrations, but the most prevalent abuses have come from the Bush administration.

Knowledgeable individuals decried the effects of socialistic doctrine from the early 1900's to the turn of the century. The turn to the 21st century has seen every liberty infringed upon, mangled and totally abolished.

Let's look at each of the Amendments (actually Articles) from the Bill of Rights which has been infringed or effectively abolished.

The First Amendment right of Free Speech is now restricted to "free speech zones." These are fenced in areas patrolled by cops who tend to look more and more like soldiers or SWAT teams. While these areas are currently to allow a hollow semblance of freedom to disagree with the policies of the Bush Administration, given the history of our government, it is only a matter of time before these "Free Speech Zones" will be the only places allowed for assembly of the dissenting voices of The People, no matter what agency or policy is being addressed.

<http://www.warblogging.com/archives/000655.php>

Freedom of Religion is such that you have to become a Corporation and restrict all political activities to receive the benefit of tax exemption. This is in clear violation of Christian doctrine and, I'm sure, most religions. Because of their tax exempt privilege, the pastor nor the Sunday school teacher, may preach to the congregation any message which portrays the government in a negative political light. This is strangely similar to governmental policies of regimes such as Soviet Russia and Germany under Hitler. Churches which have preached the Law according to the Word of God, are deemed "politically incorrect" and some have been closed. How many pastors and preachers are telling their membership that homosexuality is wrong and will not be tolerated by Jesus when He returns? Or that having same-sex "marriages" are ungodly?

<http://www.gvtc.com/~jsearcy/501c3.htm>

The FCC and other agencies control Freedom of the Press and what does find its way into the public purview is filtered, misrepresented or outright lies and propaganda. Take the recent case of Dick Simkanin. How many newspapers reported on his trial? And how did the reporting compare to the many eye-witness accounts?

<http://www.givemeliberty.org/> (Federal Tyranny, Texas Style)

So much for the First Amendment.

The crucial 2nd Amendment right to keep and bear arms has been infringed through encroaching gun control legislation in contradistinction to our founder's intent that the people should be able to maintain arms identical to the armies that they might have to confront in the future. This was also considered a duty of every citizen. The clause

“Each individual of the society has a right to be protected by it in the enjoyment of his life, liberty, and property, according to standing laws. He is obliged, consequently, to contribute his share to the expense of this protection; and to give his personal service, or an equivalent, when necessary. But no part of the property of any individual can, with justice, be taken from him, or applied to public uses, without his own consent, or that of the representative body of the people. In fine, the people of this commonwealth are not controllable by any other laws than those to which their constitutional representative body have given their consent.”

- John Adams

“Public opinion sets bounds to every government, and is the real sovereign in every free one.”

- James Madison

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“That the said Constitution shall never be construed to authorize Congress to infringe the just liberty of the press or the rights of conscience; or to prevent the people of the United States who are peaceable citizens from keeping their own arms ...”

-- Samuel Adams, Debates and Proceedings in the Convention of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts [1850]

“There is a time for all things, a time to preach and a time to pray, but those times have passed away. There is a time to fight, and that time has now come.”
- Peter Muhlenberg

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about the militia has been misinterpreted to mean the National Guard although it didn't even come into existence for over a century after the Bill of Rights. Militias are consistently attacked by all of the alphabet agents of the government.

Since the newspapers have either been reluctant to print or have been prevented from printing the truth about the impact of banning "assault weapons", the average man and woman does not know that as guns are removed from our society, the crime rate rises. In 1994, the National Center for Policy Analysis issued a report which stated in part, "Banning assault weapons will do little to reduce crime. Few criminals use assault weapons. But if they wanted to, they would be unlikely to let a legal ban stand in their way." <http://www.ncpa.org/ba/ba102.html>

So we have to wonder, what is the point of banning guns if not to impact crime? If we were allowed to exercise our right to own guns, the crime rate would drop dramatically. The fact that this statement is even necessary is proof that this right has gone by the wayside. We should not have to ask permission to exercise a right. And the right of a man or woman to own a fire arm or gun of their choice, if not protected under the 2nd Amendment is most assuredly protected under the 9th.

So much for the 2nd Amendment.

