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Quote of the Month

"I predict future happiness for Americans, if they can prevent the government from wasting the labors of the people under the pretense of taking care of them."

~ Thomas Jefferson

Video of the Month

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Banks Are the Biggest Ponzi Scheme Ever

As far back as we can remember Ponzi schemes have been in the news. Most recently, in 2008, Bernard Madoff's \$50 billion investment advisor Ponzi scheme was exposed when Madoff told a few employees about the details of his fraudulent scheme. Then, in 2009, the Securities & Exchange Commission uncovered R. Allen Stanford's alleged \$8 billion certificate of deposit Ponzi scheme. Many more revelations of "Ponzi schemes" spread throughout the news so much so that Charles Ponzi would have been proud.

Those who don't know Charles Ponzi, back in the 1920s he promised clients a 50% profit within 45 days, or 100% profit within 90 days, by buying discounted postal reply coupons in other countries and redeeming them at face value in the United States as a form of arbitrage. In reality, Ponzi was paying early investors using the investments of later investors. This type of scheme is now known as a "Ponzi scheme". His scheme ran for over a year before it

collapsed, costing his "investors" \$20 million.

So now that we understand what a Ponzi scheme is we can explore how our banking system works and then maybe YOU can determine if it's a Ponzi scheme or not.

We all can feel deep down that something isn't quite right with America and the economy.

The days of surviving on one paycheck are gone. It seems things are getting more and more out of control almost on a daily basis. Government has gone on a spending spree of epic proportions. Obama has already printed more money into existence during his terms in office than we printed in the last 200 years. In his defense, he kind of had to or this whole economy would have fallen apart years ago. But what's coming up for America is going to make 2008 seem like a walk through the park.

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You're about to discover the system that is ultimately responsible for most of the inequality in America, and the world. Our Government and the Banks do not want you to know about this as this system is what has kept them at the top of the financial food chain for the last 100 years.

What you are about to learn will change your way of thinking and your life because it will change the choices that you make. If enough of us understand what is going on, we will change the world because we will change the system. There has never been a time in human history when so many have been deceived and stolen from by so few and it's all accomplished through our Banking System.

You've heard the term "money doesn't grow on trees" but, the truth is that our current banking system creates currency far faster than trees can grow. Most people don't have an understanding of how our currency is created. It all sounds so complex that most people think they won't be able to understand it.

We're going to strip our monetary system down to its essence so that you can see the scam going on behind the scenes and just how it affects all of us, including you. It must be noted that all Countries creates its currency in pretty much the same way. So what is happening here in the United States is not specific to just us.

It all starts when some politician says, "Vote for me and I will make sure the government provides you more free stuff than my opponent will." But there's no such thing as a free lunch. So to provide that supposedly free stuff,



the politicians vote for the country to spend more than its income. This is called deficit spending.

To pay for that deficit spending, the treasury borrows currency by issuing a bond. So what is a bond? If you think about it, a bond is really nothing but an IOU. It's a pretty piece of paper with numbers printed on it that says, "Loan me a trillion dollars today and I promise over a ten-year period I'm going to pay you back that trillion dollars plus interest."



But what you need to understand is that treasury bonds are our national debt. These IOUs are to be paid back by you and I and our descendants through future taxation. Therefore when the government issues a bond, it steals prosperity out of the future so that it can spend it today.

The treasury then holds a bond auction and the world's largest banks show up and compete to buy part of our national debt and make a profit on it by earning interest. Yes, from YOU! You will notice that the big banks are there taking a cut every step of the way. This isn't by chance as you will see.

Then through a shell game called open market operations, the banks get to sell some of those bonds to the Federal Reserve at a profit. To pay for the bonds, the Federal Reserve opens up its big old checkbook and writes bad, bogus, counterfeit checks that should bounce because they're drawn on an account that always has a zero balance. There isn't one penny in there.



So what is the Federal Reserve? Federal Reserve is a private corporation with owners. The Federal Reserve is considered an independent central bank. It is independent since its decisions do not have to be ratified by the President or Congress. The Federal Reserve System was created by Congress in 1913 "to provide for the establishment of Federal reserve banks, to furnish an elastic currency, to afford means of rediscounting commercial paper, to establish a more effective supervision of banking in the United States, and for other purposes."

Did anyone miss that part about it being private and independent?

While the Federal Reserve is an independent institution, it is still accountable to Congress. I know, you can stop laughing now. The Constitution gives Congress the power to coin money and set its value. Congress delegated this power to the Federal Reserve in the 1913 Federal Reserve Act, but still maintains oversight authority.

Going back to our previous discussion... to quote from the Boston Federal Reserve, "When you or I write a check there must be sufficient funds in our account to cover that check. But when the Federal Reserve writes a check, there is no bank deposit on which that check is drawn. When the Federal Reserve writes a check, it is creating money."

