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#### SUMMARY OF POTLUCK AT DON ESCH'S by Penny Esplin/President

On Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup> a total of 16 members showed up for a really nice get together and potluck at Don and Jerry's place. In attendance: Don and Jerry (of course), me, Walt and my friend Terrie, Marlea, Tim Kelly, Lee Cheatle, Bill Moore, Dave and Christoph Stewart, Ken Orndorff, Chuck Choate, Delmon, David and Karen Darnell. Tom Quintal of WVM actually made an appearance later on.

The weather was great! Don had a large tent/awning set up over the food tables, and we had plenty of chairs set up in the comfortable shade. Everyone brought something for the food table, and Don barbequed hamburgers, hot dogs and Oktoberfest sausages. We all had plenty to eat, and for dessert Jerry had baked a rhubarb/strawberry crisp she served with ice cream, and I'm sorry to say I was too stuffed to try any. But everyone else sure looked pleased.

When we first got there, Don had his little sluice box set up, and he was totally engrossed with the panning he was doing. And when we took a peek in his pan, WHOA! He had such a nice batch of gold he had recovered from his claim down in Josephine County (where he had just got back from), and I swear I've never seen anything like that in a gold pan ever! I almost choked! Man, Don had to have been flipping excited too, but he was so cool, calm and collected. I tried to detect some kind of sparking coming off his vibes, maybe a tremble in

his hands or in his voice, but no. How could he contain himself? I had to turn away from it all; it was just too much to bear! That sure was a nice batch of gold, and that was just the first pan. Way to go Don!

When planning for this potluck, I had decided that this would include August's meeting. So our meeting consisted of sharing stories, talking rocks, camp trips, and personal experiences; good, bad or weird. It was good time to co-mingle, and I think it was nice to have a meeting that wasn't a meeting. I said, "Well, here we are, and this <u>is</u> the meeting, carry on!"

Oh, I guess I did have some information that could be considered a "meeting agenda". I had copies of our newly AMENDED LOCATION NOTICE on our DIGGERS LNF JEETER CREEK claim. ORMC #171208. Our coordinates were correct, but the original map was not! Well, it has all been taken care of, and if you haven't received the email I sent out with the new map and directions, here it is now:

On the Little North Fork Rd, the 1st trail down is just before mile post 3. It is well marked w/bright orange ribbon. It is a little steep in places, but we have tied a rope to aid with getting up and down..

The friendlier trail is just after mile post 3, there is a trash can in place as you start down the trail. It is a bit longer, but an easier way down for those who need it.

### NOTICE OF LOCATION

OF

## ASSOCIATION PLACER CLAIM

State of Oregon, County of MARION, NORTH SANTIAM Mining District

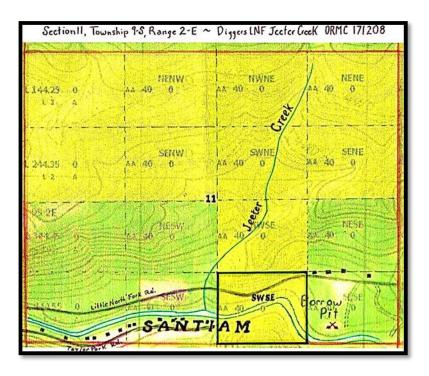
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That the undersigned locator/s, each a citizen of the United States, have discovered a placer deposit of locatable minerals upon the public domain of the United States which is open to mineral entry and location within the above state, county, and mining district, and, in accordance with the laws of the United States and the State of Oregon, have located and hereby do locate a Placer Claim of <u>40</u> acres by posting this Notice of Location on a post or monument in a conspicuous place, inside the bounderies of the claim.

The claim is named the: **DIGGERS LNF JEETER CREEK** Association Placer Claim, which is Located by legal sub-division, and is as follows:

This claim comprises the SW 1/4 of the SE 1/4

#### of Section 11, Township 9-S, Range 2-E, of the Willamette Meridian.

The locator/s intend to hold and work the above discribed claim as provided by the laws of the United states and the State of Oregon and claim all of the rights and privileges granted by existing laws and customs.



This is an Association Placer Mining Claim of 40 Acres

Section 11
DIGGERS LNF JEETER CREEK
ORMC # 171208

If I receive any updates or information regarding an outing for September, I will be sure to contact all members.

Notice to members: Please think of more items to bring to upcoming meetings for the General Raffle table that we can use as prizes. If they are for "rocking" or mining of any kind, all the better! Baked goods would be great, too!

#### Our Next Club Meeting: Thursday, September 25th,, 2014

#### Visit our website at <a href="http://www.millenniumdiggers.com/">http://www.millenniumdiggers.com/</a>

The Millennium Diggers Club is a group based in Keizer, Oregon, which is near Salem, Oregon. The club is for people that share an interest in searching for things of value. The club's charter is to provide members with a club that will help promote the hobbies of metal detecting, prospecting, rock hounding, and treasure hunting. Part of our yearly dues pay for mining claims that are available for all club members to use. We use club meetings to share information about locating gold, silver, coins, jewelry, gemstones, fossils and metal detecting. We plan club outings each month where we can help each other learn all aspects of our hobbies. This is a great family activity, bring the kids! Please feel free to drop in on one of the monthly meetings or outings.

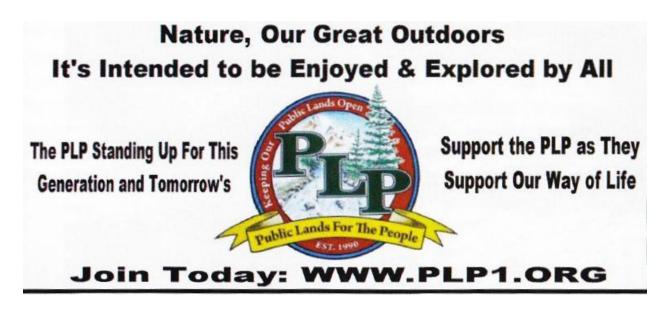
We meet the **4<sup>th</sup>** Thursday of each month, 7:00 p.m, at:

<u>Clear Lake United Methodist Church</u>

920 Marks Drive

Keizer, OR 97303

We meet in the church's Fellowship Hall; a real a nice meeting place complete with tables, chairs and a kitchen. The church is located across the street from the Clear Lake Fire Station. There's plenty of parking in the church's parking lot.



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## Annual Liberty miners rally draws a curious crowd

Chloe Allmand, Daily Record, Ellensburg, WA, August 25, 2014

http://www.dailyrecordnews.com/members/annual-liberty-miners-rally-draws-a-curious-crowd/article\_7d2366ee-2c7a-11e4-b0e0-0019bb2963f4.html



Debbie Lueder, secretary of the Washington Prospectors Mining Association, demonstrates how to pan for gold at the association's booth on Saturday in Liberty.

LIBERTY, WA — Children shrieked with excitement as they panned for gold, old friends chatted and laughed together and the whole crowd watched mining equipment demonstrations.

Whatever their reason for coming, attendees of the annual Miners Rally in Liberty over the weekend came away with a better idea of what miners in the Pacific Northwest do, and who modern-day miners are.

Resources Coalition President Bill Thomas was on hand all three days of the event and said the goal of the rally was to present an accurate image of miners and the mining industry to the public and politicians alike.

"This is an opportunity for us to show people who we are and what we're about. Those who don't see it don't know that we're stewards of the land, not destructors of it," Thomas said. "If mining piques your interest at all, come see us and find out about it before making any judgments."

#### Sharing a message

Thomas was among several people who gave speeches on mining, natural resources and the environment over the weekend. The more than 600 attendees had the opportunity to hear about the history of Blewett Pass, fish biology and **mercury's potential effects on fish and human health**. Thomas said the goal of the speakers was to provide attendees with information about

mining that they may not have had otherwise, and to discredit misconceptions about the mining industry.

Alongside the chance for a mining education was the chance to see the fun side of the industry. Spectators could watch demonstrations of several types of mining equipment, including an antique arrastra, which is used to pulverize gold or silver ore. Children and adults were able to pan for gold in the nearby river or at the Washington Prospectors Mining Association's booth, where the group had set up a trough of dirt and water from the river.

"My favorite part of this whole event is the expressions on the kids' faces when we let them pan and they get to the bottom, and there's really gold there that they found," Thomas said. "Even adults get so excited over that."

#### Family friendly

Vendors sold their products to the rally goers, and mining and prospecting clubs and organizations were in attendance including the Bedrock Prospectors Club, North Central Washington Prospectors and the Shelton Rock and Mineral Society.

On Saturday evening, attendees came together for a potluck, and after dark children and adults got to experience a real treasure hunt using metal detectors. Some attendees camped next to the rally site, while others drove in for the events each day.

Bob Carstensen, a dealer for White's metal detectors and member of the Puget Sound Treasure Hunters Club, said the rally brings people together like a family.

"It's like the old rendezvous," Carstensen said. "We all come together here with a common goal."



# **Selenium Antagonism To Mercury Part 1**

Now on YouTube:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qM0LdWmKtlo&feature=youtu.be **Published on Sep 10, 2014** 

Claudia Wise & Joseph Greene Scientists present material at NW Miners Rally, Liberty, WA 2014. Part 1 Connection to small-scale dredging.

This series will cover in depth known science, August 2014.



# Retired EPA Scientist is frustrated that scientific studies are not understood or accepted by regulators

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Scientist says that dredge holes in rivers can help some fish in some locations by giving sanctuary and keeping the water colder. Photo taken over 2014 fourth of July on the Salmon River near Riggins.

Joe Greene says that government regulators and environmentalists cherry pick questionable data and take untenable positions from scientific studies when it comes to small scale suction dredge mining (SSSDM). Careful reading and analysis of those studies, he said, do not support the conclusions regulators have taken. Joe Greene, a retired scientist for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), was in Riggins yesterday visiting with local suction dredge miner Don Smith. Smith asked me to interview Greene in an attempt to better educate people about the issues. Smith has been lobbying the state government in an

attempt to overcome new EPA regulations that ban suction dredge mining on the Salmon River near Riggins where Smith had been mining for years.

Smith currently has an application pending with the Idaho State Government for a dredge mining permit on the Salmon. A public hearing for this application is scheduled in McCall September 3. This site has published articles on the hearing and on many other aspects of the issues involved. Please refer to the RIVERS section here to locate and review those articles for background information.

Specifically Greene first pointed out that the claim that salmon will spawn to their detriment on tailing piles left by SSSDM is unsubstantiated in the studies. The study that is cited was done by scientists Harvey and Lisle, and Greene pointed out that the study also showed that "when redds were being washed from tailings they were also being washed from the riverbed (that was) undisturbed by mining." Greene points to a number of U.S. Fish and Wildlife Studies from 1993 to 2006 "(t)hat all conclude that spawning on suction dredge mine tailings is an insignificant problem." Greene also pointed out other government data that supported the concept that salmon spawning on mine tailings was not a significant issue.

Greene next pointed to various studies that when the scientific data is analyzed is showing that SSSDM creates minuscule amounts of turbidity well under what would be required to cause harm to a river system. He said that these studies show there is no data that points to harm coming from turbidity in the case of SSSDM. Green did point out that dumping the tailings from SSSDM directly on or just above a redd is to be avoided and it is with seasonal regulations.

According to Greene, the new EPA ruling that SSSDM introduces a pollutant is not logical and is an excuse to apply a regulation that was not meant for this application. To suck up gravel and immediately let it settle back to the bottom of the river introduces nothing. Considering the small scale and the "environmentally friendly" technology of not grinding or crushing anything and not introducing a thing, there can be no pollution occurring, he contends. Greene again pointed to 7 or 8 studies that conclude the impact of the activity is "less than significant." He said their own study, one contracted by the EPA with a scientist from the University of Idaho, in Alaska concluded that there was only limited impact a short distance downstream from SSSDM.

Greene contends that the implementation of these regulations is based on a political decision and not a scientific one. He is frustrated because this information can be found in scientific studies and regulators won't listen to reason or study the science for themselves and become informed.

Greene explained he became involved and started studying the issues after retiring from years of working for the EPA on hazardous materials and research as part of the super fund program. He also was for 7 years an adjunct professor for the Oregon State University as an Environmental Engineer. He was camping and mining with a little 2.5 inch dredge with his grandchildren when he became aware of new regulations against his hobby coming down the pike in California.

I asked Greene if large scale mining on the Salmon River using a big steam shovel type device was appropriate. He said no, that an industrial application like that is huge in scale and disrupts the river bed all the way across. He says that SSSDM is self limiting because of the scale of the technology using only 5 or 8 inch nozzles. The miner is limited to moving large material by hand and can't impact large areas at a time. I asked if there should be a limit on the number of dredges working a given stretch of river and no consensus on a limitation was forthcoming from those present. It was pointed out that if Don Smith's permit went through, it would limit about one mile of river to him only. State regulations now state that no working dredges are to be within 100' of each other.

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# Mining Waste Spill in Canada to Hamper Future Mine Development, Mine Supply

Independent Living Bullion, Aug. 18, 2014

https://us-mg6.mail.yahoo.com/neo/launch?.rand=0grpjjqg90jst#8273114450

This month's dam breach at a waste pond constructed many years ago at Imperial Metals Corp's gold and copper mine has made waves throughout the mining community. 4.5 million cubic meters of chemical-laden tailings, a byproduct of ore processing at the open pit mine in Mount Polley, British Columbia, ran off into remote wilderness lakes used mostly by aboriginals.

While the seriousness of the environmental damage is yet to be determined, the political fallout has already begun. The permit on a new lead zinc mine in the same Canadian province got blocked last We expect the political resistance and costs of developing new mines to increase even further as a result of this incident.



The result? Less supply of these valuable metals coming out of the ground – and upward pressure on physical metal prices over time.

As David H. Smith pointed out to us this morning: "Bad for paper, good for physical."

"This shows why all the stats and pie charts in the world about how many ounces a company is going to produce don't mean a Tinker's damn when 'real life' intercedes, as it so often does in the mining sector. It also demonstrates how 'hold in your hand' metal is going to become even more precious than ever as the cost of getting it out of the ground – or even being able to dig it up in the first place – continues to ratchet upward.

"On the day when demand and supply really decide to collide... watch out!"

# One of the Biggest Questions from New Bullion Investors: What Will I Do with It Once I Buy It?

The familiar process of buying shares of a publicly traded company makes intuitive sense to most investors. They can evaluate companies and markets and make a decision to invest. If they correctly identify an opportunity, they will profit.

The same goes for an investment in real estate. In fact, most investors can approach any of the traditional asset classes with a simple game plan; study the options, buy, hold for higher prices, sell when there is a better opportunity elsewhere.

An investment in physical gold and silver often doesn't appear as straightforward to first-timers. One of the most common questions we get is, "What do I do with it once I buy it?"

Bullion coins, rounds, and bars are out of the mainstream investment categories and unfamiliar to most investors. They know brokers who can help buy or sell stocks, rental property, and just about any asset they talk about on CNBC. But bullion somehow seems quite different.

It really isn't. A purchase of physical metal is an investment -- and it should be approached the same way. Do your research, buy, and hold. Sell when you think the time is right. Know that when you wish to



buy or sell there is a large market you can instantly access and a roster of reputable firms who can help. We hope you will choose our company!

Profit and/or preservation of wealth are the purpose of any investment -including metals. That said, when evaluating whether or not gold and silver can
help you achieve your financial objectives, it is vital to understand and
incorporate the unique characteristics of bullion in your decision making.
Physical metal offers:

- Maximum privacy -- your transactions are not reported. No one has access to the size or location of your holding unless you provide it.
- Maximum insulation from the financial system and counterparty risk.
- Maximum liquidity -- you can lock prices to buy or sell at the market instantly.
- Maximum portability -- you can transport your holding anywhere in the world.

On a final note, many prospective investors want to know how and if they will be able to use their coins, rounds, and bars specifically in the event of a major crisis. Food, shelter, and a gun for self defense would be useful, but will folks really be able to buy things with gold and silver? We think the answer is certainly yes.