The USA Patriot Act and the recent passing of portions of Patriot Act II violates the Fourth Amendment right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures. Under the Bush administration, it's now legal to have the police grab you off the street, enter into your house without your knowledge, abscond with your papers, computers or other effects, wiretap your phones without warrant, scan your email or listen in on your cell phones.

"...under the PATRIOT Act the FBI does not have to ascertain that the target of the roving FISA wiretap is using the phone being tapped - an omission that could lead to innocent users having their conversations monitored. Second, the combined effect of the PATRIOT Act and the intelligence authorization bill that passed a few months later is that the FBI can now get a warrant to wiretap a phone or computer without specifying either the suspect under surveillance or the phones or computers to be tapped."

<http://www.cdt.org/security/usapatriot/031027cdt.shtml>

If the PATRIOT Act does not change the powers which the government had prior to its passage, then why the need and the rush to have Congress vote without allowing them to read the Act?

The 4th Amendment is now history.

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Next we come to the 5th Amendment, “**No person shall be held to answer for a capital, or otherwise infamous crime, unless on a presentment or indictment of a Grand Jury**, except in cases arising in the land or naval forces, or in the Militia, when in actual service in time of War or public danger; **nor shall any person be subject for the same offense to be twice put in jeopardy of life or limb**; nor shall be compelled in any criminal case to be a witness against himself, nor **be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use without just compensation.**” There are so many portions of this Amendment being violated that it has been almost totally deleted. You can now be arrested and they can effectively make you disappear into a legal purgatory without informing your family or allowing you to retain a lawyer. Recent cases against the IRS have shown that they do not consider multiple charges for the same crime to be double jeopardy. Your requirement for signing a tax form is compelled waiving of your 5th Amendment rights. The government regularly takes property without due process and there are hundreds of cases where municipalities take property only to sell it to the highest bidder using eminent domain.

It is obvious that the 5th Amendment has become a non sequitur to the government.

What about the 6th Amendment? "In all criminal prosecutions, **the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial**, by an impartial jury of the state and district wherein the crime shall have been committed, which district shall have been previously ascertained by law, **and to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation**; to be confronted with the witnesses against him; to have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his favor, **and to have the assistance of counsel for his defense.**" You can now be arrested and they can effectively make you disappear into a legal purgatory without informing your family or allowing you to retain a lawyer. Even if you are assigned a “public defender,” he works for the same system and therefore, has a conflict of interest.

Another inalienable right down the tubes.

Now we come to the 7th Amendment. “In suits at common law, where the value in controversy shall exceed twenty dollars, the right of trial by jury shall be preserved, and no fact tried by a jury shall be otherwise re-examined in any court of the United States, than according to the rules of the common law.” Regardless of the case, if you ask a judge if you are in a common law court, he will say no. There are no common law courts left in the United States of America. In a common law, there is no such thing as a victimless crime. Over 70% of those in penitentiaries or city and county jails are there for victimless crimes.

“The heights of popularity and patriotism are still the beaten road to power and tyranny; flattery to treachery; standing armies to arbitrary government; and the glory of God to the temporal interest of the clergy.”
- David Hume

“A man of action, intent on performance which is both successful and ethical, must strive to see that his actions are consistent with the principles he professes. To fail in that respect is the worst form of inconsistency. ‘What is right?’ is always a relevant question.”
- Fred De Armond

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“It may perhaps be said that the power of preventing bad laws includes that of preventing good ones; and may be used to the one purpose as well as to the other. But this objection will have little weight with those who can properly estimate the mischiefs of that inconstancy and mutability in the laws, which form the greatest blemish in the character and genius of our governments.”
- Alexander Hamilton, Federalist No. 73

“Determine never to be idle. No person will have occasion to complain of the want of time, who never loses any. It is wonderful how much may be done, if we are always doing. And that you may be always doing good, my dear, is the ardent prayer of yours affectionately.”
-Thomas Jefferson

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From this, our entire judicial system is a fraud and denies us the rights under the 7th Amendment.