The Fed then hands those checks to the banks and at this point, currency springs into existence. The banks then take that currency and buy more bonds at the next treasury auction. But what is a check? A check is also an IOU. When you write a check, you're making a note

that says, "Here's my IOU for cash. All you have to do is go to the bank and pick it up."

The treasury issues IOUs, bonds. The banks then buy those IOUs with currency. The Federal Reserve then writes IOUs, checks, and hands them to the banks in exchange for the treasury's IOUs, the bonds. And "poof" currency is created.

So what's really happening is the Federal Reserve and the treasury are just swapping IOUs, using the banks as middlemen. And abracadabra presto! Currency magically springs into existence. This process repeats and repeats over and over again enriching the banks and indebting the public by raising the national debt.

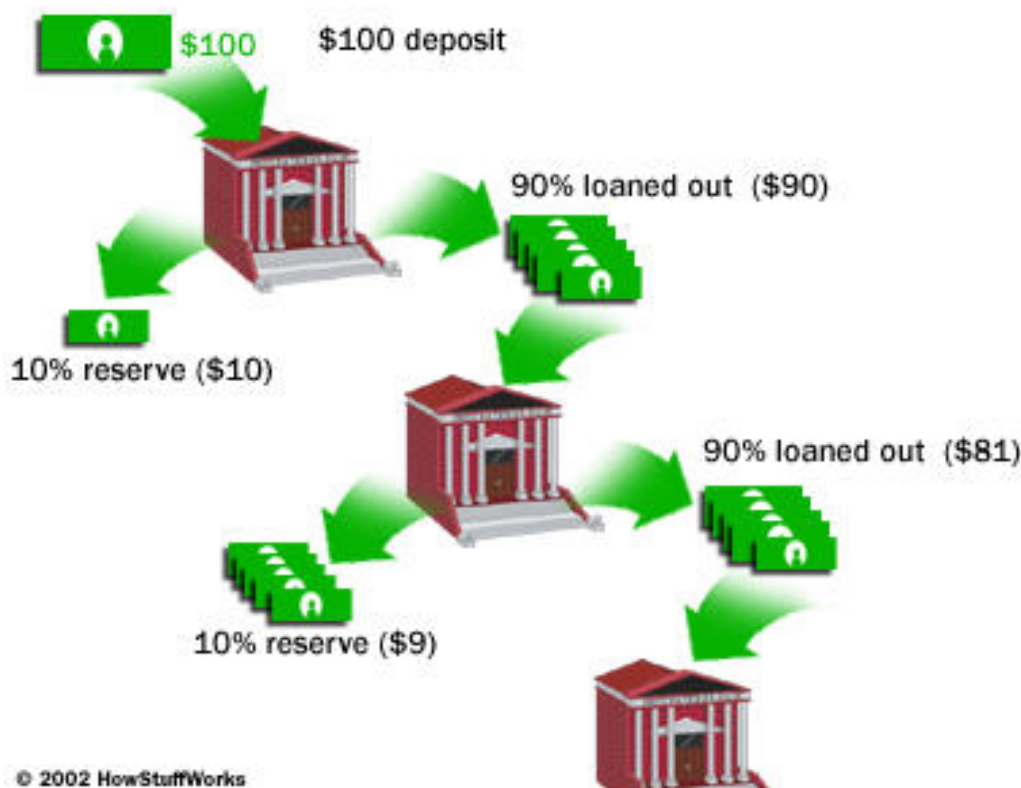
The end result is that there's a build-up of bonds at the Federal Reserve and currency at the treasury.

The treasury then deposits the newly created currency into the various branches of the government and the politicians say, "Hey, thanks for that!" and the government does some deficit spending on public works, social programs and war.

Now this may come as a shock to you but when you deposit your currency with the bank, you're not actually depositing it into an account to be safely held in trust for you. Instead, you're actually loaning the bank your currency and within certain legal limits, they can do with it pretty much anything they please. This includes gambling in the stock market and loaning it up at a profit of course.

Now Fractional Reserve banking comes into play. It's pretty much like it sounds. Fractional-reserve banking is the practice whereby a bank holds reserves in an amount equal to only a portion of the amount of its customers' deposits to satisfy potential demands for withdrawals. Reserves are held at the bank as currency, or as deposits reflected in the bank's accounts at the central bank. Because bank deposits are usually considered money in their own right, fractional-reserve banking permits the money supply to grow to a multiple (called the money multiplier) of the underlying reserves of base money originally created by the central bank.

To mitigate the risks of bank runs (when a large proportion of depositors seek withdrawal of their demand deposits at the same time) or, when problems



94 percent of all currency in existence is created not by the government but right here in our banking system.

The prices of everyday goods and services act as a sponge on an expanding currency supply. The more currency we have, the more prices rise. This is where inflation comes from. The true definition of inflation is an expansion of the currency supply. Rising prices are merely the symptom.