Individuals may need only the basic necessities -- food, water, and shelter. But markets need something else -- money to facilitate trade. True barter systems are extremely cumbersome, and they disappeared shortly when humans discovered the advantages of using gold and silver coins as money. Imagine always trying to find someone who not only has what you want (say, fruit) but wants what you have (say, English lessons). Should the dollar completely fail, we expect merchants to price their goods and services in terms of gold and silver -- just as they have throughout thousands of years of civilization

But whether or not the dollar breaks down, gold and silver should perform <u>as well</u> as or better



# **EPA** and the Corps Ignoring Sound Science on Critical Clean Water Act Regulations

By <u>Daren Bakst</u>, The Heritage Foundation, January 8, 2014 http://www.heritage.org/research/reports/2014/01/critical-clean-water-act-regulations-epaand-the-corps-ignoring-sound-science The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Army Corps of Engineers have drafted regulations that would clarify what kinds of bodies of water are covered under the Clean Water Act (CWA).[1] This new definition would serve as the foundation of the CWA, determining the reach of the federal government's jurisdiction under this law.

The EPA is developing a scientific study that is supposed to answer many of the questions that need to be addressed in formulating policy for these regulations. However, instead of waiting until its scientific report is completed, the agency has sent its proposed rules to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for its review while the report is still in draft form. [2] This premature action will undermine the scientific study and any final rules that are eventually developed.

#### The Importance of the Rules

There has been long-standing controversy over what the phrase "waters of the U.S." means under the CWA. The EPA and the Corps have consistently taken very broad interpretations of this term. The United States Supreme Court in two recent cases rejected the broad overreach taken by both the EPA and the Corps.[3] The new rules will try again to clarify the scope of federal agency power to regulate water bodies.

#### The Scientific Study

In July 2013, the EPA assembled a Scientific Advisory Board to peer review a study the agency compiled called the Connectivity of Streams and Wetlands to Downstream Waters: A Review and Synthesis of the Scientific Evidence. [4] The report is supposed to help develop any final rules. According to the EPA, "This report, when finalized, will provide the scientific basis needed to clarify CWA jurisdiction, including a description of the factors that influence connectivity [of streams] and the mechanisms by which connected waters affect downstream waters." [5]

Yet the EPA sent its proposed rules clarifying CWA jurisdiction to OMB on September 17, 2013, and released its draft scientific assessment for public comment on the same day. [6] In fact, the scientific advisory panel did not meet for the first time until December 16, 2013—months after the proposed rule was sent to OMB. [7] As a result, the proposed rules have been drafted well before the report is even finalized.

The EPA claims, "When final, EPA's science report on connectivity will provide the science foundation for agency decisions concerning the implementation of the Clean Water Act. The final rule will provide clarification for how that science is translated to policy."[8]

The problem, though, is that the science report should first provide the foundation for the *proposed* rules. The EPA and the Corps are effectively jumping ahead to the final rule. This undermines both the scientific assessment and the rulemaking process:

- Undermining the scientific assessment. The EPA has a strong incentive to avoid making major changes to the draft scientific report even if the scientific panel or the public have feedback that would necessitate such changes. If these changes were made, the agency would be admitting that the proposed rules are not based on sound science.
- Undermining the rulemaking process. The public is supposed to have a meaningful voice in the notice and comment process. This starts with having notice of proposed rules and the opportunity to provide comments to the agency regarding these proposed rules. This exchange of information does not just serve those providing comments and affected parties; it also helps agencies in making informed regulatory decisions. By not waiting until its final science report is completed before drafting proposed rules, the EPA is giving the impression that its policy decisions are a foregone conclusion. There is also the opposite problem of the agency developing proposed rules that are not under genuine consideration. Since the science report could have a significant impact on the final rules, the proposed rules could be mere placeholders, not a reflection of actual policy proposals.
- Introducing logical outgrowth doctrine questions. When there is a significant difference between proposed and final rules, courts may decide that agencies must start the process all over again by drafting new proposed rules. According to the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals, "Given the strictures of notice-and-comment rulemaking, an agency's proposed rule and its final rule may differ only insofar as the latter is a 'logical outgrowth' of the former." [9] The EPA and the Corps's jumping the gun and issuing proposed regulations that could significantly differ from the final rules could be a costly waste of time.

#### The Integrity of the Process

The proposed rules should not be drafted until after the scientific report is finalized and based on sound science. OMB should send back the proposed rules to the EPA and the Corps until the scientific assessment has been finalized and the credibility of the report is established.

Even if this process is followed, this in no way means that the rules would reflect sound policy or even be grounded in sound science; however, at least the EPA would be letting its final science report inform the proposed rules. If this does not happen, legislation on this critical issue would be warranted.

—Daren Bakst is a Research Fellow in Agricultural Policy in the Thomas A. Roe Institute for Economic Policy Studies at The Heritage Foundation.

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# Defazio Broke his agreement and went with the environmentalists again

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It's watered down, fits none of the current acts criteria, does not adequately address fire and fire funds, DeFazio broke his agreement and went with the environmentalists again, and Wyden caved to DeFazio's demands instead of making him answer to the public!!!!!

# **Some Highlights**

# SEC. 522. TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO THE WILD AND SCENIC RIVERS ACT.

TITLE V – OREGON TREASURES

Subtitle A—Wild Rogue Wilderness Area

**Sec. 501. Wild Rogue Wilderness Area.** This subtitle expands the existing Wild Rogue Wilderness and adds 35 tributaries of the Rogue River to the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act.

- Approximately 56,100 acres are added to the Wild Rogue Wilderness and nearly all of those acres will be managed by BLM, with the Forest Service managing roughly 100 acres.
- An additional 600 acres is set aside on the map as "potential wilderness" and
  is to be included as part of the Wild Rogue Wilderness as soon as BLM
  determines it is suitable for a wilderness designation.

- All land in this subtitle is withdrawn from mining and geothermal activities.
- The roughly 4,000 acres that are in an withdrawal area, that not in the wilderness or potential wilderness, are also prohibited from the establishment of permanent roads, commercial activities, motor vehicle use, and temporary road construction.
- In addition to 92 miles of Wild and Scenic Rivers Act designations, 20 river segments are withdrawn from hydroelectric, mining, and geothermal activities.

### "(5) ROGUE, OREGON.—

- "(A) IN GENERAL.—The segment of the river extending from the mouth of the River downstream to the Lobster Creek Bridge, to be administered by the Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture, as agreed to by the Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture or as directed by the President.
- "(B) ADDITIONS.—In addition to the segment described in subparagraph (A), there are designated the following segments in the Rogue River:
  - "(i) **KELSEY CREEK.**—The approximately 4.8-mile segment of Kelsey Creek from the east section line of T. 32 S., R. 9 W., sec. 34, Willamette Meridian, to the confluence with the Rogue River, as a wild river.
  - "(ii) **East FORK KELSEY CREEK.**—The approximately 4.6-mile segment of East Fork Kelsey Creek from the Wild Rogue Wilderness boundary in T. 33 S., R. 8 W., sec. 5, Willamette Meridian, to the confluence with Kelsey Creek, as a wild river.

#### "(iii) WHISKY CREEK.—

- "(I) **RECREATIONAL RIVER.**—The approximately 0.6-mile segment of Whisky Creek from the confluence of the East Fork and West Fork to 0.1 miles downstream from road 33-8-23, as a recreational river.
- "(II) WILD RIVER.—The approximately 1.9-mile segment of Whisky Creek from 0.1 miles downstream from road 33-8-23 to the confluence with the Rogue River, as a wild river.

#### "(iv) EAST FORK WHISKY CREEK.—

"(I) **WILD RIVER.**—The approximately 2.6-mile segment of East Fork Whisky Creek from the Wild Rogue Wilderness boundary in T. 33 S., R. 8 W., sec. 11, Willamette Meridian., to 0.1 miles downstream of road 33-8-26 crossing, as a wild river.

- "(II) **RECREATIONAL RIVER.**—The approximately 0.3-mile segment of East Fork Whisky Creek from 0.1 miles downstream of road 33-8-26 to the confluence with Whisky Creek, as a recreational river.
- "(v) **WEST FORK WHISKY CREEK.**—The approximately 4.8-mile segment of West Fork Whisky Creek from its headwaters to the confluence with Whisky Creek, as a wild river.

#### "(vi) BIG WINDY CREEK.—

- "(I) **SCENIC RIVER.**—The approximately 1.5-mile segment of Big Windy Creek from its headwaters to 0.1 miles downstream from road 34-9-17.1, as a scenic river.
- "(II) **WILD RIVER.**—The approximately 5.8-mile segment of Big Windy Creek from 0.1 miles downstream from road 34-9-17.1 to the confluence with the Rogue River, as a wild river.

#### "(vii) EAST FORK BIG WINDY CREEK.—

- "(I) **SCENIC RIVER.**—The approximately 0.2-mile segment of East Fork Big Windy Creek from its headwaters to 0.1 miles downstream from road 34-8-36, as a scenic river.
- "(II) **WILD RIVER.**—The approximately 3.7-mile segment of East Fork Big Windy Creek from 0.1 miles downstream from road 34-8-36 to the confluence with Big Windy Creek, as a wild river.
- "(viii) LITTLE WINDY CREEK.—The approximately 1.9-mile segment of Little Windy Creek from 0.1 miles downstream of road 34-8-36 to the confluence with the Rogue River, as a wild river.

#### "(ix) HOWARD CREEK.—

- "(I) **SCENIC RIVER.**—The approximately 0.3-mile segment of Howard Creek from its headwaters to 0.1 miles downstream of road 34-9-34, as a scenic river.
- "(II) **WILD RIVER.**—The approximately 6.9-mile segment of Howard Creek from 0.1 miles downstream of road 34-9-34 to the confluence with the Rogue River, as a wild river.
- "(x) **MULE CREEK.**—The approximately 6.3-mile segment of Mule Creek from the east section line of T. 32 S., R. 10 W., sec. 25, Willamette Meridian, to the confluence with the Rogue River, as a wild river.
- "(xi) ANNA CREEK.—The approximately 3.5-mile segment of Anna Creek from its headwaters to the confluence with Howard Creek, as

a wild river.

- "(xii) MISSOURI CREEK.—The approximately 1.6-mile segment of Missouri Creek from the Wild Rogue Wilderness boundary in T. 33 S., R. 10 W., sec. 24, Willamette Meridian, to the confluence with the Rogue River, as a wild river.
- "(xiii) **JENNY CREEK.**—The approximately 1.8-mile segment of Jenny Creek from the Wild Rogue Wilderness boundary in T. 33 S., R. 9 W., sec.28, Willamette Meridian, to the confluence with the Rogue River, as a wild river.
- "(xiv) **Rum Creek**.—The approximately 2.2-mile segment of Rum Creek from the Wild Rogue Wilderness boundary in T. 34 S., R. 8 W., sec. 9, Willamette Meridian, to the confluence with the Rogue River, as a wild river.
- "(xv) **EAST FORK RUM CREEK.**—The approximately 1.3-mile segment of East Rum Creek from the Wild Rogue Wilderness boundary in T. 34 S., R. 8 W., sec. 10, Willamette Meridian, to the confluence with Rum Creek, as a wild river.
- "(xvi) **WILDCAT CREEK.**—The approximately 1.7-mile segment of Wildcat Creek from its headwaters downstream to the confluence with the Rogue River, as a wild river.
- "(xvii) **MONTGOMERY CREEK.**—The approximately 1.8-mile segment of Montgomery Creek from its headwaters downstream to the confluence with the Rogue River, as a wild river.
- "(xviii) **HEWITT CREEK.**—The approximately 1.2-mile segment of Hewitt Creek from the Wild Rogue Wilderness boundary in T. 33 S., R. 9 W., sec. 19, Willamette Meridian, to the confluence with the Rogue River, as a wild river.
- "(xix) **Bunker CREEK**.—The approximately 6.6-mile segment of Bunker Creek from its headwaters to the confluence with the Rogue River, as a wild river.

#### "(XX) DULOG CREEK.—

- "(I) **SCENIC RIVER.**—The approximately 0.8-mile segment of Dulog Creek from its headwaters to 0.1 miles downstream of road 34-8-36, as a scenic river.
- "(II) **WILD RIVER.**—The approximately 1.0-mile segment of Dulog Creek from 0.1 miles downstream of road 34-8-36 to the confluence with the Rogue River, as a wild river.
- "(xxi) Quall CREEK.—The approximately 1.7-mile segment of Quail

- Creek from the Wild Rogue Wilderness boundary in T. 33 S., R. 10 W., sec. 1, Willamette Meridian, to the confluence with the Rogue River, as a wild river.
- "(xxii) **MEADOW CREEK.**—The approximately 4.1-mile segment of Meadow Creek from its headwaters to the confluence with the Rogue River, as a wild river.
- "(xxiii) **Russian CREEK**.—The approximately 2.5-mile segment of Russian Creek from the Wild Rogue Wilderness boundary in T. 33 S., R. 8 W., sec. 20, Willamette Meridian, to the confluence with the Rogue River, as a wild river.
- "(xxiv) ALDER CREEK.—The approximately 1.2-mile segment of Alder Creek from its headwaters to the confluence with the Rogue River, as a wild river.
- "(xxv) **Booze CREEK.**—The approximately 1.5-mile segment of Booze Creek from its headwaters to the confluence with the Rogue River, as a wild river.
- "(xxvi) **Bronco CREEK.**—The approximately 1.8-mile segment of Bronco Creek from its headwaters to the confluence with the Rogue River, as a wild river.
- "(xxvii) **Copsey Creek.**—The approximately 1.5-mile segment of Copsey Creek from its headwaters to the confluence with the Rogue River, as a wild river.
- "(xxviii) **CORRAL CREEK**.—The approximately 0.5-mile segment of Corral Creek from its headwaters to the confluence with the Rogue River, as a wild river.
- "(xxix) **COWLEY CREEK.**—The approximately 0.9-mile segment of Cowley Creek from its headwaters to the confluence with the Rogue River, as a wild river.
- "(xxx) **DITCH CREEK.**—The approximately 1.8-mile segment of Ditch Creek from the Wild Rogue Wilderness boundary in T. 33 S., R. 9 W., sec. 5, Willamette Meridian, to its confluence with the Rogue River, as a wild river.
- "(xxxi) FRANCIS CREEK.—The approximately 0.9-mile segment of Francis Creek from its headwaters to the confluence with the Rogue River, as a wild river.
- "(xxxii) Long GULCH.—The approximately 1.1-mile segment of Long Gulch from the Wild Rogue Wilderness boundary in T. 33 S., R. 10 W., sec. 23, Willamette Meridian, to the confluence with the Rogue

River, as a wild river.

- "(xxxiii) **BAILEY CREEK.**—The approximately 1.7-mile segment of Bailey Creek from the west section line of T. 34 S., R.8 W., sec.14, Willamette Meridian, to the confluence of the Rogue River, as a wild river.
- "(xxxiv) **Shady CREEK**.—The approximately 0.7-mile segment of Shady Creek from its headwaters to the confluence with the Rogue River, as a wild river.
- "(XXXV) SLIDE CREEK.—
  - "(I) **SCENIC RIVER.**—The approximately 0.5-mile segment of Slide Creek from its headwaters to 0.1 miles downstream from road 33-9-6, as a scenic river.
  - "(II) **WILD RIVER.**—The approximately 0.7-mile section of Slide Creek from 0.1 miles downstream of road 33-9-6 to the confluence with the Rogue River, as a wild river.".

#### Subtitle B—Devil's Staircase Wilderness

- Sec. 511. Definitions. Provides the definitions used in this Subtitle.
- **Sec. 512. Devil's Staircase Wilderness, Oregon.** This Section creates the Devil's Staircase Wilderness on approximately 30,540 acres of Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management. 49 acres of administrative jurisdiction of BLM land is transferred to the Forest Service.
- **Sec. 513. Wild and Scenic River Designations.** This Section designates a total of 14.6 miles of river segments on the Franklin Creek and Wasson Creek as wild rivers under the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act.