In the 8th Amendment, “**Excessive bail shall not be required nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel and unusual punishments inflicted.**” Excessive bail according to our founders was supposed to be anything beyond that which a man could afford. Any time that bail is set higher than a man’s net worth, it is excessive and this is common practice. In addition, released detainees report that the prohibition against cruel and unusual punishment is often violated when they were captured and held in Guantanamo Bay and elsewhere.

The regularity of these 8th Amendment violations are so common as to make this set of rights null and void in our court system.

Now we come to the very interesting 9th Amendment. “The enumeration in the Constitution, of certain rights, shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people.” This is the most vague of the Amendments and recognizes all those other rights to life, liberty and property that are guaranteed such as the right to travel without licenses or permits, the right to work at any job you wish and all those other rights which could be said to have been endowed at birth by God and therefore inalienable.

It is obvious that this set of rights are constantly targeted by a government which has taken the liberty of licensing any activity they can in order to keep the cash flow coming in for their greedy activities.

Lastly we come to the 10th Amendment, “The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people.” In the Constitution, there are 18 specifically enumerated things the Congress is allowed to do. Anything outside of these 18 items belongs to the States or to the people themselves. Virtually all the agencies such as the BATF, FBI, CIA, Department of Education, ad infinitum are strictly prohibited activities outside of Constitutional boundaries. By Congress allowing the creation of agencies and functions outside it's authority to do so, they have essentially done what Henry Clay stated would happen in his 1832 speech concerning the veto of the Bank Bill which was before the Senate.

<http://teachingamericanhistory.org/library/index.asp?document=93>

“Mr. President, we are about to close one of the longest and most arduous sessions of Congress under the present Constitution; and when we return among our constituents, what account of the operations of their government shall we be bound to communicate? We shall be compelled to say, that the Supreme Court is paralyzed, and the missionaries retained in prison in contempt of its authority, and in defiance of numerous treaties and laws of the United States; that the executive, through the

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Secretary of Treasury, sent to Congress a tariff bill which would have destroyed numerous branches of our domestic industry, and to the final destruction of all; that the veto has been applied to the bank of the United States, our only reliance for a sound and uniform currency; that the Senate has been violently attacked for the exercise of a clear constitutional power; that the House of Representatives have been unnecessarily assailed; and that the president has promulgated a rule of action for those who have taken the oath to support the Constitution of the United States, that must, if there be practical conformity to it, introduce general nullification, and end in the absolute subversion of the government."

During times of National Emergency, which has been ongoing since the civil war to one degree or another, the government has set out to destroy the Bill of Rights and erect a repressive police state similar to Nazi Germany or the Soviet Union. The War Powers Act has given the President totally unconstitutional powers. We now have organizations exercising abuse and power like the Gestapo and the KGB. The Supreme Court has allowed our government to turn America into a gulag of political prisoners.

If there is another "terrorist attack", whether real or perceived, political enemies will be rounded up and put into the camps that have been popping up around the country. The Department of Homeland Security, which now includes the FBI, NSA and the CIA have been given such enormous powers that the government has now instigated a virtual war against Americans. They are now focusing on antiwar rallies, the tax honesty movement and other political activists for a reason – eventually, many of them will be rounded up and eliminated. The government knows full well that when their violations of the inalienable rights of Americans reaches a certain point, rebellion is assured and they will have to take drastic steps to contain and diffuse the situation.

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"The individual may stand upon his constitutional rights as a Citizen. He is entitled to carry on his private business in his own way. His power to contract is unlimited. He owes no duty to the State or to his neighbors to divulge his business or to open his doors to investigation, so far as it may tend to incriminate him.... He owes no duty to the State since he receives nothing therefrom beyond the protection of his life and property.... His rights are such as existed by the Law of the Land, long antecedent to the organization of the State, and can only be taken from him by due process of the law and in accordance with the Constitution. He owes nothing to the public so long as he does not trespass upon their rights."
Supreme Court, Hale vs. Henkle 201 U.S. 43 at 74



“Republic of Texas” - On the floor of the Capital

“According to the tour guide at the Texas Capital, this mosaic flooring was put in place in 1936. This was the 100 year anniversary of the Republic of Texas, it was 91 years after "statehood" and it was 9 years prior to the anniversary of alleged "annexation". It was also during the depression.

One has to wonder why the floor says "Republic of" instead of "State of"?