So our entire currency supply is nothing but a few bucks whipped up Ponzi scam where the treasury & Federal Reserve swap glorified IOUs and a bunch of numbers that the banks just type in their

are extreme and widespread, the governments regulate and oversee commercial banks, provide deposit insurance and act as lender of last resort to commercial banks. Remember the bailouts after 2008? Most of them went to the banks. The central bank regulates bank credit creation, imposing reserve requirements and capital adequacy ratios. This can limit the amount of money creation that occurs in the commercial banking system, and helps to ensure that banks are solvent and have enough funds to meet demand for withdrawals.

So, if you deposit \$100 in your account, the bank can legally take \$90 of it and loan it out without telling you. The bank must hold \$10 of your deposit in reserve just in case you want some of it.

But why does your bank account still say you have \$100 if the bank has stolen \$90 of it? Because the bank left IOUs it created, called bank credit, in its place. Now this may sound crazy but here it is in black and white.

When currency is deposited in the banks, the banks get to lend it out and then it gets re-deposited and relent, re-deposited and relent, re-deposited and relent over and over again creating bank credit all the way.

computers.

That's it. That's our entire currency supply. It's nothing but a supply of numbers. Some of them printed, most of them typed.

Now those numbers represent our blood, sweat, tears, labor, ideas and talent. We are what gives the currency its value. But here comes the really cruel joke.

We work hard so that we can save some of that currency so that we can pay the tax collector. In the United States, it's known as the IRS. They then turn it over to the treasury so that the treasury can pay the principal plus interest on that bond that the Federal Reserve bought with a check drawn on an account that has nothing in it.

Now let's walk through this because this is where the system begins to rob you and I on a massive scale. Much of our taxes are not used for schools, roads and public services. But to pay interest on bonds that the Federal Reserve bought with a check drawn on an account that has nothing in it.

The Federal Reserve is committing fraud but here's one of the biggest secrets of them all. Before the establishment of the Federal Reserve, there was no need for personal income tax. The Federal Reserve was created in 1913 and that very same year, the constitution was amended to allow income tax. Do you really think this was just a coincidence?

This is a fraud. It is a pyramid scheme. It is a Ponzi scheme. Our entire monetary system is nothing but a form of legalized theft.

The system is designed to require ever increasing levels of debt and will eventually collapse under its own weight because politicians always kick the can down the road. They don't want it to collapse on their watch.

George Washington once wrote, "No generation has the right to contract debts greater than can be paid off during the course of its own existence."

So let's recap what you just read.

The Government borrows money from the private banks. They then lend the debt base to Americans with compounded interest. The Government then continues to increase taxation on Americans, year after year, in order to continue to pay back the interest on the exponentially growing national debt. What results is inflation and the real money is used to pad the pockets of the banks.

The Government gave the banks the ability to loan out money, that doesn't exist, in the form of loans. When a bank gives you a mortgage, which literally means a "debt pledge" or a loan, they don't actually give you money. They click a key on a computer and generate the fake money out of thin air. They don't actually have it in their bank vaults. Presently, the banks only have 4 billion dollars on reserve. But they have loaned out over 1.5 Trillion dollars.

Each and every time a bank makes a loan, new bank credit is created - new deposits - brand new money. Broadly speaking, all new money comes out of a bank in the form of loans. Since all loans are debt, then under the present system all money is debt.

What is interesting is that even Jesus in Mathew 21 drove off the money changers in the temple. Because

they were manipulating the currency to steal money from the people. The private banks are just like the money changers back in biblical days. They are defrauding and robbing the people of America, thus their freedom and they need to be stopped.

Can you tell me why a Government with power to create money should give that power away to private monopoly and borrow that money, which it can create itself, back at interest to the point of national bankruptcy?

If the United States needs money, they can borrow it directly from the Bank of the United States. The people would then pay fair taxes to repay the Bank of the United States. This tax money would in turn be injected back into our economic infrastructure and the debt would be wiped out. American's would again prosper with real money as the foundation of our economic structure and not debt money.

Regarding the debt money owed to the private banks, we would simply have the Bank of the United States print the money owing, hand it over to the private banks and then clear the debt with the Bank of the United States. And in case you are wondering, YES... we have the power and right to do so.

It has become painfully obvious; we are being defrauded and robbed by the banking system and an accomplice Government.

What will we do, as a society to stop this crime? What will we do to ensure that the next generation (our children and grandchildren) will live free and clear of the debt based economy that enslaves them to the banks?

You are now among the one in a million who can detect the ongoing theft of your children's and your prosperity. You now know about the "Ponzi Scheme" going on right under your nose. So the big question is, "What will you do about it?"

Margaret Mead once said.... *"Never doubt that a small group of people can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."*

Are You Awake Yet?