# Subtitle C—Additional Wild and Scenic River Designations and Technical Corrections

- **Sec. 521.** Designation of Wild and Scenic River Segments, Molalla River, Oregon. This Section Designates a 15.1 mile segment of the Molalla River and a 6.2 mile segment of the Table Rock Fork Molalla River as a recreational river under the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act. These segments are withdrawn from entry, appropriation, or disposal; mining activities; and mineral and geothermal leasing laws.
- Sec. 522. Technical Corrections to the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act. This Section makes technical corrections to the existing wild and scenic river designations

along the **Chetco River**. The wild segment increases from 25.5 miles to 27.5 miles. The scenic segment decreases from 8 miles to 7.5 miles. The recreational segment decreases from 11 to 9.5 miles. These segments are withdrawn from entry, appropriation, or disposal; mining activities; and mineral and geothermal leasing laws.

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## A Proposal For Replacing The EPA

EPA ABUSE .com

Donn Dears, The Truth About the EPA September 8, 2014

http://epaabuse.com/16819/editorials/proposal-replacingepa/?utm\_source=rss&utm\_medium=rss&utm\_campaign=proposal-replacingepa&utm\_source=EPA+Abuse&utm\_campaign=7d0380129d-RSS\_EMAIL\_CAMPAIGN&utm\_medium=email&utm\_term=0\_bdf7c53c9e-7d0380129d-305309409

The year we moved to Cleveland was the year the Cuyahoga River caught fire.

Leading up to this event, our country had seen fresh water lakes and rivers being polluted, and cities being subjected to air pollution and smog.

Few questioned the importance of clean air and clean water; few people objected to the work the EPA was undertaking.

For the next two or three decades, the EPA accomplished great things.

There came a time, however, where the law of diminishing returns set in, and few actual improvements were made. And today, with 16,000 employees, the EPA has been transformed into a political organization, on a mission that has little to do with the environment, and all to do about control over the American economy and Americans.

While the EPA in Washington, DC was growing, comparable, independent environmental protection organizations were being implemented in each state. These state-centered environmental protection agencies or departments have developed to the point where they are fully capable of maintaining the environmental gains that have been made.

This is at the heart of a new proposal by Dr. Jay Lehr, Science Director at the Heartland Institute, to transform the EPA-in essence, to devolve the EPA so its functions are assumed by the environmental agencies in each of the 50 states.

His proposal envisions a five-year transition where the duties of the EPA are transitioned to the state environmental agencies, overseen by a committee of

the whole, composed of representatives from each of the 50 state environmental agencies.

The committee of the whole would review all existing regulations and their relevancy to existing legislation, working with Congress to clarify or eliminate regulations not supported by legislation.

The 50 state environmental agencies have the talent to do the job without 16,000 EPA activists overseeing them.

It's envisioned that this new structure, with the committee of the whole defining environmental needs and the 50 state environmental agencies overseeing the regulations for their states, would improve the effectiveness of environmental protection, while saving 80% of the existing EPA's budget.

Quoting from Dr. Lehr's proposal, "It's time for the national EPA to go. The path forward is now clear and simple: A five-year transition from a federal government bureaucracy to a Committee of the Whole composed of the 50 state environmental protection agencies."

This proposal is logical and rational. It's not a knee-jerk reaction calling for the EPA to be eliminated. It explains why trying to "fix" the EPA is a bad idea.

The complete proposal is available at <a href="http://heartland.org/sites/default/files/lehr-replacing-epa-0.pdf">http://heartland.org/sites/default/files/lehr-replacing-epa-0.pdf</a>

Read more of Donn's columns at his blog, <u>Power For USA</u>.



# Salmon Cannon Allows Safe Migration Around Hydroelectric Dams

Lisa Winter , IFL Science, August 18, 2014 http://www.iflscience.com/plants-and-animals/%E2%80%98salmon-cannon%E2%80%99-allows-safe-migration-around-hydroelectric-dams#RpICcDiUi3BvAthX.01



**Whoosh Innovations via Science Alert** 

Ed Note: This certainly kills the argument that fish sucked through a gold dredge will be injured. Yes, I know, it does not happen. Nevertheless, this kills another false charge the environmentalists make against small-scale gold suction dredge miners.

While hydroelectric dams are able to generate electricity without coal or oil, they act as obstacles for wildlife, and migrating salmon in particular. When salmon are ready to reproduce, they migrate from the sea back upstream into rivers, where they spawn on gravel beds. Swimming upstream requires the ability to fight against obstacles including rapids and up over drop-offs. Traditional ladders for fish involve jumping through a series of pools, which step up progressively, allowing the salmon to climb over the dam. Unfortunately, at a certain point, some dams are too high and ladders aren't a practical solution.

However, the aptly-named company Whooshh Innovations was inspired to solve this problem by looking at their own existing technology used to <u>transport delicate produce</u>, like ripe tomatoes or apples, without damage using vacuum pressure. They were able adapt their system to safely give fish a boost, and thus, the salmon cannon was born.

"So we put a tilapia in the fruit tube," Whooshh's VP Todd Deligan, told <u>the Verge</u> in an interview. "It went flying, and we were like, 'Huh, check that out."

It took a few years to tweak the design, but Whooshh has developed a system that allows salmon and trout to conveniently load themselves into the device. Vacuum pressure then gives the fish a boost, speeding them 24-35 km/h (15-22 mph) along a track that is misted in order to keep them wet throughout the journey.

So far, the testing of the tube system has only been used on frozen fish. <u>The Verge reports</u> that the Department of Energy will be overseeing a test of the system next month, and when fish start to appear for to spawn, the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife will monitor how the fish fare when shot through a track that is 45 m (150 ft) long over a 6 m (20 ft) embankment.

While the notion of a "salmon cannon" does sound a bit extreme on the surface, this could actually be the most delicate way to return them to the migration path, as opposed to capturing them and moving them via truck or helicopter as some departments do. We'll be watching as testing and implementation of Whooshh's technology progress for our fishy friends!

Go to the following address to see a video of live fish going through this system: http://www.iflscience.com/plants-and-animals/%E2%80%98salmon-cannon%E2%80%99-allows-safe-migration-around-hydroelectric-dams#RpICcDiUi3BvAthX.01



## **Oregon Lead Ammo Ban Hearing Scheduled**



Oregon's Only No Compromise Gun Rights Organization September 9, 2014

We've been warning for some time that an attempt to ban lead ammo would be coming. Now the first hearing on the subject has been scheduled.

On Sept. 16 in Hearing Room D at the State Capitol at 2PM, the House Interim Committee On Agriculture and Natural Resources will be holding a "informational meeting" on lead ammo.

Governor Kitzhaber is reported to be behind a push to ban lead ammo. At this point there has been no proposed legislation made public so it's unclear if this will start as a ban on lead ammo for hunting, or a total ban on lead ammo. You can rest assured that if it starts with hunting it won't stop there. Make no mistake, this is a political effort, not an environmental one. The anti-gunners see this as one more way to attack the rights of gun owners.

Having failed in Oregon to ban firearms, this is yet another attack on possession of ammunition.

This hearing is open to the public, however only invited testimony will be taken. We still encourage you to attend.

The Chairman and Vice-Chair of the committee are both pro-gun and prohunting so the fact that this hearing is taking place at all before any bill has been made public may be an effort to get in front of the issue. However, it is still a dangerous policy. It's unlikely that anything said at this meeting will prevent a lead ammo bill from being drafted and introduced. So now, even before the elections, we need to start letting legislators know that we will oppose any effort to further curtail ammo supplies.

Please contact Chairman Brad Witt Rep.BradWitt@state.or.us and Vice Chair Sal Esquivel Rep.SalEsquivel@state.or.us

Urge them to oppose any effort by the environmental extremists and the well funded anti-gun lobby to ban lead ammo.

You can find an excellent source of information and talking points here.

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## No more fees, please!

Jim Koca, Advocacy Director, Escapees News Bulletin

As some Escapees are aware, a bill has been introduced in the United States Congress, HB 5204, entitled The Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Modernization Act of 2014, which will allow fees to be collected for most of the "public land" that is controlled by the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management. If the bill passes, it would allow the Federal Government to charge fees for any activity on land that we presently have access to for free. Fees could



include a permit fee, day use fee, or a special use fee. There is the possibility that the bill could be attached to an appropriation bill, which would allow the bill to pass without public comment or debate.

It is time now to get involved and contact your congressman and senators where you have your domicile and let them know that HB 5204 should! be

defeated. In the past, public lands have been turned over to concessionaires that allowed them to charge fees or to refuse to give discounts for entering the federal lands. This bill may not pass, but don't take a chance and let the other members contact their congressman or senators. It only takes a few minutes to let the representatives that we elected know how we feel.

To find your congressman, you can go to <a href="http://www.house.gov/">http://www.house.gov/</a>, and for senators, you can go to <a href="http://www.senate.gov/">http://www.senate.gov/</a>.

If you would like to review the bill yourself:

https://beta.congress.gov/bill/113th-congress/house-bill/5204/text



# **Why Central Banks are Hoarding Gold**

Jeff Opdyke, Sovereign Digest, August 26, 2014

https://us-mg5.mail.yahoo.com/neo/launch?.rand=98h7brs62h5c0#6146129346

I've never been a fan of central banks. They do more to muck up the economy than they do to help it. The Federal Reserve, in particular, was created about a century ago to manage the boom-bust cycle of the volatile American economy, and all it has managed to do over the last 101 years is ... create a boom-bust cycle that it (somewhat) controls. But there's one area where I cannot fault the actions of central banks: the hoarding of gold.

The World Gold Council tells us that, as of its August quarterly report, the world's central banks increased their holding of gold for the 14th consecutive quarter. They added nearly 120 tons this past quarter, 28% more than they added in the same quarter a year ago. If you look at a calendar, this timeline of buying means the bankers were buying gold at \$1,400 an ounce back in the early days of 2011; they were buying when gold peaked near \$1,900 an ounce in late 2011; and they've been buying gold every quarter since then as the metallic currency has retreated to a range between \$1,200 and \$1,400 per ounce. The U.S. has not been a buyer during this period ... nor has it been a seller, officially. That is assuming you put any amount of faith in the B.S. statistics that the Federal Reserve reports. America's official gold holdings imply that the volume of gold in our national treasure chest hasn't changed by any real degree for decades despite the fact that other U.S. government reports clearly show that more gold leaves our country annually than can be accounted for through production and recycling alone. But that's neither here nor there for the moment. What amuses me the most is that our last central banker, Big Ben, scoffed at gold as a form of money, once telling Congress that the only reason the Fed even keeps

gold (assuming that there really is any gold left at the Fed) is because "it's tradition."

I'd say that global central banks — excluding the U.S., obviously — spending the last 3 ½ years buying gold is proof that they see a rationale for the metal that goes well beyond "tradition." If the numbers the World Gold Council reports are right, central banks cumulatively own more than 1.12 billion ounces, or roughly 19% of all the gold that has ever existed in the world. Hmm. Why, you have to wonder? Why do central bankers effectively own one of every five ounces of gold that have ever been mined? Isn't gold useless as a form of money? Isn't it anachronistic in the modern age of fiat and now digital currency? Isn't gold just a shiny commodity that, according to Warren Buffett, "has no utility?" If the answer to any of those questions is yes, then global central bankers are either:

- A. Suffering from simultaneous insanity.
- **B.** Or, they all simultaneously fear that something financially devastating this way comes.

I'll cast my lot with those who chose B. Maybe the non-U.S. central bankers realize, as we do, that the Western world's financial woes are far from over, and that the next crisis will be one centered explicitly on the fundamental financial rot that underlies the U.S. dollar. Owning more than 1.1 billion ounces of gold tells me they clearly realize that the mental giants we have in Congress haven't a flipping clue about running a government prudently when spending mindlessly to buy votes and financial support is so much less vexing and better for job security. Central bankers elsewhere in the world are accumulating gold because they rightly fear the collapse of the current, dollar-centric global financial regime. When the day of reckoning arrives, the value of Treasury paper will plunge, wiping out wealth across the globe currently concentrated within central banks such as those in China, Japan, Taiwan and Russia ... which also happen to be among the 15 countries that own the most gold, an asset that will soar in value when a dollar crisis erupts.

So now we have some solid insight into why central banks around the world — except the U.S — have been adding gold to their reserve base for 14 consecutive quarters. They're scared of America! We are the biggest risk to the global financial system. We are the ticking time bomb, with the global financial crisis that started on our shores serving as a hint of what's to come. Central banks around the world — again, "except the U.S." — are building bomb shelters made of gold to protect themselves from the fallout. China likely has the biggest bomb shelter of all. The official data from 2009, the last time China

updated the world, showed the Middle Kingdom had more than 1,054 tons of gold. Based on China's imports of gold through Hong Kong and Switzerland, I calculate that China's central bank actually shelters more than 5,000 tons of gold. And my friend at EverBank, Chuck Butler, sent out a note last week reporting that one of the smartest guys he knows in the Chinese gold market is now saying that China could hold closer to 14,000 tons. If so — and if the Chinese ever make such a statistic public — the gold market soars and the dollar sinks as investors globally rightly ask: "Where the hell did China come by nearly 13,000 tons of additional gold in the last five years?!" That's just about the amount of gold produced cumulatively by every gold-mining company since 2009. Thus, investors will come to one of two obvious conclusions:

- **A.** China is gobbling up every ounce of gold produced at every mine in the world, which isn't plausible, given that demand from jewelry, industry and investing is consuming a large portion of new production and gold recycling
- **B.** China is buying what it can of the world's annual production, and then grabbing vast quantities of additional gold from a seller so large that it could only be a central bank and most likely a central bank that never publicly reports any changes to its official gold holdings.

Which of those two options makes the most sense to you?

Once again, I throw in with the lot that chooses B. And I counsel you to throw in with those who choose B, too. Central banks outside America aren't just buying gold because it's a tradition. They routinely make unwise monetary decisions, but they're not stupid. They're buying gold in preparation for what some will call a Black Swan event, and what I'm telling you today is the canary in the coal mine. Buy gold. Buy it often. It is the only bomb shelter that will protect your wealth from what's coming

## **Petrodollar Spiral**

David H. Smith. Independent Living Bullion, Aug. 20, 2014 https://us-mg6.mail.yahoo.com/neo/launch?.rand=2n03j9hcpg4e9#2410248082

Over the past few years, a sea change in international finance has been underway which will impact your pocketbook in a big way. Little noticed at first, it is becoming more obvious (and dangerous) with each passing month.

Western banking interests avoid the awkward topic when they speak publicly, but privately they speak of it in guarded tones. Most Americans ignore the issue, assuming that because it seems to be taking place "over there," we don't need to pay attention. That attitude is about to change...

I am referring to the unfolding peril posed by the decline of the **petrodollar**.

Let's take a brief look at the history leading to the petrodollar's formation and how it came to play such a pivotal role in today's world – for better, and now – for worse.

The Bretton Woods system, set up near the end of WWII, obliged participating countries to keep an exchange rate by tying their currencies to the U.S. dollar. The dollar became the primary reserve currency. Global commercial transactions were conducted in dollars and settled through the U.S. banking system. Other countries could redeem their dollars for gold at a fixed price of \$35/ounce.

Over time, U.S. government officials began to see that strong foreign demand for their currency meant they could print more dollars (run deficits) than they had gold to back up those dollars. Soon, foreigners caught on too. Losing confidence in the dollar's value, they began demanding gold in exchange.

The gold outflow became so pronounced that in 1971, President Nixon closed "the gold window," ending dollar/gold convertibility. Other currencies began to float in value, but the dollar (now a fiat currency since it was no longer backed by gold) remained a reserve currency.