Since 1905 the case of Hale Vs. Henkle has been cited by the Supreme Court over 144 times, and by the lower Federal and State courts over 1,600 times.

Hale Vs. Henkle has never been reversed.

"We are fast approaching the stage of the ultimate inversion: the stage where the government is free to do anything it pleases, while the citizens may act only by permission; which is the stage of the darkest periods of human history, the stage of rule by brute force."

Ayn Rand, from *The Nature of Government*

Gold, Our Economy and the Threat To Your Money - Part 4

For several decades, those that have been watching the central banks and the IMF keep the price of gold down. In addition to outright sales of gold from these coffers, the central banks have been holding the price of gold down by leasing gold to various sellers.

Another reason the price was being depressed is due to forward gold sales by the major gold mining companies. This, however, was a minor impact.

When the gold price was kept at reduced rates, these central banks and the IMF were able to fluctuate the money supply more easily and therefore, reap massive gains. Whenever the gold price falls, in any currency, it makes sense to buy financial assets. Stocks and bonds tend to move inversely with the gold price. This was their ultimate goal to increase stock and bond values.

Those who have watched the stock market closely over the last 50 years recognize that the value of stocks should remain in proportion to the profits of those companies. At present, stocks are trading at **44 times** the profits of those companies! At **10 times** profits, the stock market is more stable and realistic to their actual value.

Therefore, with a little extrapolation, the DOW stocks should be at about 25% of what they are at present or between 2,500 and 3,000, NOT over 10,000. This is simple logic and common sense.

As the gold price now increases due to the major shift of the Muslim world to gold-backed currency, the IMF, World Bank and of course the FED, have found themselves in a dilemma. For one, how do they keep the power to fluctuate the money supply when more of their real assets, the confidence of the people in fiat money is being drained away?

Secondly, what do they do to counteract their major move to sell off gold reserves over the last two decades? They are currently without any strong basis of a tradable commodity having bet on the continuance of fiat currency and the move to a "One World Currency." Their hopes for a unified currency like the Euro are being dashed as one-by-one; countries are making the move to gold-backed currencies without IMF or World Bank Control.

Most people fail to recognize that the **relevant** supply of gold is not the annual increment issuing from gold mines - instead, it's the total above-ground stock worldwide. Today this gold stock is in excess of 3 billion ounces. It has accumulated, of course, for centuries. The annual increment to that stock is only about 1.5%. Gold dealings of the kinds mentioned in headlines are a lesser fraction still. The total gold (and silver) stock rises each year - and never falls - because unlike other commodities, gold is produced for purposes of *accumulation*, not consumption. And it's held not for industrial use but primarily as a *hedge against inflation*.

"Capitalism undoubtedly has certain boils and blotches upon it, but has it as many as government? Has it as many as marriage? Has it as many as religion? I doubt it. It is the only basic institution of modern man that shows any genuine health and vigor."
-- H.L. Mencken

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The FED central banks, IMF and World Bank sell gold. For every seller there's a buyer. So, who have they been selling to? Private investors like the Rockefeller's, Rothchilds and certain Arabs who have been stockpiling.

Without the FED, IMF and World Bank's manipulations, the main determinant of the gold price - in any country's currency - is based on the confidence (or lack thereof) markets place in the future value of each respective currency.

Paper money depreciates when a central bank *issues* more than is demanded by holders or whenever a Treasury official advocates a drop in the foreign exchange value of paper money (thereby lowering the demand for it). Falling confidence in paper money is reflected in a rising gold price. That's what happened in Southeast Asia in 1997-98. Therefore, rising confidence in fiat money is reflected in a falling gold price.

In recent years, the gold price has increased by over 25%. Thus, confidence in fiat currency is waning sharply. As more countries move to gold backed currency, all fiat currency in existence will devalue sharply.

In 1994 the Fed raised interest rates by 3%, causing bond prices to fall by 35%. Those rate hikes did not "pre-empt" inflation - they ratified it.

After 9-11, the FED dropped interest rates several times. However, most people are unaware that anytime the FED drops the interest rate, they increase the amount of money printed and pumped into the economy, and remember they charge interest on this money as well! This interest is one aspect of the huge growth in our deficit.