The Proper Role of Government and How Did They Get So Much Power?

Have you ever asked what the purpose and role of Government is and how they came to get so much power?

While exploring this topic a few questions came to mind. Why does government exist? From what source do they derive their power and their authority? Is there a limit to the power and authority that government should have in our lives? Now those are valid questions. And to really explore and understand them and to find the answers we've got to go back a couple of hundred years.

Around the time of the American War for Independence the thirteen British colonies decided to sever all ties with Great Britain and become separate and independent states. Not only were the founding fathers breaking ties with Britain, they initiated a paradigm shift on a vast scale. In that monumental moment of history they declared that all people, by virtue of their own humanity, were born with rights that cannot be taken or given away. These kinds of rights are called unalienable rights.

The founders acknowledged that a few, but certainly not all, of those rights were the right to life, the right to liberty and the right to pursue happiness. They also took this understanding a step further when they declared the authority to rule over people comes from the very people who are to be ruled and that ruling authority was to be used for the sole purpose of protecting those unalienable rights.

Did you catch that part? Yeah, we missed it back in high school as well. Let's read that again....

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Is that what Government does today? Are they just "protecting our rights" or are they running every aspect of our lives?

It is generally agreed that the most important single function of government is to secure the rights and freedoms of individual citizens. But, do you know those rights? And what is their source? Do you know who you really are? Until these questions are answered there is little likelihood that we can correctly determine how government can best secure them.

It's very unlikely that governments can manage securing these rights as they are certainly not upholding them. We know that government does not do well in the problem solving business. In fact, Government has stepped outside its authority and failed us constantly since its inception. Fiat money system, Universal Health Care, Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, Education, Department of Energy, and the list goes on. For God sakes they can't even deliver our mail without going bankrupt. Wait... why are they delivering our mail? Let's save that for another time.

Governments have only one role, one true role and that is simply to protect our rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. For government to step any further beyond those bounds is wrong and outside of exactly what the people intended.

The rights of the individuals are restricted only to the extent that they have been voluntarily surrendered by the citizenship to the agencies of government.

~ *City of Dallas v Mitchell*, 245 S.W. 944

So, let's ask the most important questions that we, as a society, must ask ourselves... "What is the proper role of government?" In order to answer that question, we must first define government in a manner that satisfies all of us. That is easier said than done.

As we talked about above, Governments were established to protect and maintain individual rights. PERIOD! In fact, it is well established that the most important single function of government is to secure the rights and freedoms of individual citizens. The great Thomas Jefferson asked: *"Can the liberties of a nation be thought secure when we have removed their only firm basis, a conviction in the minds of the people that these liberties are of the Gift of God? That they are not to be violated but with His wrath?"*

Building on that foundation, we must consider the origin of those rights and freedoms we have come to know. Do you believe they were God given as part of His divine plan, or were they granted by someone or government as part of the political plan? Did the Constitution give us these rights or did we already have them?

If we accept the premise that human rights are granted by government, then we must be willing to accept that they can be denied by government. Personally, we will never accept that premise. Life, liberty, and property do not exist because a few men said so. You were born with those rights and no one has the right to give or take away those rights.

Where does the power in Government come from?

The important thing to keep in mind is that the people who have created their government can give to that government only such powers as they, themselves, have in the first place. Obviously, they cannot give that which they do not possess. So, the question boils down to this. What powers properly belong to each and every person in the absence of and prior to the establishment of any organized government? A hypothetical question? Yes, indeed! But, it is a question which is vital to an understanding of the principles which underlie the proper function of government.

The answer to the question posed above is, the power comes from the people.

Government has only those powers delegated to it by the people. Several articles and amendments to the Constitution create a limited federal government: one restrained to specific, enumerated powers. This federal system serves as a check on government power. Article I lists the powers of Congress, Article II lists the powers of

the executive branch, and Article III lists the powers of the judiciary branch. The structure and purpose of each branch was devised so as to ensure checks and balances, which provide another way of limiting government power and potential abuses.

You can stop laughing now. We know our current form of Government is corrupt.

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

This next part was taken from the Declaration of Independence in the 2nd paragraph.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.--That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, --That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to affect their Safety and Happiness.

The Proper Function of Government.

This means, then, that the proper function of government is limited to which the individual citizen has the right to act. By deriving its just powers from the governed, government becomes primarily a mechanism for defense against bodily harm, theft and involuntary servitude. Hence they were created to protect and maintain individual rights. It cannot claim power to redistribute wealth, force you to get health care, tax you, run education or force citizens to do anything against their will. Government was created by man. No man possesses such power to delegate. The creature cannot exceed the creator.

Therefore, the proper role of government includes such defensive activities, as maintaining national military and local police forces for protection against loss of life, loss



of property, and loss of liberty at the hands of either foreign or domestic criminals.