With the dollar set adrift from its golden moorings, Nixon's Secretary of State Henry Kissinger hastened to persuade the House of Saud to price Middle Eastern oil sales in dollars going forward. (In return, the U.S. would provide the Saudi princes with military backing if needed.) Thereon, any country wishing to purchase oil would have to exchange their currency for dollars beforehand and, for practical purposes, would need to hold large piles of U.S. dollars in reserve. These dollars, which do not circulate inside the U.S. and are not

considered part of our domestic monetary supply, came to be known as **petrodollars**.

The effect of this was to exchange a de jure gold standard for a de facto oil standard.

It's now 2014, and the U.S. has massively expanded it its currency base, much of it held in debt instruments by foreigners. We export some of our inflation, weakening the value (purchasing power) of the petrodollar. That causes foreign interests to doubt the wisdom of holding so much of an untrustworthy asset.

Add to this the rise of the BRICs (a coalition of Brazil, Russia, India and China), who actively question the wisdom of relying solely on the U.S. dollar, and who now use their own currencies in transactions whenever possible. Finally, throw in a large dose of geopolitical conflict, Middle East brushfire warfare, and continued NSA spying around the globe.

Add it all up and you've got the petrodollar sitting perilously on its perch, in a position likely – at the very least – to be knocked down a peg or two.

The trend towards owning fewer U.S. dollars (and dollar equivalents like T-Bonds and Bills) is well underway around the globe. Dollars no longer form the exclusive basis for international lending. Dollars are being used less to purchase American-produced goods, most notably from China.

Holding fully 75% of its foreign exchange reserves in dollars in 2002, China is now down below 54% -- and falling.

This changing environment will affect you. And you should consider owning gold and silver because of it...

Though most observers feel that the petrodollar won't totally collapse in the near future, Jim Rickards, in his new book *The Death of Money*, believes that such an event is a distinct possibility. Even if the U.S. dollar only weakens enough to be ranked as "first among equals" – this would still be a major change, with huge implications for the rate of inflation, your purchasing power – and for the price of gold and silver.

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# Obama Has Begun to Systematically Depopulate and Deindustrialize the Suburbs

Dave Hodges, 25 Aug, 2014 by



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If you live in the suburbs, you might be wise to advise your children on how to live, work and survive in America's inner cities because that is where they are likely to be living in the near future in a Warsaw ghetto type of scenario.

The mass migration from the suburbs back into densely populated urban areas is not a next week thing, or a next month thing or even next year proposition, but the groundwork is happening right now. If you are not a Baby Boomer, you will not likely be retiring in the suburbs.

In Part One of this series, I detailed how the Chinese are forcibly relocating one million Chinese per month to the mega-cities that have been dubbed the "ahost cities".



# Obama will not rest until he has removed every man, woman and child from suburban areas in the United States.

### **Obama's Front Man For Suburban Depopulation**

The real brains behind the coming Agenda 21-inspired mass migration from the suburbs to the inner cities is Mike Krulig and his new group of community advisers, <u>Building One America</u>. Most of you have never heard of Krulig or Building One America and there is a good reason for their anonymity. If a majority of the American people ever discovered Krulig's true intentions for suburban dwelling Americans, they would chase him down the street and string him and his people up from the nearest light poles.



The picture of Obama and Krulig that the White House does not want you to see.

The secretive agenda of Building One America has been mostly achieved by Obama's appointment of like-minded community activists to his staff. In fact, Krulig was one of Obama's original community organizing mentors from the President's Chicago Southside days. The word stealth applies because a damning photo depicting Krulig and Obama meeting at the Whitehouse in 2011 and it was subsequently published on the Building One America website. (The photo is displayed above). However, this type of publicity would not have been good for the swing voters living in America's suburbs in the 2012 election. Obama's people had the video scrubbed as well as the search engine links. However, the Breitbart people retained a copy of the picture. This begs the question, if the Building One America plan is so good for America, then why would the Obama people conceal his affiliation with Krulig and his group of Agenda 21 social engineers?

Kruglik's Agenda 21 Building One America group proposes the creation of a regional tax-base sharing revenues in which suburban tax money is directly redistributed to nearby cities and economically depressed concentric zones of

inner-ring suburbs. Building One America also seeks to move the poor out of cities by **imposing mandatory low-income-housing quotas for middle-class suburban developments**. Here are the plans of the Building One America proponents (e.g. Senior White House adviser Valerie Jarrett).

Krulig's group also seeks to export the controversial regional tax-base sharing scheme currently in place in the Minneapolis-St. Paul area to the rest of the country. Under this program, a portion of suburban tax money flows into a common regional pot, which is then effectively redistributed to urban, and a few less well-off "inner-ring" suburban, municipalities. The Minneapolis-St. Paul area regional government is run by unelected and unaccountable bureaucrats (i.e. Commissars) who are out of control. It is critical to know that removing the election process from this Agenda 21, wealth redistribution endeavor was deliberate for reasons that will become obvious, as the reader will discover.

#### Don't Get Too Attached To Your Car

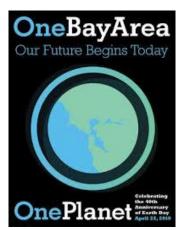


The VMT will get America out of their cars and into the inner city.

Kruglik's group also favors a variety of policies designed to force people out of their cars and force suburbanites, robbed of their own tax money, to relocate into densely populated stack and pack cities.

Among Kruglick's strategies to separate people from their cars is the Vehicle Mileage Tax (VMT). Road pricing for the <u>VMT would be implemented to force drivers out their cars</u>. This will impact all drivers except for the Obama inspired exemption of low income drivers.

<u>The VMT is designed to give favored status to certain groups</u>. These groups represent organizations that want to transfer wealth through the heavy hand of regional government interfering in the housing, transportation and land use market place.



One Bay Area is San Franciso's version of Building One America.

This tyranny is also being beta tested in the (San Francisco) Bay area in a project entitled One Bay Area Plan. One Bay Area Plan is a 25 year plan which combines housing, transportation, and Agenda 21 land use policies. The public cover story is that the project is designed to save the planet by reducing Green House Gasses. The generated revenue, estimated at \$15 million per day, would be used to fund further Agenda 21 transportation schemes such as buses, trollies and light rail in which only a few people presently ride. And speaking of light rail, I live in Arizona. Arizona has the worst funded schools, mental health and medical care system in the country. Yet, that has not stopped the politicians from spending almost \$2 billion dollars to build a light rail system in downtown Phoenix which only encompasses a few miles of usable track in either direction from downtown. And to make bad matters worse, Arizona has approved building an even more expensive light rail system which will connect Phoenix with Tucson and this system will eventually expand to San Diego and Albuquerque.



Your future home, the micro-apartment.

This plan also calls for <u>Upzoning</u> which would expand the plan to even more areas in the Bay. This would mean even more requirements for high density housing in cities that do not have their "fair share" of <u>low income</u> people. This will result in more <u>200 square foot apartments</u> being



Don't pack too much, your future living quarters are being downsized.

constructed near public transit lines. It should be noted that Mayor Bloomberg is doing something very similar in New York City in which the construction of any new apartment unit over 500 square feet is being forbidden in select neighborhoods.

This Bay Area Agenda 21 plan also contains a concept referred to as the <u>Communities of Concern</u> (i.e. low income and communities of color) would receive funds from these windfall profits that the region would receive. It appears to many as if Obama is trying to provoke a race war. Additionally, development fees would be eliminated for affordable housing developments, while subsidies would be used for favored activities such as the creation of more micro apartments and the construction of low income housing in the suburbs.

## "Manhattanizing America"

The Agenda 21 proponents are so brazen that the existence of this scheme has even become part of the mainstream news. The following video contains a Fox News report on the very urban management principles described in the previous paragraphs.

### **Conclusion**

On one hand, at least Americans are not experiencing forced relocation to the "stack and packs" as we see China doing. Yet, Obama's Building One America's tax plans are beginning to have a similar effect.

Despite the omnipresent evidence that federal relocation tax policies are in place and spreading across the country, most people mistakenly believe that the reality of the megacities concept in which we are all herded into the stack and pack cities is decades down the road. On the contrary, as you have seen, the program is being beta tested in two large metropolitan areas and many of

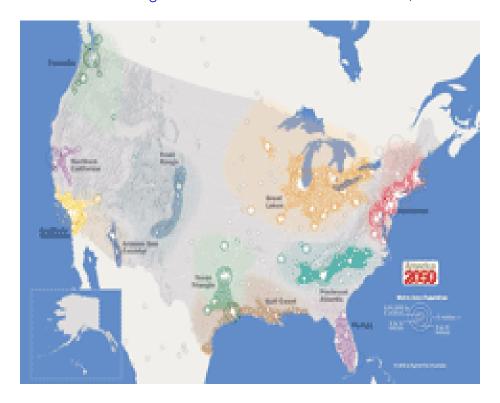
Building One America's collectivist city management principles are presently being implemented right beneath our noses. As long as Americans pay their taxes and abide by some reasonable community standards, shouldn't we all be free to live where we choose? Most reasonable people would answer yes; we should be free to choose where we live. However, this is not in the Obama agenda. As will be revealed in subsequent parts of this series, Obama was made President to usher in cap and trade and the deindustrialization of the United States. America is truly learning the meaning of fundamentally transforming America and unless we are able to wake up our fellow citizens, things are about to get a whole lot worse.

There is a much more to this dire and unfolding scenario. It is becoming clear that the globalists are planning to dramatically and rapidly depopulate an entire region of the country which will impact tens of millions of people. The depopulation of the breadbasket of America, the rural areas, is well under way and that is the topic of the next part in this series.

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# The Agenda 21 Depopulation of Rural Areas Will Give Obama Stalin-Like Control Over Food

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### The "Hunger Games" nightmare scenario presently being implemented and it is called America 2050.

The plan is called <u>America 2050</u> and the concept is based upon the creation of megacities. In order for the megacities concept, which is well underway, to come to fruition, American suburbs and rural areas must be completely depopulated. This process is underway and the Obama administration is accelerating the process.

This will come as a shock to many reading this article because they did not learn of these events from FOX or CNN. However, in actuality, the process of moving the United States towards a complete Agenda 21 style of total urbanization has already commenced and it began nearly 20 years ago. In the case of total urbanization, the United States is in the process of dividing the country into 11 large densely populated urban centers. The concept, which will be the subject of a future investigation, will explore this "end-game" strategy of the globalists which will depopulate the America's suburbs and and rural areas. The concept is called megacities and the framework was laid in 1994, when the United States became official participants in the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), which was a 'liberalized' trade agreement between Canada, the U.S. and Mexico. Under NAFTA, farmers' income in all three countries has plummeted and millions of small farmers have lost their land, while agribusiness corporations (i.e. large government subsidized corporate farms) have reaped huge profits. Subsequently, NAFTA has had three dramatic effects on farmers in North America and all three effects further the cause dense urbanization as outlined in Agenda 21 documents.

## NAFTA Was the Beginning of Rural Flight In the United States

The first notable effect of NAFTA is that it is credited with greatly accelerating illegal immigration and almost immediately <u>bankrupted</u> over three million farmers in northern Mexico and this group became the vanguard of millions of Mexicans illegally entering the US in search for subsistence work of any type.

The second dramatic impact of NAFTA lies in the fact that it has had catastrophic consequences for U.S. farmers as a record number of small farmers have lost their farms and have gone through <u>foreclosure</u> while the government subsidized corporate farms have thrived. Since NAFTA, the average annual growth of the US trade deficit has been 45% higher. Also since NAFTA took effect, about 170,000 small family farms have gone bankrupt which represents a decline of 21% of family farms in the U.S. The 21% of American small farmers who

have been bankrupted since the advent of NAFTA, represents a higher percentage of displaced American farmers than what is happening with the forced relocation of Chinese farmers to the ghost cities as covered in the first part of this series. And what happens to American small farmers who have lost their livelihood? They either work on their former competitors corporate farms as hired hands, or they relocate to urban areas in search of employment.

In a case of "death by a thousand cuts", the American farmer is rapidly moving towards extinction. If it is not the EPA enforcing its Agenda 21 wetlands regulations with devastating consequences on farmers, it is the FDA harassing farmers for pursuing time-honored farm related industries such as the raw milk industry. Congress is plotting new attacks on the U.S. farmer as I write these words. Even Amish farmers have felt the "swat-team wrath of the federal government. Average, everyday Americans are being arrested for merely growing their own food. The relationship between the federal government and the independent American farmer has become so strained that a 17 county region in northern California and southern Oregon have come together to try and form a 51st state dubbed the State of Jefferson.



The push-back against Agenda 21 tyranny.

Whether it is China or the U.S., the United Nations Agenda 21 urbanization policies are designed for the purpose of herding people into dense urban areas for reasons of control and the primary method of control has to do with dominating food production.

#### The US Government Is Gaining Control Over All Food

Through the <u>collectivization</u> of the food production, the Chinese government is working towards gaining complete control over all food in order to control the people. On an ever increasing basis, NAFTA is providing the U.S. government with the exact same ability. Therefore, the third draconian impact of NAFTA is that it has led to even more nefarious free trade agreements and executive orders which led to the loss of control for local communities over their own food supply.

Underlying the World Trade Organization, the Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA which has now morphed into the Organization of American States), and the Central American Free Trade Agreement is the philosophy that all food (i.e. from basic grains, meat, fruits and vegetables) should be exclusively produced for international export. This is a drastic departure from the time honored practice where each country produced the majority of food its citizens needed on local, small farms and only traded in certain products that could not be successfully grown locally. If anyone wonders where this is headed, we only have to look to Africa for the answer. The very first great wave of a NAFTA style of globalization in agriculture took place in Africa, Asia, and Latin America as global corporations forced local farmers to give up local food production, and shifted production to plantations using enslaved Indigenous and African labor to grow the luxury crops of coffee, sugar, bananas, and cocoa for export to the colonizing countries.

If the changing nature of food production in Africa are not enough to raise the level of concern for most, perhaps a quick history lesson will jolt the more complacent among you into a state of full awareness.

Josef Stalin engaged in his own Soviet style Holocaust when, in 1932 and 1933, and estimated six to 20 million people in the Ukraine died from starvation when Stalin implemented his prescription of "hope and change" policies in order to eliminate the Ukrainian's desire for becoming their own nation-state.

Upon assuming power, the Stalinist Communist regime rapidly nationalized the food industry and forced all of the region's farms into collectives. Thus, Stalin's version of the Holocaust came to fruition in what history has dubbed, the "Holdomor," in which millions perished in only a two year period when the Soviet government began to exterminate the Ukrainian population by taking control of food and food production. The large corporate collectivization of food is precisely the same thing that is presently happening in the United States under Obama.

The lesson here is, if the government controls the food, the government controls the people.

## Starvation Will Be Used to Enforce the Agenda 21 Depopulation of Rural Areas

The use of food by the U.S. government has been a matter of official U.S. governmental covert policy since 1974-1975.

In December, 1974, the National Security Council directed by Henry Kissinger completed a classified study entitled, "National Security Study Memorandum 200: Implications of Worldwide Population Growth for U.S. Security and Overseas Interests." The study was based upon the unproven claims that population growth in Lesser Developed Countries (LDC) constituted a serious risk to America's national security.

In November 1975, President Ford, based upon the tenets of NSSM 200, outlined a classified plan to forcibly reduce population growth in LDC countries through birth control, war and **famine**. Ford's new national security adviser, Brent Scowcroft, in conjunction with CIA Director, George H. W. Bush, were tasked with implementing the plan and the secretaries of state, treasury, defense, and agriculture assisted in the implementation of these insane genocidal plans.



"Control oil and you control nations; control food and you control the people."

Kissinger's quote is important because he was tasked with implementing the insane genocidal policies contained in NSSM 200.

NSSM 200 formally raised the question, "Would food be considered an instrument of national power? ... Is the U.S. prepared to accept food rationing to help people who can't/won't control their population growth"? Kissinger has answered these questions when he stated that he was predicting a series of contrived famines, created by mandatory programs and this would make exclusive reliance on birth control programs unnecessary in this modern day application of eugenics in a scheme that would allow Henry to have his cake and eat it too in that the world would finally be rid of the "useless eaters!"