Therefore, there is a great deal more fiat money floating around in our economy but it has much less value than it had 3 years ago. It will only get worse as this move back to gold-backed currency has caught the FED, IMF and World Bank with their pants down.

Currently, these organizations - in total - hold only about 22% of the world gold stock, down from 68% in WWII. Remember that gold gives value to paper money that it wouldn't otherwise have; paper doesn't do that for gold.

So what do we have to look forward to here in America?

On average, since 1971, the U.S. economy has grown three times as fast in the year after the gold price falls than in the year after it rises. So if gold prices rise, as they must under the new move to gold-backed currency, the U.S. economy is headed for a major depression that could make the "Great Depression" look like a small hiccup in the economy.

“The strength of the Constitution lies entirely in the determination of each citizen to defend it. Only if every single citizen feels duty bound to do his share in this defense are the constitutional rights secure.”
- Albert Einstein

“Those who labour in the earth are the chosen people of God, if ever he had a chosen, people, whose breasts he has made his peculiar deposit for substantial and genuine virtue.”
-Thomas Jefferson

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“Before we hear any talk of open borders for the Western Hemisphere, Americans should realize the enormous disparity between the United States and other Western Hemisphere countries. U.S. per capita income is eight times the Latin American average. The United States produces six times the goods and services of all 20 Latin American nations combined, and 20 times the goods and services of Brazil alone.”
- Phyllis Schafley
January 2004

“It is not the function of our Government to keep the citizen from falling into error; it is the function of the citizen to keep the government from falling into error.”
America Communicators Association vs Douds, 339 U. S. 382, 442

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Prices fell precipitously as a result of depositor runs on banks. Depositors clamored for gold and silver in exchange for their fiat money because FDR had hinted, even while campaigning, that he would take the US off the gold standard. He followed through with that plan and it was a monetary catastrophe.

Imagine what current investors will do with the prospect of a failed dollar when they start a run on the banks and their money has no silver or gold backing?

The economy is suffering badly now. In the coming years, the FED will have to raise interest rates in order to pull some of that excess fiat currency out of the money supply. They are still stuck using the bogus Keynesian theory.

Alan Greenspan now believes, with all Keynesians, that producing things and hiring people *causes* inflation. He wasn't always a Keynesian, he wrote essays in *Capitalism: The Unknown Ideal* and was a proponent of gold-backed currency.

Notice which economies have done worst in recent years: Southeast Asia, Russia and Brazil. But they didn't deflate - they hyper-inflated. That is, they devalued their currencies. And their local-currency gold prices skyrocketed. The same thing is now happening worldwide.

The only hope to salvage the American economy and that of the world, is to move toward gold-backed currency immediately and then change their economic and tax policies which punish savers, investors and producers.

There is a term for those who buy gold on faith, not facts, who believes the world's coming to an end and that the gold price will skyrocket. They are called “gold bugs”.

I'm no "gold bug," and I urge others not to fall for scare tactics and rationalizations. A wise investor needs to pay attention to the market and especially note the abuses by the FED, IMF and World Bank as they react to the move back to gold-backed currencies. They are seeing their long-term plans fail and come apart at the seams.

As these agencies dictate to governments with the greatest military power, you can expect more, “wars and rumors of wars” to prevent their loss of power.

The Keynesians have always dismissed gold as a "barbarous relic."

Fortunately for us, Keynesians are a dying breed. Their almost religious convictions and support of these socialistic economic theories have failed at every turn.

Governments are finding it harder to support these economic policies. It isn't because they don't cherish the never-ending flow of money into their agencies and pockets, but because they are afraid there will be a mass uprising of their constituents.

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“The government of the United States is a definite government, confined to specified objects. It is not like state governments, whose powers are more general. Charity is no part of the legislative duty of the government.”
-- James Madison, Speech in the House of Representatives [January 10, 1794]

“My ardent desire is, and my aim has been...to comply strictly with all our engagements foreign and domestic; but to keep the United States free from political connections with every other Country. To see that they may be independent of all, and under the influence of none. In a word, I want an American character, that the powers of Europe may be convinced we act for ourselves and not for others; this, in my judgment, is the only way to be respected abroad and happy at home.”
-George Washington

Gold, Our Economy ... Part 4 - Continued

People are getting fed up seeing their hard earned money dwindling in value. They have grown tired of seeing their paychecks eaten up by every kind of tax. Businesses are dying due to overtaxation. Jobs are being lost at an unprecedented rate due to corporate outsourcing for cheap labor overseas.