Are you still with me? This is important. In order to be awake you must know who you are.

What is the Constitution?

The Constitution is a contract between the People and the Government. Nothing else! It does not give you rights – it protects the rights you already have. The Constitution was written to enumerate your rights and keep the government from taking them away.

Civil liberties are about freedom. They determine what you as an individual are free to do, and what the government cannot do to infringe on your freedom. Rights protect you from unfair treatment under the law. Your individual civil liberties are those - inalienable - liberties mentioned in the U.S. Constitution. But, does the Constitution give you those rights?

It is reported that our former President George W. Bush said... "Stop throwing the Constitution in my face, it's just a god-da**ed piece of paper!"

We'll never know if that was really said or not... but, we happen to agree with him. Wait, hear us out before you start sending hate emails.

But whether the Constitution can really be one thing, or another, this much is certain – that it has either authorized such a government as we have had, or has been powerless to prevent it. In either case, it is unfit to exist. ~ Lysander Spooner

And to think that Lysander Spooner never lived to see the world as it is now. Seriously though, think about this for second. We have this great document which is supposed to protect us from Government. How is it working out for us?

One of the most disappointing things is to hear so many claims that the constitution, if followed as it was written, would guarantee our rights. This is almost as bad as those who think that the Constitution grants us our rights in the first place.

We have certain rights that are inherent due to our humanity, and they can be summed up by simply saying we have the right not to be the victim of aggression. We might argue a bit over what, exactly, those inherent human rights are and how best to enforce said rights, but we must believe that natural rights predate the Government and its constitution or we are believing in "rights" that are really just privileges bestowed by the Government at its whim. After all, if men can give us rights, then they are not rights at all, because they can just as easily be taken away.

The right to life, liberty and property in our time is most often threatened by Government -the very institution that so many think is supposed to protect our rights. They think that if only we would just "follow the constitution" that everything would be just fine again in this country. But how does one expect the Government to be constrained by a piece of paper that it enforces itself? Has it ever really followed the constitution?

So, doesn't the Constitution or the Bill of Rights grant us rights?

Simply put... No! It's only a document.

It does not contain phrases like, "The People shall have the right to free speech." It contains language like, "Congress shall make no law... abridging free speech..." or "... the right of the People to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed."

If the People did not already have the right to bear arms, how could Government abridge it? You see where this is going?

The US Constitution is a document firmly founded in the principle of Enumerated Powers. The document is meant to set forth the "limited powers" that the People were granting the government "to establish Justice, provide for the common defense, and secure our Liberties."

The very first sentence of Article I, Section 1 says it all. "All legislative Powers herein granted..." It is clear that the People are granting certain powers to the government. The People are not being granted rights. It even lists those specific powers granted.

In fact, James Madison, as well as many of the Founding Fathers, argued against having the first eight amendments as they thought them redundant because those rights remained with the People. But Alexander Hamilton and others felt it was necessary as those were some of the very rights the King (WHICH KING?) had taken from the People.

Now that we all understand that we are not given rights, then we can understand that they cannot be given or dictated to us by others.

If being stripped of your Constitutional rights to defend yourself makes you more "safe" according to the government you might want to revisit history and read about those who gave up their Liberties for Security. It did not turn out well for any of them and it's not turning out so great for us either.

Are You Awake Yet?

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Who Are You? Do You Know Your Rights? Part 2



If you recall, from our previous newsletter, we left off stating... Government has asserted their authority in every aspect of our lives. And this is not the first time.

We had the same problems back in the mid 1760's, the people in the colonies of America had finally realized that they were being abused by King George the III. They said, this is enough of this stuff, we're tired of this.

The American War of Independence, or simply the Revolutionary War in the United States, was the violent overthrow of the Kingdom of Great Britain's control of thirteen of its American colonies which joined together as the united states of America in July 1776.

Through the battle , we came up with the declaration of independence, but more importantly the constitution.

How many of you have read constitution? Really read it!

What is the constitution of the United States? Most of us were never taught. Now the constitution is being improperly presented to our young people, and even to us. So we didn't even know what it was.

We think "oh yeah, some historical document" "hope you remember all the dates on the test" They talked about the dates and everything like it's really, really important. I'm sorry it's not! The dates are not important, the content is important.

That's what they don't want you to know. When we started learning a little bit about it, we started getting a little excited about it.

This constitution is the supreme law of the land. And the judges in every state are bound there by. Anything and any state, constitution or law to the contrary, not withstanding. Now what does that mean. This is the supreme law of the land and every judge is bound to it. It means it can't come up with some bogus statute or code that is contrary to the law of the land and make an arbitrary decision.

So far, we hope this is making some sense to you, We're just making a foundation. So, it is the supreme law of the land. And why is it declared? Because every time these people get elected, they have to swear on oath to support and defend this constitution as their first duty.