<u>Third world population control, using food as one of the primary weapons</u>, has long been a matter of official covert national policy and a portion of President Obama's Executive Order (EO 13603), <u>National Defense Resources</u>

<u>Preparedness</u> is a continuation of that policy. Only now, the intended target are not the LDC's but, instead, the American people.

With the stroke of his pen, Obama has total and absolute control over all food where his EO 13603 states:

- e) "Food resources" means all commodities and products, (simple, mixed, or compound), or complements to such commodities or products, that are capable of being ingested by either human beings or animals, irrespective of other uses to which such commodities or products may be put, at all stages of processing from the raw commodity to the products thereof in vendible form for human or animal consumption. "Food resources" also means potable water packaged in commercially marketable containers, all starches, sugars, vegetable and animal or marine fats and oils, seed, cotton, hemp, and flax fiber, but does not mean any such material after it loses its identity as an agricultural commodity or agricultural product.
- (f) "Food resource facilities" means plants, machinery, vehicles (including on farm), and other facilities required for the production, processing, distribution, and storage (including cold storage) of food resources, and for the domestic distribution of farm equipment and fertilizer..."

NAFTA was merely the opening artillery bombardment against the American farmer and the ultimate depopulation of rural areas. The death of the American farmer will ultimately come at the hands of EO 13603 and I believe this will be fully implemented when Obama declares martial law.

#### "Thank God That I Do Not Live On a Farm"



Put this map into your GPS, it will tell where you soon cannot go. The UN's manifestation of forcing people into stack and pack cities. Do you think that you and your family are actually safe from the ravages of depopulating the rural areas through economic blackmail and ultimate starvation? Think again! Unless you presently live in the core inner city and occupy less than 500 square feet of living space, the Obama administration, as I write these words, is actively plotting to get you out of your home and into densely populated urban areas and this will be fully exposed in Part Four of this series as the draconian concept of megacities is fully explored.

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#### China Is Already Implementing This UN Agenda That America Should Avoid Like The Plague



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As ISIS is rampaging across Iraq and Syria, Ebola on the loose and the flames of civil discontent spreading across the United States, the country stands at a crossroads. There are many in the media who believe that America sits on the precipice of martial law followed by World War III. All signs certainly point to these fears coming to fruition. A question that very few seem to ask is what will society be like after World War III and the ushering in of the New World Order?

The United States has a canary in the mine from which to predict its <u>future</u> and it has to do with how China is implementing the United Nations based Agenda 21 policies. Agenda 21 certainly is impacting our daily lives, however, the big changes will not be felt until after the United States collapses or is conquered. If one wants to know what life will be like when that time comes, we can look across the Pacific to China.

China has long led the world in repressive and inhuman enforcement of its population with repressive one child policies, mandatory sterilization and forced abortions. We also know that China permits corporate slave labor (e.g. <u>Walmart</u>) within its boundaries by globalist corporations. China is also becoming a model for the implementation of Agenda 21 and this implementation phase is taking a new and dramatic twist through the creation of a series of "ghost cities" in which monolithic cities are built, but there are only a few to no residents occupying these cities. <u>Dateline</u> Australia estimates that as many as 10 of these cities are being built every year. We, in the United States, should watch this Agenda 21 canary in the mine because it represents our future.

#### **Agenda 21, the United Nations and You**

The United Nations Agenda 21 policies are in the early stages of nudging the planet into a "more equitable and just new world order". Although Agenda 21's influence is seemingly everywhere and completely noticed by those who are in tune to the present globalization trends, the dramatic and full influence will not be fully realized until the United States has collapsed economically. In other words, Agenda 21 is a blueprint for a post-Constitutional America. This leads to the inevitable question as to when the economic collapse of the United States will take place? There is no definitive answer to this question. However, when we consider that the United States has a 17 trillion dollar deficit, an estimated 240 trillion dollar unfunded set of liabilities (e.g. Medicare, Social Security) and the estimated derivatives debt, that the American taxpayer was forced to assume in the "bailouts", is estimated to be between one quadrillion to 1.5 quadrillion dollars. These three numbers represent the chest pains; the fatal American economic heart attack could come any day.

The Ecocity Builders is a non-profit non-governmental organization, affiliated with the United Nations, which is a collaboration of international networks of associates that influence and actively participate in local city planning projects all across the US. Through training courses they promote the ecocity approach as the future of human civilization.

Through coercive conferences like the <u>International Ecocity Conference</u> series is an international movement toward building locally and globally. The ecocity advocates have created UN sustainable cities in India, Nepal, Bangladesh, Brazil, South Africa, Turkey, a dozen countries in Europe, Korea, Australia and the focus of this article, in China.

An ecocity is often characterized in terms with Agenda 21 precepts including:

 Human settlements modeled after sustainable development that functions with natural ecosystems and living organisms

- Reduce the inhabitants ecological impact on the environment
- Restoration of ecosystems after the recolonization of humans into dense cities
- Sustainable living under Agenda 21 supports regional, national and global economic systems

The recolonization of humans into dense cities is the focus for the remainder of this article.

#### **Agenda 21 Comes to China In Stealth**

Agenda 21 is being implemented in China at breakneck speed and the latest phase is coming in under stealth and deception.

The Chinese government is in the process of <u>relocating 250,000 people per week</u> from rural farmlands to densely populated urban areas into what has been dubbed as the Chinese ghost towns. Many of us have heard about these Chinese ghost cities. However, until this year we didn't really know the true purpose of why these ghost cities were being built. However, the veil is being lifted and now it is becoming very obvious as to what the Chinese are up to.

In one of these ghost towns, the Chinese built a nearly deserted replica of Paris complete with its own Eiffel Tower and Champs Elysees. In the process, the Chinese even leveled a range of 700 mountains as even geography can't stand in the way of another ghost city.

Adrian Brown filed a very telling report with the Australian division of <u>Dateline</u> in 2011 on the topic of ghost cities. The 15 minute report received almost no attention in the United States but it received a stunning three million views in Australia.

#### **China Is Now an Urban Country**

China's urban population has passed the 50% mark, according to China's Bureau of Statistics. America reached this milestone in 1920, almost a full century before the Chinese and our urbanization was fueled by the demand for cheap labor to fill the new factory jobs. The Communist Chinese regime touts urbanization as the engine behind China's future economic development. The Chinese propagandists are telling the masses that they must accept relocation from rural to urban because it will fuel the Chinese economy of the future. And what the Chinese propagandists are telling the people is a lie and as with many things in politics, there is the reason and there is the real reason.

#### **Chinese Propaganda**

Although the Chinese government and a select few globalist corporations claim that the Chinese urban population migration is fueled by the need for workers, other Chinese experts tell a different story.

In a Nov. 23, 2011 report, the Beijing Times, one of the most liberal of the Chinese newspapers, quoted the deputy inspector at China's National Land Bureau, Gan Zangchun, said that the government land acquisition has created "fake urbanization." In other words, the Chinese urbanization, based upon economic reasons, is a fraud. Then why is there such an urgency on the part of the Chinese government to move its population to urban areas at such a rapid pace and with such inhumanity?

#### **The Real Reasons**

For the past few years, people in the West were baffled as to why the Chinese were building massive ghost cities that can house over 1 million people each and yet, these ghost cities were dormant until just recently. The Chinese have over 65 million micro-apartments (i.e. apartments which are under 500 square feet) which lie vacant in these ghost cities.

The urbanization of America took place in proportion to the number of factory jobs which were available well into the industrial period of our history. The American factory jobs enticed future workers to leave the farm and relocate to cities. However, China is taking a "build it and they will come" approach. In other words, the more naive among us are supposed to believe that if the people move into the cities, factory jobs will follow. Stalin tried it as did Pol Pot, and it did not work and what we are really looking at here is a cover story.

#### More Chinese Experts Debunk the State Propaganda

Chinese political refugee and Princeton University professor, Cheng Xiaonong, stated that in several Chinese locations, farmers are being forcibly relocated at gun point and forced to relocate to urban areas. Cheng said, "[Party chief] Bo Xilai has been promoting a policy of moving farmers into towns, building apartments and moving forcibly relocated farmers into these stack and pack apartments and treating this as urbanization." Cheng said urbanization isn't about calculating how many farmers are relocated into cities, but about farmers being able to move into the city and gaining some measure of sustainable employment and adequate living conditions. These relocated farmers, without the prospect of jobs, is a recipe for economic and social disaster. Soon, there will be tens of millions of Chinese totally dependent on government handouts to survive. This is the power that governments strive to obtain because it gives them total control. This Chinese scene is reminiscent of the Agenda 21 inspired movie, Hunger Games.

Cheng makes the same observations as many other Chinese experts as he added that "urbanization is generally accompanied by economic growth as was the case in the US. In other countries, urbanization happens naturally, but in mainland China, urbanization is the result of the Chinese regime forcefully pushing farmers off of their land."

Since the Chinese are not industrialized to the point which would justify the mass movement of 1 million people per month into its ghost towns, any reasonable person would be asking the question, why?

#### Who Is Behind Chinese Urbanization?

The Chinese government has held many conferences in which they have received consultation from some very disturbing sources, known to most of us as the global elite.

Who could forget Hank Paulson, the former Secretary of the Treasury and the former CEO of Goldman Sachs? Paulson is championing the strategy of forced relocation. In relation to Paulson's observation and encouragement of Chinese urbanization he states, "The country's economy is heading in the right direction. This is more important than achieving short-term growth." Paulson went on to say that the economic growth in China has made urbanization a necessary and proper development. Are you kidding me? We have heard from Chinese experts, both inside and outside the country, who claim that economics is not fueling urban growth. Chinese urban growth is being fueled by bayonets and bullets. Hank Paulson is such a gem. I'm sure you remember "Mr. too-big-to-fail", Hank Paulson, when he told Congress that if we, the American taxpayer, did not bail out Wall Street, there would be an economic collapse and we would have martial law and the rest as they say, is history. Bailout after bailout has come and gone and the net effect is that the American economy is in a tailspin. One has to legitimately have to wonder why the Chinese are taking economic advice from him? That's like taking advice from Dr. Kevorkian on how to preserve life.

Another key globalist, Dominic Barton, the global managing director of McKinsey & CO., and he too sounds like a Paulson clone, as he recently stated, "The good news is that there is an underlying force of growth and that's urbanization. What we're basically seeing is more than 250,000 people moving from rural areas to cities every week."

Maurice Strong and George Soros are also players in this mass migration movement. If job demand is not fueling urbanization, then what is?

#### **Getting Down to the Truth**

It would seem that key globalists are trying to disguise the real reasons on why the Chinese government is forcibly relocating one million farmers per month to their ghost cities. Ask yourself America, where have we seen the philosophical belief that rural areas should be uninhabited and the population should be herded into densely populated stack and pack cities?

Make no mistake about it, the Chinese with the backing of globalist corporations like Goldman Sachs, are engaged in full-blown Agenda 21 relocation of its civilian population from rural areas to the stack and pack of their mega-cities. From the outside looking in, it looks like a beta test. And there is sufficient evidence to suggest that the same is preparing to happen in the United States.

## The Chinese Are Behind a Barrel and They Have Pointed That Barrel At Their People

Why would the Chinese be taking marching orders from Paulson, Strong, Soros and company? The answer is simple, the Chinese government hopes to <u>survive</u> the coming bond collapse in the US which could happen in mere days, weeks or months. The Chinese hold much of our debt in bonds. The Chinese have undoubtedly come to the full realization that their economy will massively implode when American bonds crash and the best way to control the people's backlash is to herd them together in what has become dubbed as "stack and pack" Agenda 21 cities.

#### **Analysis**

By moving one million people per month to the ghost cities, the Chinese will find that subjugating their country will be much easier when a martial law crackdown is instituted as necessitated, by the coming economic catastrophe that is going to befall both China and the United States.

It is also not difficult to speculate that the Chinese have made an under the table deal with the global elite to be the beta test for Agenda 21 style population forced relocation in order to temporarily stave off absolute financial ruin.

Many are probably wondering if there is anything going on inside the United States which parallels the forced relocation of the population to these "stack and pack" cities?" The short answer is, most definitely. The days are numbered for both American suburbs and rural areas.

Thanks to Mayor Bloomberg and the San Francisco City Council, the concept of transition towns, inner city developmental tax breaks for construction and much more, America is following suit with the Chinese style Agenda 21 policies on many fronts and this is the topic of Part two of this series.

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## Global warming predictions proven wrong 97.4% of the time

<u>Dr. Kevin "Coach" Collins</u>, September 20, 2013 by http://epaabuse.com/14180/editorials/alobal-warming-predictions-proven-wrong-97-4-time/



Remember the endless stream of dire global warming predictions? Since the 1990s, we have been insulted with lies and wishful thinking about how we had to turn off our air conditioners and park our cars or be complicit in causing the

Northeastern states to be wiped away by tidal waves of melted ice caps. Wrong, wrong, wrong! All of them, all but 3%, were lies, as in Penn State and the University of East Anglia lies!

Al Gore and his shrinking band of far left lunatics have now been proven wrong merely by comparing their claims to what has actually happened. The truth is crystal clear and right in front of us.

The machine you are reading this on is killing the Left. They make claims, tell lies, and convince themselves that since no one in the media challenged them, no one will remember what they said two days later. But we do.

A new study by a "group of mean reactionary science purists" at the Journal Nature Climate Change took a look at 117 of the Left's wild claims. Its results are devastating for Gore and the Left. They show that 114, or 97.4%, of them were wrong. They weren't just a little "ooops, I hit the wrong number on my computer – wrong but wrong by a you – don't – know what – in- the – world – you're –are talking – about" wrong. The average "mistake" was an overstatement of global warming by double actual reality.

Two attacks on these lies came from Alabama, which of course disqualifies them in the scolding eyes of the New York Times.

Nevertheless, here's what these professors from the University of Alabama had to say:

"It's a real problem [the misinformation] ... it shows that there really is something that needs to be fixed in the climate models." – Climate scientist John Christy.

"I looked at 73 climate models going back to 1979 and every single one predicted more warming than happened in the real world." – John Christy, professor at the University of Alabama Huntsville.

To be kind, these predictions could be characterized as foolish; but to be truthful, they must be called what they are: **Lies, lies!** 



#### **Economic Failure of the Climate Change Movement**

Donn, Power for U.S.A., September 5, 2014

https://dddusmma.wordpress.com/2014/09/05/economic-failure-of-climate-change-movement/

What have been the economic impacts of the drive to cut CO2 emissions?

Without attempting to add up all the money spent by the government on grants, and all the money it spent on subsidies, what has been the effect of individual efforts ... specifically, in the energy arena?

FutureGen was supposed to establish that Integrated Gasification Combined Cycle (IGCC) power plants could generate electricity economically while providing for the capture of CO2.

The original project was cancelled, then re-instituted as FutureGen 2, to establish that it was economically viable to capture CO2 in existing coal-fired power plants using an oxygen-rich combustion technology.

Without waiting for FutureGen, a few companies attempted to build IGCC power plants. And while they can generate electricity, they have been economic dinosaurs.

Each project has resulted in cost overruns. While this may not be unusual for new technologies, each IGCC power plant has cost nearly as much to build as a nuclear power plant, or around \$5,500 per KW.

Tampa Electric decided not to build a second IGCC power plant because it was uneconomic.

In short, IGCC power plants have been an economic failure.

In contrast, any new ultra-supercritical coal-fired power plant could have generated the same amount of electricity at a much lower cost ... while also providing CO2 for Enhanced Oil Recovery (EOR) if desired.

FutureGen 2, designed to capture CO2 from existing coal-fired power plants, is also failing, as each partner waffles in its support.

Any attempt to capture CO2 from existing coal-fired power plants is economically unjustifiable, as it not only increases costs, but also reduces the output of any plant in which the process is installed, by around 30%.