Basically, the people are just down to their last straw.

The substantial monetary manipulations of the Federal Reserve System in the 1920s and 1930s were the primary cause for the “Great Depression.” These manipulations would have been utterly impossible if the country had not already abandoned major elements of the gold standard and bestowed wide discretionary powers upon government monetary authorities.

As noted Austrian economists have documented, the money and credit supply was substantially increased between 1924 and 1929 by the Federal Reserve, which then presided over just the opposite: a contraction of the money supply by one-third between 1929 and 1933.

This violated the economics of an unfettered gold standard and that of a free market at work; rather, it was the result of monetary mischief at the hands of government.

Other factors, all government-imposed, assured that the recession that was underway in early 1930 would actually deepen into a decade-long depression: the Smoot-Hawley tariff in June 1930, the doubling of the income tax in 1932, the costly and counterproductive interventions of the early New Deal in 1934, and the Wagner Act of 1935.

The classical gold standard required issuers of money to hold sufficient gold reserves to handle the demands of anyone who wished to redeem their currencies into lawful money. National banknotes and bank reserves were redeemable in gold coins or bullion at any time.

For example, each gold certificate issued by the U.S. Treasury contained the following declaration: "This certifies that there has been deposited in the Treasury of the United States of America TWENTY DOLLARS IN GOLD COIN payable to the bearer on demand." Although the U.S. Treasury did not maintain 100 percent specie reserves for all its legal obligations under the classical gold standard, it did hold more than 100 percent reserves to cover its gold certificates.

Every time you hear the old refrain about "the gold standard caused the depression," you must realize that there are vast volumes of literature to the contrary. The mainstream media and our government have simply ignored it up till now because it doesn't fit into the Keynesian ideological, socialist agenda.

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“To render the justice of the war on our part the more conspicuous, the reluctance to commence it was followed by the earliest and strongest manifestations of a disposition to arrest its progress. The sword was scarcely out of the scabbard before the enemy was apprised of the reasonable terms on which it would be resheathed.”
- James Madison

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The fiat money system is destined to fail and it is in our best interest to see that it does so as quickly as possible. The only means to accomplish this are:

1. Move to a currency based on gold and silver.
2. Rid ourselves of Keynesian economists.
3. Rid ourselves of the FED, the IMF, the World Bank and the United Nations.
4. Rid ourselves of government bureaucrats holding to these failing philosophies.

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Patriot Updates

The following is a letter one of our subscribers sent to the editor of the New York Times concerning the Simkanin trial:

“Businessman Found Guilty of US Tax Charges by Carlton Stowers, January 8, 2004. The issue is not about taxes, rather **due process of law**! Whether or not Mr. Simkanin was found guilty or innocent, he had a right to a fair and impartial hearing; the right to be confronted by his accusers; the right to present evidence in his defense, and all of this was denied last week in a Federal Court House hearing in Fort Worth, Texas, Judge John Henry McBryde, presiding. I witnessed this travesty and miscarriage of justice! I cried! What I saw **IS NOT SUPPOSED TO HAPPEN IN AMERICA!** The only crime Mr. Simkanin committed was ASKING FOR CLARIFICATION OF THE TAX LAWS!

Respectfully,

Charlotte Smith

“Any alleged 'right' of one man, which necessitates the violation of the rights of another, is not and cannot be a right.”
- Ayn Rand

Biography

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I am a native born Texan from the Panhandle. I cut my teeth on hell, fire, and brimstone in a church pew at Muleshoe. In 1988 I received my Bible Diploma from Liberty Home Bible Institute in Lynchburg, Virginia. I have devoted the past 5 years as full-time watch dog! My wake-up call came when a, Doctor of Chiropractic, was destroyed by the IRS in 1982. My library includes Supreme Court Cases, Title 26 USC and Title 26 CFR. Now that I know the law is on our side, I wake each day with enthusiasm and great expectations for the next boiler plates out of which I eat my breakfast.