So the constitution is the supreme law of the land. Supreme, superior. There is nothing superior to this constitution. No one thing, nothing. That's good so far. So now if we know what the supreme law is, what kind of law do we have?

Well in Article 4, Section 4. It tells you what type of law we have...

"The United States shall guarantee to every State in this Union a Republican Form of Government, and shall protect each of them against Invasion; and on Application of the Legislature, or of the Executive (when the Legislature cannot be convened), against domestic Violence"

Everything state in the union shall be guaranteed a republican form of government. Now what is a republican form of government? A republican form of government is the rule of law. What is the supreme law? Constitution of United States. We have to speak in complete sentences, especially when we're in court. So every state is guaranteed a republican form of government, a republican which means word of law, which means we can't have kingdoms that have tyrants that decide they can run anything they want.

The laws will supersede the mandates of a person's will. Now, we have to have a system of justice that enforces this law. Which means we have to have a judicial system.

What kind of judicial system do we have? Pursuant to article 3 section 2 of the constitution of the United States, it actually outlines our judicial system.

"The judicial Power shall extend to all Cases, in Law and Equity, arising under this Constitution, the Laws of the United States, and Treaties made, or which shall be made, under their Authority;--to all Cases affecting Ambassadors, other public Ministers and Consuls;--to all Cases of admiralty and maritime Jurisdiction;--to Controversies to which the United States shall be a Party;--to Controversies between two or more States;--between a State and Citizens of another State;--between Citizens of different States;--between Citizens of the same State claiming Lands under Grants of different States, and between a State, or the Citizens thereof, and foreign States, Citizens or Subjects."

There's only one court in this country that can hear matters of the people. And here's the paraphrase without reading the whole line. An article 3 jurisdiction court is a court where all officers of the court which include the judges and the attorney, the bailiffs and the clerks are bound by their oath, to the law. And all laws of the constitution are upheld.

Does that sound alright? Where is it? I spent many years trying to find an article 2 court! Do you get on in a traffic case? How about in a family matter such as divorce proceedings? After intensive research, calling, writing, researching, we found out there's a venue you create. A venue is Latin for 'stage'. That's why they refer to everybody as actors. The man acting as judge. The man acting as this or that. It's a venue we create and we know how to do that. Because otherwise if your not in an article 3 jurisdiction court, your in a different court. We often refer to them as administrative courts. You've also may have heard the term "Kangaroo Court"?

You are not in an Article 3 court when you are fighting a traffic ticket. It is administrative and if you don't say anything or you make a plea, you are agreeing to this administrative process. You just gave up your rights.

We tell people all the time. NEVER go to court to fight the ticket. You will lose! You go to court to fight the process. We will be talking more about this in future newsletters.

The world of law, everything has to have a definition. In order to be involved here, the judicial system, we have to have a definition of a crime. Wouldn't you think? Let's talk about what a crime is, so you know. A crime by definition is by one of the people, with criminal intent, damages or harms one of the other people and/or their property. Does that make sense?

Does that mean if you do not come to a complete stop at a stop sign, which has become legendary throughout the United States, is that a crime? No! Why is it not a crime? No victim, no injured party. No corpus delicti. No body of evidence. If there is no victim, somebody whose been damaged or harmed. Can there be a crime? No. You have full rights to do whatever you want to do, so long as you do not infringe upon the rights of any of the other citizens. Now we are not saying you should blow through stop signs and red lights. They are there for safety. However, when did we give our public servants permission to pull us over?

Crime has it's definition, and the reason we want it to have a specific definition is because we don't want it to be some loose lipped, mamby pamby definition that includes anybody and everybody that ever possibly do, think or say. Right? So let's tie it to the scriptures. When you look at the ten commandments, specifically 5,6,7,8,9 and 10. They have to do with infringing upon the rights of others. That's what crime has to be. It's infringing the rights of other people. And that's what a crime is. But guess what

Who get to determine what that crime is? Government? Can you trust a few men and women to make that decision of whether or not you had criminal intent? No way. That's why pursuant to article 6 and article 7 of the Bill of Rights, it says that you have and are guaranteed the right to trial by jury. That's your constitutionally guaranteed right. Article 6 has to do with criminal, article 7 has to do with civil and common law. Matters of money, Commercial.

What is the supreme law of the land? Constitution of the United States is the supreme law of the land. Now, is it

just the supreme law of the land? Or is it the declared supreme law of the land? It is declared.

So let's talk about what some of your rights are. And how they are violated almost every day.

Article 1: Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech.