The derating is even greater if any carbon capture technology is applied to NGCC power plants.

Previous articles have shown how PV roof-top solar is destroying the grid and why wind energy is bad for the United States. See, <u>Save The Grid</u> and <u>Why Wind Energy</u> is a Bad Idea.

Both are uneconomic while providing no real energy benefit.

Storage, for use with wind and solar, which is not required for natural gas, nuclear or coal-fired power plants, is very expensive; costing, on a per KW basis, two to five-plus times as much as building a natural gas power plant.

**Electric vehicles, EVs and PHEVs, are uneconomic, costing much more than comparable gasoline-powered vehicles.** In addition, expensive charging stations must be installed to support the uneconomic investment in EVs and PHEVs, a double whammy. Or in economic terms, throwing good money after bad.

EVs are being promoted as zero emission vehicles, even though the electricity used to charge their batteries comes from sources that emit CO2.

Inevitably, there will be the claim that these alternatives create jobs, but **the jobs created merely offset the jobs lost in comparable products**. For example, jobs building wind turbines offsets the jobs lost from building NGCC or coal-fired power plants.

And if more jobs are created building wind turbines, it's creating hidden unemployment, because the wind turbines are less efficient than NGCC or coal-fired power plants.

Actually, at least two studies have shown that for every green job created, 2.2 in one study, or 3.7 jobs in the other study, were destroyed.

These attempts to cut CO2 emissions have had a negative effect on the economy.

Adding the money spent by the government on grants and subsidies to promote these inefficient alternatives, compounds the damage done by fighting climate change.

Attempts by the EPA and the Obama administration to promote these alternatives have been economic disasters, wasting tax payer dollars and harming American industries and families with higher costs for electricity.



# Myth of arctic meltdown: Stunning satellite images show summer ice cap is thicker and covers 1.7million square kilometres MORE than 2 years ago...despite Al Gore's prediction it would be ICE-FREE by now

- Seven years after former US Vice-President Al Gore's warning, Arctic ice cap has expanded for second year in row
- An area twice the size of Alaska America's biggest state was open water two years ago and is now covered in ice
- These satellite images taken from University of Illinois's Cryosphere project show ice has become more concentrated

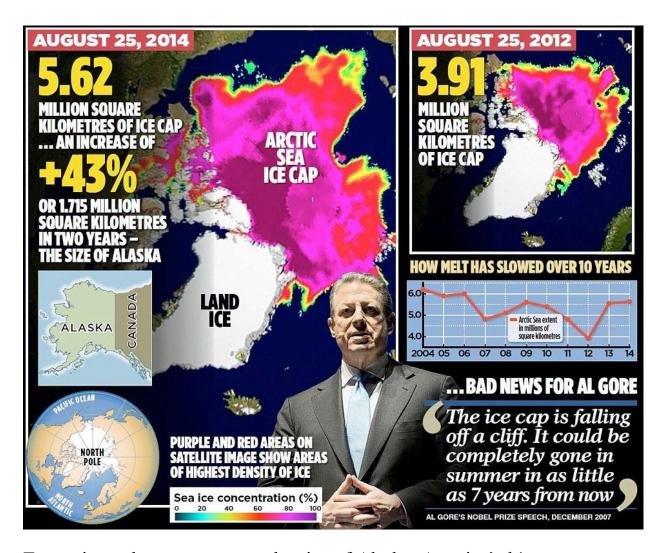
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http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2738653/Stunning-satellite-images-summer-ice-cap-thicker-covers-1-7million-square-kilometres-MORE-2-years-ago-despite-Al-Gore-s-prediction-ICE-FREE-now.html

The speech by former US Vice-President Al Gore was apocalyptic. 'The North Polar ice cap is falling off a cliff,' he said. 'It could be completely gone in summer in as little as seven years. Seven years from now.'

Those comments came in 2007 as Mr Gore accepted the Nobel Peace Prize for his campaigning on climate change.

But seven years after his warning, The Mail on Sunday can reveal that, far from vanishing, the Arctic ice cap has expanded for the second year in succession — with a surge, depending on how you measure it, of between 43 and 63 per cent since 2012.



To put it another way, an area the size of Alaska, America's biggest state, was open water two years ago, but is again now covered by ice.

The most widely used measurements of Arctic ice extent are the daily satellite readings issued by the US National Snow and Ice Data Center, which is cofunded by Nasa. These reveal that — while the long-term trend still shows a decline — last Monday, August 25, the area of the Arctic Ocean with at least 15 per cent ice cover was 5.62 million square kilometres.

This was the highest level recorded on that date since 2006 (see graph, right), and represents an increase of 1.71 million square kilometres over the past two years – an impressive 43 per cent.

Other figures from the Danish Meteorological Institute suggest that the growth has been even more dramatic. Using a different measure, the area with at least 30 per cent ice cover, these reveal a 63 per cent rise – from 2.7 million to 4.4 million square kilometres.

The satellite images published here are taken from a further authoritative source, the University of Illinois's Cryosphere project.

They show that as well as becoming more extensive, the ice has grown more concentrated, with the purple areas – denoting regions where the ice pack is most dense – increasing markedly.

Crucially, the ice is also thicker, and therefore more resilient to future melting. Professor Andrew Shepherd, of Leeds University, an expert in climate satellite monitoring, said yesterday: 'It is clear from the measurements we have collected that the Arctic sea ice has experienced a significant recovery in thickness over the past year.

'It seems that an unusually cool summer in 2013 allowed more ice to survive through to last winter. This means that the Arctic sea ice pack is thicker and stronger than usual, and this should be taken into account when making predictions of its future extent.'



The speech by former US Vice-President Al Gore (above) was apocalyptic. He said that the North Polar ice cap is falling off a cliff and could be gone in seven years

Yet for years, many have been claiming that the Arctic is in an 'irrevocable death spiral', with imminent ice-free summers bound to trigger further disasters. These include gigantic releases of methane into the atmosphere from frozen

Arctic deposits, and accelerated global warming caused by the fact that heat from the sun will no longer be reflected back by the ice into space.

Judith Curry, professor of earth and atmospheric sciences at Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta, said last night: 'The Arctic sea ice spiral of death seems to have reversed.'

Those who just a few years ago were warning of ice-free summers by 2014 included US Secretary of State John Kerry, who made the same bogus prediction in 2009, while Mr Gore has repeated it numerous times – notably in a speech to world leaders at the UN climate conference in Copenhagen in 2009, in an effort to persuade them to agree a new emissions treaty.

The ice cap is falling off a cliff. It could be completely gone in summer in as little as 7 years from now

Mr Gore – whose office yesterday failed to respond to a request for comment – insisted then: 'There is a 75 per cent chance that the entire polar ice cap during some of the summer months could be completely ice-free within five to seven years.'

Misleading as such forecasts are, some people continue to make them. Only last month, while giving evidence to a House of Lords Select Committee inquiry on the Arctic, Cambridge University's Professor Peter Wadhams claimed that although the Arctic is not ice-free this year, it will be by September 2015.

Asked about this yesterday, he said: 'I still think that it is very likely that by mid-September 2015, the ice area will be less than one million square kilometres – the official designation of ice-free, implying only a fringe of floes around the coastlines. That is where the trend is taking us.'

For that prediction to come true it would require by far the fastest loss of ice in history. It would also fly in the face of a report last year by the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), which stated with 'medium confidence' that ice levels would 'likely' fall below one million square kilometres by 2050.

Politicians such as Al Gore have often insisted that climate science is 'settled' and have accused those who question their forecasts of being climate change 'deniers'.

However, while few scientists doubt that carbon-dioxide emissions cause global warming, and that this has caused Arctic ice to decline, there remains much

uncertainty about the speed of melting and how much of it is due to human activity. But outside the scientific community, the more pessimistic views have attracted most attention. For example, Prof Wadhams's forecasts have been cited widely by newspapers and the BBC. But many reject them.



An area twice the size of Alaska was open water two years ago and is now covered in ice after the arctic ice cap has expanded for the second year in a row

Yesterday Dr Ed Hawkins, who leads an Arctic ice research team at Reading University, said: 'Peter Wadhams's views are quite extreme compared to the views of many other climate scientists, and also compared to what the IPCC report says.'

Dr Hawkins warned against reading too much into ice increase over the past two years on the grounds that 2012 was an 'extreme low', triggered by freak weather.

'I'm uncomfortable with the idea of people saying the ice has bounced back,' he said.

However, Dr Hawkins added that the decline seen in recent years was not caused only by global warming. It was, he said, intensified by 'natural variability' – shifts in factors such as the temperature of the oceans. This, he said, has happened before, such as in the 1920s and 1930s, when 'there was likely some sea ice retreat'.

Dr Hawkins said: 'There is undoubtedly some natural variability on top of the long-term downwards trend caused by the overall warming. This variability has

probably contributed somewhat to the post-2000 steep declining trend, although the human-caused component still dominates.'

Like many scientists, Dr Hawkins said these natural processes may be cyclical. If and when they go into reverse, they will cool, not warm, the Arctic, in which case, he said, 'a decade with no declining trend' in ice cover would be 'entirely plausible'.

Peer-reviewed research suggests that at least until 2005, natural variability was responsible for half the ice decline. But exactly how big its influence is remains an open question – and as both Dr Hawkins and Prof Curry agreed, establishing this is critical to making predictions about the Arctic's future.

Prof Curry said: 'I suspect that the portion of the decline in the sea ice attributable to natural variability could be even larger than half.

'I think the natural variability component of Arctic sea ice extent is in the process of bottoming out, with a reversal to start within the next decade. And when it does, the reversal period could last for several decades.'

This led her to believe that the IPCC forecast, like Al Gore's, was too pessimistic.

'Ice-free in 2050 is a possible scenario, but I don't think it is a likely scenario,' she concluded.

#### GOOD NEWS FOR POLAR BEARS...



The apparent recovery in Arctic ice looks like good news for polar bears.

If there is more ice at the end of the summer, they can hunt seals more easily. Yet even when the ice reached a low point in 2012, there was no scientific evidence that bear numbers were declining, with their estimated total of 20,000 to 25,000 thought to be higher than in the 1970s, when hunting was first banned.

In many Arctic regions, say scientists, they are in robust health and breeding successfully.

Computer model predictions of decline caused by ice melt have also failed to come true. In 2004, researchers claimed Hudson Bay bear numbers would fall from 900 to fewer than 700 by 2011. In fact, they have risen to over 1,000.

However, the main international bear science body, the Polar Bear Specialist Group, admits it has no reliable data from almost half of the Arctic, so cannot say whether numbers are falling or rising.



## Unbelievable, Democrats See Global Warming As Bigger Threat Than ISIS Terrorists



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http://epaabuse.com/16788/news/unbelievable-democrats-see-global-warming-bigger-threat-isis-terrorists/?utm\_source=rss&utm\_medium=rss&utm\_campaign=unbelievable-democrats-see-global-warming-bigger-threat-isis-terrorists&utm\_source=EPA+Abuse&utm\_campaign=7ef2659330-RSS\_EMAIL\_CAMPAIGN&utm\_medium=email&utm\_term=0\_bdf7c53c9e-7ef2659330-305309409



In the aftermath of the American journalist James Foley's gruesome beheading, the threat Islamic State terrorists pose to the U.S. has become much clearer. Not only does the organization, also known as ISIS, present a danger to citizens

abroad; a widespread security alert reported this week indicates that the group is part of a present terrorist danger on our nation's southern border.

Nevertheless, a recent <u>poll</u> conducted by Pew Research and USA Today indicates that Democrats see a more abstract danger as a more important focus for U.S. leaders.

The wide-ranging study indicated that 68 percent of Democrats see global climate change as a "major threat" to our nation, while only 65 percent say the same about ISIS. The number of Democrats worrying about global warming is also higher than those concerned about al Qaeda's threat—and a full 10 points higher than the number who think North Korea's nuclear program is a significant threat.

By comparison, eight in 10 Republicans define al Qaeda and ISIS as major threats, compared to just one quarter who feel the same about climate change. Among independent voters, those worried about al Qaeda (69 percent) and ISIS (63 percent) make up significantly larger groups than the 44 percent who see global warming as a major threat.

The poll also touched on a number of other international issues, including participants' view of the role America plays on the global stage. While more than half of all those surveyed in a similar study last November felt the U.S. did too much to assist in solving the world's problems, only 39 percent offered the same opinion in the latest poll.

As for America's status as a world leader, the number who see the nation as occupying a "less important and powerful role than 10 years ago" has spiked in recent years.

Midway through George W. Bush's presidency, just two in 10 respondents provided that opinion. Six years into the Obama administration, however, about half of those polled believe our global status has diminished over the past decade.



#### **Occupation Forces**

#### Doug Casey's INTERNATIONAL MAN

Communiqué

by Jeff Thomas | August 18, 2014

When I was growing up in Berlin, after the war (World War II), we lived in the American sector and the American soldiers were everywhere—on the streets, in the cafes. No one wanted them there, but whenever we made disparaging remarks, our own authorities tell us we must not do this. They tell us the Americans can do what they like and we just have to accept it. So, we stop using the words, "Yankee" and "American." They are the occupying forces, just like the Romans were at one time, so, amongst ourselves, we refer to them as "the Romans." So, we talk freely in the cafes about the "Romans" and the American soldiers don't know that we mean them.

The snippet above was from taken from a conversation I had recently in a café with Klaus, a German who is now in his late sixties. He had a long career as a pilot for the German air force and had been stationed in many countries. In spite of his own career as an "occupier," he never got over the resentment he had for the occupation of his homeland by American troops. (Berlin was occupied from 1945 to 1994.)

The US is unique in the world with regard to occupation. It has been estimated that the US has over 325,000 military personnel in over 1,000 overseas military bases in more than 150 countries, but statistics are widely conflicting.

Generally, the American troops arrive to deal with some sort of conflict (either invited or uninvited), but unlike most other armies, they tend to remain for a long time beyond the stated "need."

There are those who praise this policy, stating that the US "keeps the world safe for democracy;" however, the US is known (at least to us outsiders) as a country that typically routs elected governments, installs corrupt and ineffectual puppet leaders, and seeks to control the occupied country as a satellite state.

There are three major downsides to this policy:

#### 1. Occupation Forces Are Always Resented

Most Americans, during the Cold War, perceived the Russian forces in Berlin to be hated by the Berliners, but assumed that Berliners were grateful to have American occupiers to "keep them safe." The truth, as Klaus states, was that *all* occupiers were hated, not just the Russians. Long after the war was over and it was time for Berlin to return to normal, the Russians and Americans maintained a standoff in Berlin that did not end for another *forty-nine years*. Only in 1994 did Germans "get their city back."

Not surprisingly, many Germans, even today, feel that neither the Russians nor the Americans can be trusted, as they are seen as "empire builders" who play out their ambitions in foreign lands. Although today, there is a fair bit of cooperation between the governments of the US and Germany, the German people themselves have, even recently, expressed their distrust by asking that the Bundesbank demand the return of their \$141 billion in gold from the US Federal Reserve, and have additionally railed against NSA spies in Germany.

#### 2. Occupation Is Extremely Costly

Two thousand years ago, the Romans created an empire by training its own people as troops, then invading other countries, stripping them of their wealth. They then left troops behind in each country as occupiers to maintain Roman control. Unfortunately, after the initial pillaging, there was little ongoing wealth to be taken, and the occupations became expensive liabilities. Eventually, the once-wealthy Rome sank into debt and relied more and more on mercenary troops—troops that had no real loyalties to Rome and would eventually turn on Rome, when the money ran out.

The US is now in a similar state. There is no more military draft in the US, and the majority of soldiers occupying the 150 countries are mercenaries (or, in today's nomenclature, "defense contractors"). As the US is technically bankrupt, it is only a question of time before the cheques stop coming. As in Rome, it can be expected that the mercenaries will drop their "loyalty" with little or no warning at some point.