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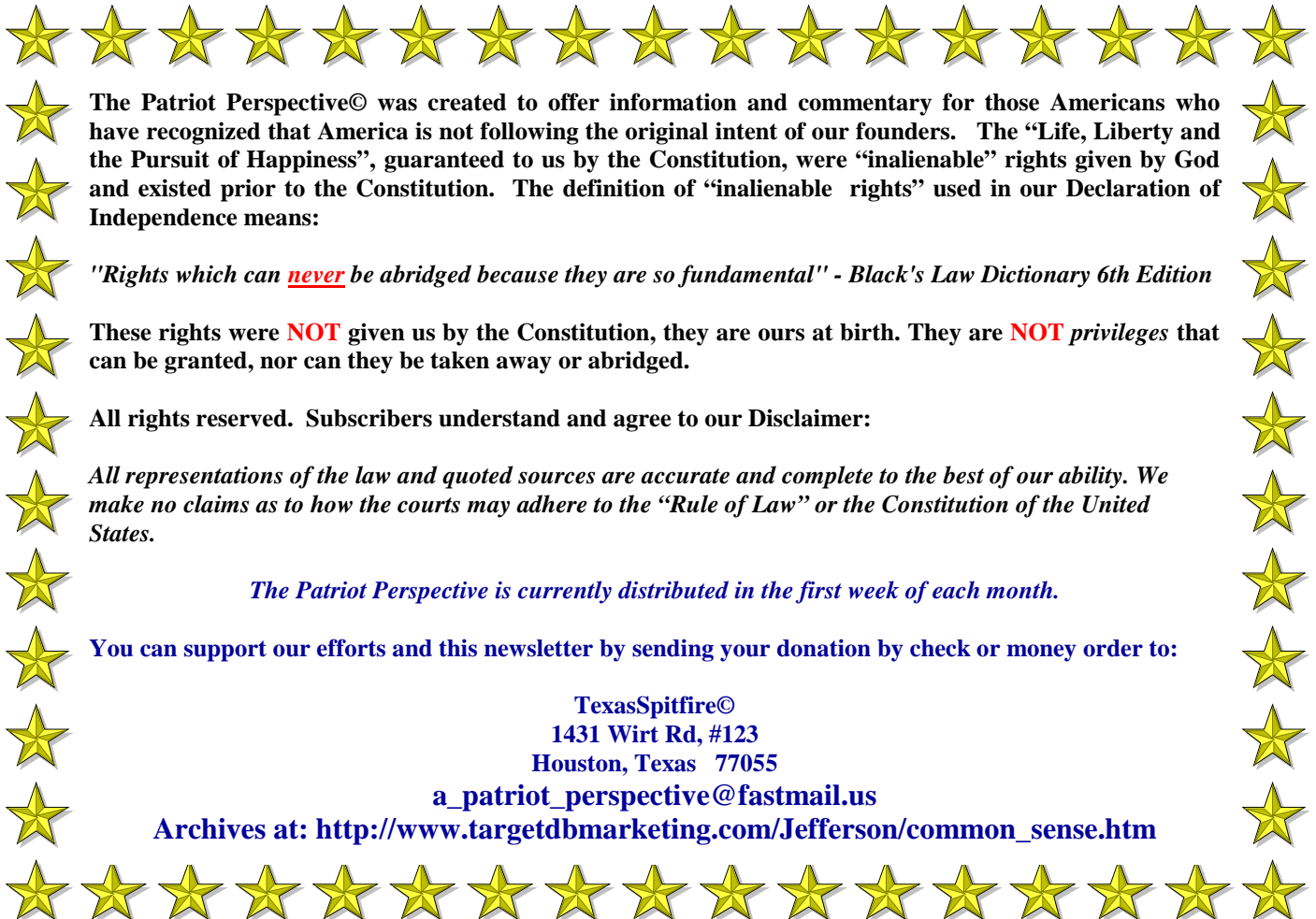
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- Thomas Jefferson, First Inaugural Address [1801]



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*"Rights which can **never** be abridged because they are so fundamental" - Black's Law Dictionary 6th Edition*

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