The First Amendment is supposed to protect the freedom to speak your mind and protest in peace without being threatened by the police or government. It also protects the freedom of the media, as well as the right to worship and pray without interference. In other words, Americans should not be silenced by those we elect to Government. Yet despite the very clear protections found in the First Amendment, our freedoms are under constant assault. Increasingly, Americans are being arrested and charged with ridiculous charges such as "disrupting the peace" or "resisting arrest" for filming police officers engaged in harassment or abusive practices. Media journalists are being prosecuted for reporting on whistleblowers. States are passing illegal legislation to silence reporting on cruel and abusive corporate practices. We are even being fined for attempting to feed and house the homeless. And we are being tear-gassed, beaten, arrested and forced into "free speech zones." Correct me if I am wrong, Isn't all of America a free speech zone?

Article 2: A well regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed.

The Second Amendment was intended to guarantee "the right of the people to keep and bear arms." Yet while gun ownership has been recognized by the U.S. Supreme Court as an individual citizen right, Americans remain powerless to defend themselves against government agents armed to the teeth with military weapons. Police shootings of unarmed citizens continue to outrage communities, while little is being done to demilitarize law enforcement agencies better suited to the battlefield.

We hear about police shooting someone in the news almost daily these days. It seems to be getting worse. Now we have no -knock warrants. A no-knock warrant

is a warrant issued by a judge which allows law enforcement to enter a premises without knocking or identifying themselves as police first. It is a warrant authorizing officers to enter certain premises to execute a warrant without first knocking or otherwise announcing their presence where circumstances (such as a known risk of serious harm to the officers or the likelihood that evidence of crime will be destroyed) justify such an entry.

What would your initial reaction be if a bunch of masked men knock down your door in the middle of the night and did not announce themselves? And even if they did announce themselves as police, can you be sure it is really them? Bad guys have knocked down doors and yelled police.

They say no-knock tactics are mostly used for narcotics-related search warrants because drugs can be quickly flushed down a toilet and those involved in drug trafficking are sometimes heavily armed. Heavily armed? I doubt that very much.

Do we really need these no knock warrants, especially for these no violent crimes? You really have to take a critical look at all the pieces of the puzzle and make a determination. Honestly, it's far more dangerous to bust into someone's home unannounced than to just surround the house and knock on the door.

For example, Jose Guerena warrant was handled like a no-knock. They rammed the door open 6 seconds after they knocked and 24 seconds from when their vehicle pulled into the driveway. Jose was killed less than 33 seconds from when SWAT first arrived. This is a perfect example of a warrant that went wrong. There was no due process for Jose. No claims of Jose's guilt or innocence in this matter, but the governments funding the Joint SWAT paid a \$3.4 million wrongful death settlement. When they discussed this tragedy the police said "we made numerous attempts to get someone to come to the door ... we had to force our way into the house" The video provided showed that wasn't the case

What about when they get it wrong, which they do more often than you think. It's not unheard of for them to serve no knocks at the wrong homes. A baby was maimed by a flash bang from a no knock at the wrong house. SWAT is not being used for its intended purpose and they are putting citizens at risk. Not a good idea at

all. We're becoming more and more a police state which in turn makes some police officers think they are above the law.

Article 3: *No soldier shall, in time of peace be quartered in any house, without the consent of the owner, nor in time of war, but in a manner to be prescribed by law.*

The Third Amendment reinforces the principle that civilian-elected officials are superior to the military by prohibiting the military from entering any citizen's home without "the consent of the owner." With the police increasingly posing as military forces, complete with military weapons, assault vehicles, etc., it is clear that we now have what the founders feared most, a violent standing army on American soil. Moreover, as a result of SWAT team raids where police invade homes, often without warrants, and injure and even kill unarmed citizens, the barrier between public and private property has done away with this critical safeguard.

Do you remember the Boston bombing? SWAT police went door to door ripping families out of their homes in the manhunt that ensued. Footage of one such raid on a house in Watertown, Massachusetts, where police are screaming at a family to get out of their home and run down the street with their hands above their heads, all the time with automatic weapons trained on them.

Are you convinced this really happened? Check out this video of police performing house-to-house raids in Watertown MA. <http://youtu.be/2LrbsUVSVI8>

We have militarized police pointing guns and treating citizens like terrorist criminals, while armies of police in armored vehicles roamed around the suburban streets. Do you feel safe now?

Article 4: *The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized.*

The Fourth Amendment prohibits the government from conducting surveillance on you or touching you or

invading you, unless they have some evidence that you're up to something criminal. In other words, the Fourth Amendment ensures privacy and bodily integrity. Unfortunately, the Fourth Amendment has suffered the greatest damage. Police strip search which includes anal and vaginal searches of citizens, surveillance and intrusions justified in the name of fighting terrorism. This includes the outsourcing of otherwise illegal activities to private contractors. Did we forget about TSA?

They use civil asset forfeiture schemes to fund the coffers of police forces. The federal government continues to strong-arm corporations into providing it with access to Americans' private affairs, from emails and online transactions to banking and web surfing (NSA). Coming in the wake of massive leaks about the inner workings of the NSA (thank you Edward Snowden) and the massive secretive surveillance state, it was recently revealed that the government threatened to fine Yahoo \$250,000 every day for failing to comply with the NSA's mass data collection program known as PRISM.