#### 3. A Government that Believes in Occupation as a Policy is a Danger to its Citizens

The US Government clearly believes in the concept of occupation, as it is actually *increasing* the number of countries where it has troops in occupation.

In addition, in the last decade, the US has been dramatically ramping up its preparedness for war *at home*. Not since World War II has the US spent so much money building tanks, buying bullets, and training troops to get ready for a major conflict.

However, this time, it is not for a war overseas, but at home. The armaments are being deployed to localised law enforcement departments and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), which is charged *solely* with domestic enforcement. Similarly, the training of police officers and other authorities has changed dramatically from the traditional "Protect and Serve" policy to one of riot control and combatting "domestic terrorism."

Billions are being spent on this effort, and of the three downsides to occupation, this is the one that should concern American citizens most greatly, as, for the first time since 1865, the American continent itself is planned to be the occupied territory.

Indeed, under the National Defense Authorization Act, passed in 2011, the US was declared a "battlefield," a legal term that allows a government to suspend habeas corpus and to authorise any authorities to act toward the people of the country as "enemy combatants," should they suspect for any reason that this might be so.

In discussing post-war Berlin with Klaus, I asked him when he left his home city. He said, "As soon as I was old enough—I joined the service and got out. This is no way to live."

As stated above, Klaus himself later became an air force pilot and an "occupier" of sorts. Still, he is correct in his view that to be the population that is occupied—that is, to be under the control of militaristic rule—is no way to live.

It would appear that, in the US, the clock is ticking. "Occupation" may be an inevitability, and we are now seeing the quiet before the storm—the time when each individual may assess his options.

One thing is certain: when the DHS troops are deployed, they will not be looked upon as the friendly neighbourhood cops of past generations. They will be seen as the *Romans*... the occupying forces.



#### Do you know how to catch wild pigs?

A thought to remember, Marx said, "Remove one freedom per generation and soon you will have no freedom and no one would have noticed."

There was a chemistry professor in a large college that had some exchange students in the class.

One day while the class was in the lab, the professor noticed one young man, an exchange student, who kept rubbing his back and stretching as if his back hurt. The professor asked the young man what was the matter.

The student told him he had a bullet lodged in his back. He had been shot while fighting communists in his native country who were trying to overthrow his country's government and install a new communist regime. In the midst of his story, he looked at the professor and asked a strange question.

He asked: "Do you know how to catch wild pigs?"

The professor thought it was a joke and asked for the punch line. The young man said that it was no joke. "You catch wild pigs by finding a suitable place in the woods and putting corn on the ground. The pigs find it and begin to come every day to eat the free food

"When they are used to coming every day, you put a fence down one side of the place where they are used to coming. When they get used to the fence, they begin to eat the corn again and you put up another side of the fence.

"They get used to that and start to eat again. You continue until you have all four sides of the fence up with a gate in the last side.

"The pigs, which are used to the free corn, start to come through the gate to eat that free corn again. You then slam the gate on them and catch the whole herd.

"Suddenly the wild pigs have lost their freedom. They run around and around inside the fence, but they are caught. Soon they go back to eating the free corn. They are so used to it that they have forgotten how to forage in the woods for themselves, so they accept their captivity."

The young man then told the professor that is exactly what he sees happening in America. The government keeps pushing us toward Communism/Socialism and keeps spreading the free corn out in the form of programs such as supplemental income, tax credit for unearned income, tax exemptions, tobacco subsidies, dairy subsidies, payments not to plant crops (CRP), welfare entitlements, medicine, drugs, etc., while we continually lose our freedoms, just a little at a time.

One should always remember two truths: There is no such thing as a free lunch, and you can never hire someone to provide a service for you cheaper than you can do it yourself.



## The "Social Contract" Is a Fraud; Anyone Trying to Enforce It Is Acting Criminally

A FREE-MAN'S TAKE

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When you hear the word "social," it's even money that you're being snookered.

"Social justice," for example, is primarily a ruse for penalizing individuals without any finding of fact as to their individual guilt. Whether you actually did anything deserving of penalty is irrelevant... it's "social." And if you question the deal, you're a bad person.



The granddaddy of all the "social" scams, however, is the "social contract." That's what replaced the "divine right of kings" in the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> centuries, when it was falling apart. This is, in Wikipedia's (slightly edited) words,

a theory or model that addresses the questions of the origin of society and the legitimacy of the authority of the state over the individual.

In other words, this was the new explanation of why it's right for one group of men to rule over other men. Wikipedia continues:

Arguments typically posit that individuals have consented, either explicitly or tacitly, to surrender some of their freedoms and submit to the authority of the ruler in exchange for protection of their remaining rights.

So, a group of rulers gets to ignore our rights, take away our money (continually), punish us when it wishes, and even send us off to war. And that's all okay because we somehow agreed to the deal. It's a "contract," after all.

#### **Except It's Not**

If an adult wants to sign away his rights and make himself a serf to politicians, that's his choice, and I won't take it from him. But for the deal to be legit, a clear agreement and authorizations on both sides are required.

A contract is (again per Wikipedia, with my emphasis):

An agreement having a lawful object entered into voluntarily by two or more parties, each of whom intends to create one or more legal obligations between them. The elements of a contract are "offer" and "acceptance" by "competent persons" having legal capacity who exchange "consideration" to create "mutuality of obligation."

The social contract fails this standard in multiple ways. In fact, it is not a contract in any rational sense of the term. And if it's not a contract, then the use of that word is fraudulent.

Fraud is a "false representation with the intent of persuading the victim to part with property," and that is precisely what is being done with the social contract, and on a gigantic scale.

We have a supposed contract, and we have trillions of dollars changing hands, based upon its legitimacy. If, in fact, it is *not* a contract, then the entirety of the arrangement is a massive criminal fraud.

So, is this the "social contract" legitimate? Let's examine some crucial aspects of contracts:

#### **Competence**

In order to agree to a contract, one must be competent. You cannot, for example, make a contract with a hungry five-year-old, trading a few candy bars for a third of the child's lifetime earnings. The child is not competent and any such agreement is rightly considered invalid.

The social contract, however, is held to be binding upon us from birth. How is that possible? Can an infant do what a five-year-old or even a twelve-year-old cannot?

Verdict: The social contract fails.

#### **Voluntary agreement**

A contract must be agreed to. I was never given a choice to sign or reject such an agreement, and I doubt that you were either. There can be no contract at all without a voluntary agreement. (See the next point below for the standard objection.)

Verdict: The social contract fails.

#### Without duress

A contract must be agreed to "without duress." That is, without a threat of harm.

The standard objection to my "agreement" point above is that people agree to the social contract by their actions: If you use *anything* provided by a government, you automatically agree to the *entire* social contract. That line of argument fails in several ways (entrapment for starters, followed by being informed), but the largest issue in my mind is that of duress.

To get out of the social contract, we are told, we must leave the ruler's territory. That places the ruler's rights above our own as a starting point, which voids any semblance of "equal justice." But I'll pass up that discussion for today.

Leaving the ruler's territory means spending large amounts of money, a tremendous amount of time to make arrangements, leaving our jobs behind, leaving all our friends behind, and leaving our entire families behind.

In other words, we can only escape the social contract by undertaking difficult, expensive, and heartbreaking actions.

Imagine a Fuller Brush salesman coming to your door and offering you an assortment of brushes for thirty dollars. Then, when you politely decline, he pulls out a gun and says "No! If you don't want the deal, you have to abandon your house. Either pay me or leave."

Is this salesman's demand criminal? If so, the social contract is criminal as well. Both seek to secure agreements by using duress.

Verdict: The social contract fails, both legally and on grounds of cruelty.

#### **Undue influence**

Undue influence involves "one person taking advantage of a position of power over another person."

Clearly, this applies to the social contract. First, we are compelled to attend schools run by the "other party" to the contract. These institutions teach us that the social contract is the way of the world and that any competing ideas would be crazy. And we are held in their classrooms five or more hours per day, beginning at five-years-old and running until adulthood. (If nothing else, consider the daily "Pledge of Allegiance" and try to count the number of times you were made to recite it.)

On top of that, the "other party" employs legions of armed men and authorizes them to violently subdue those who oppose them and their rules.

If these things are not undue influence, then nothing is. You can't indoctrinate the other party, hold a sword to his throat, force him to sign, and still call it a contract.

Verdict: The social contract fails.

#### **Mutuality of obligation**

With no "mutuality of obligation," there can be no contract. If the other side of the contract is not meeting their obligations, there must be recourse.

After the US government failed to protect New Yorkers on 9/11, all eight million of them should have been entitled to a refund. Clearly the other side of the deal failed to meet their obligations. (That, of course, didn't happen: the loss of their rights only got worse.)

And then we have the doctrine of sovereign immunity, which removes all the most serious consequences from the other side of the deal.

There is no mutuality of obligation in the social contract. Therefore, it's not a contract.

Verdict: The social contract fails.

I could go on, but I think my point is made. I have cited five clear violations of contract law and alluded to several others. If even one of these is valid, the "social contract" is invalid.

If the terms of a contract are uncertain or incomplete, it's no contract at all. And for one party to continue to seize the goods of the other, claiming a contractual right to do so, is criminal fraud.

#### The Real Purpose of the "Contract"

As with the divine right of kings that preceded it, the hidden and essential aspect of the social contract is to give subjects a reason to submit.

The obvious reason for the subject to submit is that rulers employ thousands of armed men, who are authorized and prepared to punish disobedience. This, however, isn't really enough for effective rulership. Policemen and jails are expensive, and many, many more than our current number would be required, if fear was the sole reason for obedience.

For governance to work, the subjects must believe that obeying is the right thing to do, and that's where the social contract comes in: It gives people a reason to obey, beyond a mere threat. It saves them from having to face fear or even to consciously submit.

Strange as it may sound, an effective ruler must equip his or her subjects to obey. It's a fundamental factor in rulership. And that's the true purpose of the "social contract."

#### So...

By any legal standard, the "social contract" fails. That won't cause any rulers to change, of course, but truth still matters to some of us.

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#### What if they left .....AND ENTERED LEGALLY

#### What if 20 Million Illegal Aliens Vacated America

Tina Griego, Denver Rocky Mountain News

I, Tina Griego, journalist for the Denver Rocky Mountain News wrote a column in 2007 titled, "Mexican Visitor's Lament".

I interviewed Mexican journalist Evangelina Hernandez while visiting Denver last week. Hernandez said, "illegal aliens pay rent, buy groceries, buy clothes. What Happens to your country's economy if 20 million people go away?" Hmmm, I thought, what would happen?

So I did my due diligence, buried my nose as a reporter into the FACTS I found below.

It's a good question it deserves an honest answer. Over 80% of Americans demand secured borders and illegal migration stopped. But what would happen if all 20 million or more vacated America? The answers I found may surprise you!

In California, if 3.5 million illegal aliens moved back to Mexico, it would leave an extra \$10.2 billion to spend on overloaded school systems, bankrupt hospitals and overrun prisons. It would leave highways cleaner, safer and less congested. Everyone could understand one another as English became the dominant language again

In Colorado, 500,000 illegal migrants, plus their 300,000 kids and grandchildren would move back 'home', mostly to Mexico. That would save Colorado an estimated \$2 billion (other experts say \$7 billion) annually in taxes that pay for schooling, medical, social-services and incarceration costs. It means 12,000 gang members would vanish out of Denver alone.

Colorado would save more than \$20 million in prison costs, and the terror that those 7,300 alien criminals set upon local citizens. Denver Officer Don Young and hundreds of Colorado victims would not have suffered death, accidents, rapes and other crimes by illegal's.

Denver Public Schools would not suffer a 67% dropout/flunk rate because of thousands of illegal alien students speaking 41 different languages. At least 200,000 vehicles would vanish from our grid locked cities in Colorado. Denver's 4% unemployment rate would vanish as our working poor would gain jobs at a living wage.

In Florida, 1.5 million illegal's would return the Sunshine State back to America, the rule of law, and English.

In Chicago, Illinois, 2.1 million illegal's would free up hospitals, schools, prisons and highways for a safer, cleaner and more crime-free experience.

If 20 million illegal aliens returned 'home', the U.S. Economy would return to the rule of law. Employers would hire legal American citizens at a living wage. Everyone would pay their fair share of taxes because they wouldn't be working off the books. That would result in an additional \$401 Billion in IRS income taxes collected annually, and an equal amount for local, state and city coffers.

No more push '1' for Spanish or '2' for English. No more confusion in American schools that now must contend with over 100 languages that degrade the educational system for American kids. Our overcrowded schools would lose more than two million illegal alien kids at a cost of billions in ESL and free breakfasts and lunches.

We would lose 500,000 illegal criminal alien inmates at a cost of more than \$1.6 billion annually. That includes 15,000 MS-13 gang members who distribute \$130 billion in drugs annually would vacate our country."

In cities like L.A., 20,000 members of the '18th Street Gang' would vanish from our nation. No more Mexican forgery gangs for ID theft from Americans! No more foreign rapists and child molesters!

Losing more than 20 million people would clear up our crowded highways and gridlock. Cleaner air and less drinking and driving American deaths by illegal aliens!

America 's economy is drained. Taxpayers are harmed. Employers get rich. Over \$80 billion annually wouldn't return to the aliens' home countries by cash transfers. Illegal migrants earned half that money untaxed, which further drains America 's economy which currently suffers an \$1 7 trillion debt

At least 400,000 anchor babies would not be born in our country, costing us \$109 billion per year per cycle. At least 86 hospitals in California, Georgia and Florida would still be operating instead of being bankrupt out of existence because illegal's pay nothing via the EMTOLA Act.

Americans wouldn't suffer thousands of TB and hepatitis cases rampant in our country-brought in by illegal's unscreened at our borders.

Our cities would see 20 million less people driving, polluting and grid locking our cities. It would also put the 'progressives' on the horns of a dilemma; illegal aliens and their families cause 11% of our greenhouse gases

Over one million of Mexico's poorest citizens now live inside and along our border from Brownsville, Texas to San Diego, California in what the New York Times called, 'colonias' or new neighborhoods. Trouble is, those living areas resemble Bombay and Calcutta where grinding poverty, filth, diseases, drugs, crimes, no sanitation and worse. They live without sewage, clean water, streets, roads, electricity, or any kind of sanitation.

The New York Times reported them to be America's new 'Third World 'inside our own country. Within 20 years, at their current growth rate, they expect 20 million residents of those colonias. (I've seen them personally in Texas and Arizona; it's sickening beyond anything you can imagine

By enforcing our laws, we could repatriate them back to Mexico. We should invite 20 million aliens to go home, fix their own countries and/or make a better life in Mexico. We already invite a million people into our country legally more than all other countries combined annually. We cannot and must not allow anarchy at our borders, more anarchy within our borders and growing lawlessness at every level in our nation.

It's time to stand up for our country, our culture, our civilization and our way of life Interesting Statistics

Here are 13 reasons illegal aliens should vacate America, and I hope they are forwarded over and over again until they are read so many times that the reader gets sick of reading them:

- **1.** \$14 billion to \$22 billion dollars are spent each year on welfare to illegal aliens. (that's Billion with a 'B') http://tinyurl.com/zob77..html
- 2. \$7.5 billion dollars are spent each year on Medicaid for illegal aliens. http://www.cis.org/articles/2004/fiscalexec.html

- **3.** \$12 billion dollars are spent each year on primary and secondary school education for children here illegally and they still cannot speak a word of English! <a href="http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANscripts/0604/01/ldt.01.html">http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANscripts/0604/01/ldt.01.html</a>
- **4.** \$27 billion dollars are spent each year for education for the American-born children of illegal aliens, known as anchor babies.
- **5.** \$3 Million Dollars 'PER DAY' is spent to incarcerate illegal aliens. That's \$1.2 Billion a year. <a href="http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANscripts/0604/01/ldt.01.html">http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANscripts/0604/01/ldt.01.html</a>
- **6.** 28% percent of all federal prison inmates are illegal aliens. http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANscriptS/0604/01/ldt.01.html
- 7. \$190 billion dollars are spent each year on illegal aliens for welfare & social services by the American taxpayers. http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANscriptS/0610/29/ldt.01.html
- **8.** \$200 billion dollars per year in suppressed American wages are caused by the illegal aliens. <a href="http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANscripts/0604/01/ldt.01.html">http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANscripts/0604/01/ldt.01.html</a>
- **9.** The illegal aliens in the United States have a crime rate that's two and a half times that of white non-illegal aliens. In particular, their children, are going to make a huge additional crime problem in the US . <a href="http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANscripts/0606/12/ldt.01.html">http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANscripts/0606/12/ldt.01.html</a>



#### **Your Economic Stimulus Payment**

Sometime this year, we taxpayers will again receive another 'Economic Stimulus' payment. This is indeed a very exciting program, and I'll explain it by using a Q & A format:

- Q. What is an 'Economic Stimulus' payment?

  A. It is money that the federal government will send to taxpayers.
- Q. Where will the government get this money?

- A. From taxpayers.
- Q. So the government is giving me back my own money?
- A. Only a smidgen of it.
- Q. What is the purpose of this payment?
- A. The plan is for you to use the money to purchase a; high-definition TV set, thus stimulating the economy.
- Q. But isn't that stimulating the economy of China? A. Shut up.

## Below is some helpful advice on how to best help the U.S. Economy by spending your stimulus check wisely:

- \* If you spend the stimulus money at Wal-Mart, the money will ;go to China or Sri Lanka.
- \* If you spend it on gasoline, your money will go to the Arabs.
- \* If you purchase a computer, it will go to India, Taiwan or ;China.
- \* If you purchase fruit and vegetables, it will go to Mexico, Honduras and Guatemala.
- \* If you buy an efficient car, it will go to Japan or Korea.
- \* If you purchase useless stuff, it will go to Taiwan.
- \* If you pay your credit cards off, or buy stock, it will go ;to management as bonuses and they will hide it offshore.

#### Instead, keep the money in America by:

- 1) Spending it at yard sales, or
- 2) Going to ball games, or
- 3) Spending it on prostitutes, or
- 4) Beer or
- 5) Tattoos.

(These are the only American businesses still operating in the U.S.)

#### Conclusion:

Go to a ball game with a tattooed prostitute that you met at a yard ;sale and drink beer all day!

No need to thank me, I'm just glad I could be of help.

- **10.** During the year 2005, there were 8 to 10 MILLION illegal aliens that crossed our southern border with as many as 19,500 illegal aliens from other terrorist countries. Over 10,000 of those were middle-eastern terrorists. Millions of pounds of drugs, cocaine, meth, heroin, crack, Guns, and marijuana crossed into the U.S. from the southern border. http://tinyurl.com/
- **11.** The National Policy Institute, estimates that the total cost of mass deportation would be between \$206 and \$230 billion, or an average cost of between \$41 and \$46 billion annually over a five year period. <a href="http://www.nationalpolicyinstitute.org/publications.php?b=deportation">http://www.nationalpolicyinstitute.org/publications.php?b=deportation</a>
- **12.** In 2006, illegal aliens sent home \$65 BILLION in remittances back to their countries of origin, to their families and friends. http://www.rense.com/general75/niht.htm
- **13.** The dark side of illegal immigration: Nearly one million sex crimes are committed by illegal immigrants in the United States! <a href="http://www.drdsk.com/articleshtml">http://www.drdsk.com/articleshtml</a>

#### Total cost a whopping \$538.3 BILLION DOLLARS A YEAR!

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## 83 Numbers from 2013 That Are Almost too Crazy to Believe

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During 2013, America continued to steadily march down a self-destructive path toward oblivion. As a society, our debt levels are completely and totally out of control. Our financial system has been transformed into the largest casino on the entire planet and our big banks are behaving even more recklessly than they did just before the last financial crisis. We continue to see thousands of businesses and millions of jobs get shipped out of the United States, and the middle class is being absolutely eviscerated. Due to the lack of decent jobs, poverty is absolutely exploding. Government dependence is at an all-time high and crime is rising. Evidence of social and moral decay is seemingly everywhere, and our government appears to be going insane. If we are going to have any hope of solving these problems, the American people need to take a long, hard look in the mirror and finally admit how bad things have actually become. If we all just blindly have faith that "everything is going to be okay", the consequences of decades of incredibly foolish decisions are going to absolutely blindside us and we will be absolutely devastated by the great crisis that is rapidly approaching. The United States is in a massive amount of trouble, and it is time that we all started facing the truth. The following are 83 numbers from 2013 that are almost too crazy to believe...

- **#1** Most people that hear this statistic do not believe that it is actually true, but right now an all-time record <u>102 million working age Americans</u> do not have a job. That number has risen by about 27 million since the year 2000.
- **#2** Because of the lack of jobs, poverty is spreading like wildfire in the United States. According to the most recent numbers from the U.S. Census Bureau, an all-time record <u>49.2 percent</u> of all Americans are receiving benefits from at least one government program each month.
- **#3** As society breaks down, the government feels a greater need than ever before to watch, monitor and track the population. For example, every single day the NSA intercepts and permanently stores close to <u>2 billion emails and phone calls</u> in addition to a whole host of other data.
- **#4** The Bank for International Settlements says that total public and private debt levels around the globe are now <u>30 percent higher</u> than they were back during the financial crisis of 2008.

- **#5** According to a recent <u>World Bank report</u>, private domestic debt in China has grown from 9 trillion dollars in 2008 to 23 trillion dollars today.
- **#6** In 1985, there were more than 18,000 banks in the United States. Today, there are only 6,891 left.
- **#7** The six largest banks in the United States (JPMorgan Chase, Bank of America, Citigroup, Wells Fargo, Goldman Sachs and Morgan Stanley) have collectively gotten <u>37 percent larger</u> over the past five years.
- **#8** The U.S. banking system has 14.4 trillion dollars in total assets. The six largest banks now account for <u>67 percent</u> of those assets and all of the other banks account for only <u>33 percent</u> of those assets.
- #9 JPMorgan Chase is roughly the size of the entire British economy.
- **#10** The five largest banks now account for <u>42 percent</u> of all loans in the United States.
- **#11** Right now, four of the "too big to fail" banks each have total exposure to derivatives that is well in excess of 40 trillion dollars.
- **#12** The total exposure that Goldman Sachs has to derivatives contracts is <u>more than 381 times greater</u> than their total assets.
- **#13** According to the Bank for International Settlements, the global financial system has a total of <u>441 trillion dollars</u> worth of exposure to interest rate derivatives.
- **#14** Through the end of November, approximately <u>365,000</u> Americans had signed up for Obamacare but approximately <u>4 million Americans</u> had already lost their current health insurance policies because of Obamacare.
- **#15** It is being projected that <u>up to 100 million more Americans</u> could have their health insurance policies canceled by the time Obamacare is fully rolled out.
- **#16** At this point, <u>82.4 million</u> Americans live in a home where at least one person is enrolled in the Medicaid program.
- **#17** It is has been estimated that Obamacare will add <u>21 million</u> more Americans to the Medicaid rolls.

- **#18** It is being projected that health insurance premiums for healthy 30-year-old men will rise by an average of <u>260 percent</u> under Obamacare.
- **#19** One couple down in Texas <u>received a letter from their health insurance</u> <u>company</u> that informed them that they were being hit with a 539 percent rate increase because of Obamacare.
- **#20** Back in 1999, <u>64.1 percent</u> of all Americans were covered by employment-based health insurance. Today, only <u>54.9 percent</u> of all Americans are covered by employment-based health insurance.
- **#21** The U.S. government has spent an astounding <u>3.7 trillion dollars</u> on welfare programs over the past five years.
- **#22** Incredibly, <u>74 percent</u> of all the wealth in the United States is owned by the wealthiest 10 percent of all Americans.
- **#23** According to Consumer Reports, the number of children in the United States taking antipsychotic drugs <u>has nearly tripled</u> over the past 15 years.
- **#24** The marriage rate in the United States has fallen to an all-time low. Right now it is sitting at a yearly rate of just <u>6.8 marriages per 1000 people</u>.
- **#25** According to a shocking new study, the average American that turned 65 this year will receive \$327,500 more in federal benefits than they paid in taxes over the course of their lifetimes.
- #26 In <u>just one week in December</u>, a combined total of more than 2000 new cold temperature and snowfall records were set in the United States.
- **#27** According to the U.S. Census Bureau, median household income in the United States has fallen for five years in a row.
- **#28** The rate of homeownership in the United States has fallen <u>for eight years in a row</u>.
- #29 Only 47 percent of all adults in America have a full-time job at this point.
- **#30** The unemployment rate in the eurozone recently hit <u>a new all-time high</u> of 12.2 percent.

- **#31** If you assume that the labor force participation rate in the U.S. is at the long-term average, the unemployment rate in the United States would actually be <a href="11.5">11.5</a> percent instead of 7 percent.
- **#32** In November 2000, <u>64.3 percent</u> of all working age Americans had a job. When Barack Obama first entered the White House, <u>60.6 percent</u> of all working age Americans had a job. Today, only <u>58.6 percent</u> of all working age Americans have a job.
- **#33** There are 1,148,000 fewer Americans working today than there was in November 2006. Meanwhile, our population has grown by more than 16 million people during that time frame.
- **#34** Only 19 percent of all Americans believe that the job market is better than it was a year ago.
- **#35** Just <u>14 percent</u> of all Americans believe that the stock market will rise next year.
- **#36** According to CNBC, Pinterest is currently valued at <u>more than 3 billion</u> dollars even though it has never earned a profit.
- **#37** Twitter is a seven-year-old company that has never made a profit. It actually <u>lost 64.6 million dollars</u> last quarter. But according to the financial markets it is currently worth about 22 billion dollars.
- **#38** Right now, Facebook is trading at a valuation that is equivalent to approximately <u>100 years of earnings</u>, and it is currently supposedly worth about <u>115 billion dollars</u>.
- **#39** Total consumer credit has risen by a whopping <u>22 percent</u> over the past three years.
- **#40** Student loans are up by an astounding <u>61 percent</u> over the past three years.
- **#41** At this moment, there are <u>6 million Americans</u> in the 16 to 24-year-old age group that are neither in school or working.
- **#42** The "inactivity rate" for men in their prime working years (25 to 54) has just hit a brand new all-time record high.
- **#43** It is hard to believe, but in America today one out of every ten jobs is now filled by a temp agency.

- **#44** Middle-wage jobs accounted for <u>60 percent</u> of the jobs lost during the last recession, but they have accounted for only <u>22 percent</u> of the jobs created since then.
- **#45** According to the Social Security Administration, <u>40 percent</u> of all U.S. workers make less than \$20,000 a year.
- **#46** Approximately <u>one out of every four</u> part-time workers in America is living below the poverty line.
- **#47** After accounting for inflation, 40 percent of all U.S. workers are making less than what a full-time minimum wage worker made back in 1968.
- **#48** When Barack Obama took office, the average duration of unemployment in this country was 19.8 weeks. Today, it is <u>37.2 weeks</u>.
- **#49** Investors pulled an astounding <u>72 billion dollars</u> out of bond mutual funds in 2013. It was the worst year for bond funds ever.
- **#50** Small business is rapidly dying in America. At this point, <u>only about 7 percent</u> of all non-farm workers in the United States are self-employed. That is an all-time record low.
- **#51** The six heirs of Wal-Mart founder Sam Walton have as much wealth as the bottom one-third of all Americans combined.
- #52 Once January 1st hits, it will officially <u>be illegal</u> to manufacture or import traditional incandescent light bulbs in the United States. It is being projected that millions of Americans will attempt to stock up on the old light bulbs before they are totally gone from store shelves.
- **#53** The Japanese government has estimated that approximately <u>300 tons</u> of highly radioactive water is being released into the Pacific Ocean from the destroyed Fukushima nuclear facility every single day.
- **#54** Back in 1967, the U.S. military had more than 31,000 strategic nuclear warheads. That number is already being cut down to 1,550, and now Barack Obama wants to reduce it to only about 1,000.
- **#55** As you read this, <u>60 percent</u> of all children in Detroit are living in poverty and there are approximately <u>78,000 abandoned homes</u> in the city.

- **#56** Wal-Mart recently opened up two new stores in Washington D.C., and <u>more than 23,000 people</u> applied for just 600 positions. That means that only about 2.6 percent of the applicants were ultimately hired. In comparison, Harvard offers admission to <u>6.1 percent</u> of their applicants.
- **#57** At this point, <u>almost half</u> of all public school students in America come from low income homes.
- **#58** Tragically, there are <u>1.2 million students</u> that attend public schools in the United States that are homeless. That number has risen by 72 percent since the start of the last recession.
- **#59** According to a <u>Gallup poll</u> that was recently released, 20.0 percent of all Americans did not have enough money to buy food that they or their families needed at some point over the past year. That is just under the all-time record of 20.4 percent that was set back in November 2008.
- **#60** The number of Americans on food stamps has grown from <u>17 million</u> in the year 2000 to more than <u>47 million</u> today.
- **#61** Right now, one out of every five households in the United States is on food stamps.
- **#62** The U.S. economy <u>loses approximately 9,000 jobs</u> for every 1 billion dollars of goods that are imported from overseas.
- **#63** Back in 1950, more than 80 percent of all men in the United States had jobs. Today, less than 65 percent of all men in the United States have jobs.
- **#64** According to <u>one survey</u>, approximately 75 percent of all American women do not have any interest in dating unemployed men.
- #65 China exports 4 billion pounds of food to the United States every year.
- **#66** Overall, the United States has run a trade deficit of <u>more than 8 trillion dollars</u> with the rest of the world since 1975.
- **#67** The number of Americans on Social Security Disability now exceeds <u>the entire population of Greece</u>, and the number of Americans on food stamps now exceeds <u>the entire population of Spain</u>.
- **#68** It is being projected that the number of Americans on Social Security will rise from 57 million today to more than 100 million in 25 years.

- **#69** Back in 1970, the total amount of debt in the United States (government debt + business debt + consumer debt, etc.) was less than 2 trillion dollars. Today it is over 56 trillion dollars.
- **#70** Back on September 30th, 2012 our national debt was sitting at a total of <u>16.1</u> <u>trillion dollars</u>. Today, it is up to <u>17.2 trillion dollars</u>.
- **#71** The U.S. government "rolled over" more than 7.5 trillion dollars of existing debt in fiscal 2013.
- **#72** If the U.S. national debt was reduced to a stack of one dollar bills it would circle the earth at the equator 45 times.
- **#73** When Barack Obama was first elected, the U.S. debt to GDP ratio was under 70 percent. Today, it is up to 101 percent.
- **#74** The U.S. national debt is on pace to more than double during the eight years of the Obama administration. In other words, under Barack Obama the U.S. government will accumulate more debt than it did under all of the other presidents in U.S. history combined.
- **#75** The federal government is borrowing (stealing) roughly 100 million dollars from our children and our grandchildren every single hour of every single day.
- **#76** At this point, the U.S. already has more government debt <u>per capita</u> than Greece, Portugal, Italy, Ireland or Spain.
- #77 Japan now has a debt to GDP ratio of more than 211 percent.
- #78 As of December 5th, 83 volcanic eruptions had been recorded around the planet so far this year. That is a <u>new all-time record high</u>.
- **#79** <u>53 percent</u> of all Americans do not have a 3 day supply of nonperishable food and water in their homes.
- **#80** Violent crime in the United States was up 15 percent last year.
- **#81** According to a very surprising survey that was recently conducted, <u>68</u> <u>percent</u> of all Americans believe that the country is currently on the wrong track.

#82 Back in 1972, 46 percent of all Americans believed that "most people can be trusted". Today, only 32 percent of all Americans believe that "most people can be trusted".

#83 According to a recent Pew Research survey, only 19 percent of all Americans trust the government. Back in 1958, 73 percent of all Americans trusted the government.

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