The technological future appears to pose even greater threats to what's left of our Fourth Amendment rights, with advances in biometric identification and microchip implants on the horizon. Oh, are you paying attention? This is making it that much easier for the government to track not only our movements and cyber activities but our very cellular beings. Barclays has already begun using a finger-scanner as a form of two-step authentication to give select customers access to their accounts. Similarly, Motorola has been developing thin "digital tattoos" that will ensure that a phone's owner is the only person who may unlock it. All of this information, of course, will be available to the spying surveillance agencies.

Article 5: *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.*

Article 6: *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.*

The Fifth Amendment and the Sixth Amendment work in tandem. These amendments supposedly ensure that you are innocent until proven guilty, and government authorities cannot deprive you of your life, your liberty or your property without the right to an attorney and a fair trial before a civilian judge. However, in the new suspect society in which we live, where surveillance is the norm, these fundamental principles have been all but removed. And now the National Defense Authorization Act, signed into law by President Obama, allows the military to arrive at your door if the president thinks you're a terrorist, place you in military detention, jail you indefinitely and restrict access to your family and your lawyer.

Are you staring to see how your rights are slowly disappearing?

Article 7: *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 reexamined in any court of the United States, than according to the rules of the common law.*

The Seventh Amendment guarantees citizens the right to a jury trial. However, when the populace has no idea of what's in the Constitution—civic education has virtually disappeared from most school curriculums—that inevitably translates to an ignorant jury incapable of distinguishing justice and the law from their own preconceived notions and fears.

How many civil traffic cases have you been through where the amount in controversy is more than \$20.00? Did you get a jury trial?

In most of the 50 states, you do not have the right to a jury trial in a traffic ticket case, which means a judge alone decides whether or not you are guilty. The only

witness for the state is the police officer and no prosecutor is present. Is this fair? In almost all these traffic cases, the police officer and the judge both work for the state. How can this be fair for you?

Article 8: Excessive bail shall not be required, nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel and unusual punishments inflicted.

The Eighth Amendment is similar to the Sixth in that it is supposed to protect the rights of the accused and forbid the use of cruel and unusual punishment. However, the Supreme Court's determination on what constitutes "cruel and unusual" leaves us with little protection in the face of a society lacking in morals altogether. For example, if you are thrown into a military detention camp, then what constitutes cruel and unusual punishment is up to your jailers.

Article 9: The enumeration in the Constitution, of certain rights, shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people.

The Ninth Amendment provides that other rights not enumerated in the Constitution are nonetheless retained by the people. Popular sovereignty, the belief that the power to govern flows upward from the people rather than downward from the rulers, is clearly evident in this amendment. However, it has since been turned on its head by our government that sees itself as supreme and which continues to pass more and more laws that restrict our freedoms under the pretext of protecting us. Once the government began violating the non-enumerated rights granted in the Ninth Amendment, it was only a matter of time before it began to trample the enumerated rights of the people, as explicitly spelled out in the rest of the Bill of Rights.

Article 10: 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.

As for the Tenth Amendment's reminder that the people and the states retain every authority that is not otherwise mentioned in the Constitution, that assurance of a system of government in which power is divided among local, state and national entities has long since been rendered moot by the centralized Washington, DC power elite—the president, Congress and the courts.

Indeed, the federal governmental bureaucracy has grown so large that it has made local and state legislatures relatively irrelevant. Through its many agencies and regulations, the federal government has stripped states of the right to regulate countless issues that were originally governed at the local level. This distinction is further blurred by programs such as the Pentagon's 1033 program, which distributes excess military hardware to local police stations, effectively turning them into extensions of the military.

If there is any sense to be made from this recitation of freedoms lost, it is simply this: our individual freedoms have been deprived so that the government's powers could be expanded. In this regard, ironically, Osama Bin Laden was right when he warned that freedom and human rights in America are doomed, and that the U.S. government would be responsible for leading us into an "unbearable hell and a choking life."

The choices before us are simple: We can live in the past, dwelling on what freedoms we used to enjoy and shrugging helplessly at the destruction of our liberties. We can immerse ourselves in the present, allowing ourselves to be utterly distracted by the reality shows and entertainment news and ever-changing headlines so that we fail to pay attention to or do anything about the government's ongoing power-grabs. We can hang our hopes on the future, believing against all odds that someone or something—whether it be a politician, a movement, or a religious savior—will save us from inevitable ruin.

Or we can start right away by instituting changes in ourselves, and resurrecting the Constitution, recognizing that if we follow our current trajectory, the picture of the future will be closer to what George Orwell likened to "a boot stamping on a human face, forever."

Are You Awake Yet?