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Sovereignty Is The Cheapest Asset

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intention of every repaying that debt. They will not repay China, or the UK, or Japan. The U.S. Government is a deadbeat. But, it has collateral. It has vast amounts of Western states it has occupied for over one hundred years.

The question one must ask oneself is this: What happens when the debt collector comes to collect?

One thing we can all agree on is that our government is full of cowards and negotiators. We know this because they have not stood up for principle when it came to Constitutional violations. They turned a blind-eye to scandals of the Obama Administration that would have brought down any other president, even with the traitors in the media providing cover.

It is no mere coincidence that the economic crisis of 2008 and this one arrive as a two-term president is leaving office. Some balls can only be kept in the air for so long, but on the eve of pinning someone else with the blame is as good a time as any to let them drop. But, this crisis might be much more severe and much more damaging than any before in history precisely because nothing substantial has been changed since the last one. The only true difference is that there are no more deep pockets out there to tap, except the private accounts of citizens and large corporations.

The U.S. Government's violations of the Constitution and the promise of a small federal government focused mostly on internal conflicts between the states and external conflicts with other nations have led to the debt. Its constant meddling in internal state's issues and the desire to expand its power and control over everything have led it into every aspect of our lives.

The last economic crisis led to the Tea Party, which was a rebellion of middle-class individuals angered over the
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On Failure

By ROBERT GORE, *Financial Editor*



takes their theoretical and empirical potshots, and if the theory is still standing it becomes the standard...until somebody finds a hole in it and the progression plays out again. Logically, there can be no enshrined truths in science (other than that there are no enshrined truths), only hypotheses and theories open to question and subject to disproof, but never conclusively confirmed for time and all eternity.

American Motors, Brown Shoe, Studebaker, Collins Radio, Detroit Steel, Zenith Electronics and National Sugar Refining were all in the Fortune 500 in 1955. None of them exist today. Of that Fortune 500, only 61 were still around 60 years later. That's economist Joseph Schumpeter's "creative destruction," the ceaseless roiling of the competitive landscape in a healthy (i.e., capitalistic) economy that destroys some businesses and elevates others, but places none on a permanent plateau. Successful people in business know in their bones this catechism: try, fail, admit, analyze, get up, try again.

Confusion is failure's kissing cousin and also receives a bad rap. It should get better press, if for no other reason than that it promotes thought. When we're confused, we try to figure things out. Why does the apple fall towards the earth instead of the sky? Never underestimate the power of a question. Extracting sense from confusion has led to humanity's most important breakthroughs.

Governments' failures have deleterious differences with private sector failure. Fail enough in business or research and your funding dries up. Those who fund government have no say in whether programs are continued or terminated.

Failure in government is an open and shut case for more funding, which is why decades-long failures like the wars on poverty, drugs, and terrorism receive larger appropriations every budget cycle.

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Implosion is imminent. Gold is up, stocks are down, (with much more room to drop) banks are slowly admitting their compromised positions with government paper and some have moved to stronger gold positions. Global recession has been on the map since China's economy started contracting. U.S. debt has soared and the paper the treasury issues is becoming devalued, but there is truly nowhere for it to go as our own economy slows. Oil has lost 70% of its value, taking the economies of the Middle East with it, though they have been able to stave off drastic cuts in domestic spending so far, it has come at a high price as they now try to sell bonds to institutions that are already holding too much government debt.

It must be obvious to anyone (if they aren't too busy taking selfies) that our indebted government has no

Orange Is The New Red, White & Blue

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You cannot have a legal conflict unless a minimum of two parties are involved. The two parties involved for the purposes of this discussion are patriots who support the country and the federal government which has usurped power.

For clarification, we have to define some terminology and principles:

- Patriot: A person who loves and strongly supports or fights for his or her country.
- Sedition: The crime of saying, writing, or doing something that encourages people to disobey their government.

18 U.S. Code § 2384 – Seditious conspiracy: If two or more persons in any State or Territory, or in any place subject to the jurisdiction of the United States, conspire to overthrow, put down, or to destroy by force the Government of the United States, or to levy war against them, or to oppose by force the authority thereof, or by force to prevent, hinder, or delay the execution of any law of the United States, or by force to seize, take, or possess any property of the United States contrary to the authority thereof, they shall each be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than twenty years, or both.

Declaration of Independence:

IN CONGRESS, July 4, 1776.

The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America,

When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation. ...

And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor.

Note that the name of the country in the Declaration of Independence is "united" instead of "United".

Natural Law: A set of rules inherent in human behavior and human reasoning that governs human conduct. Natural law is preexisting and is not created in courts by judges. Philosophers and theologians throughout history have differed in their interpretations of natural law, but in theory, natural law should be the same throughout time and across the world because it is based on human nature, not on culture or customs.

The conflict that has arisen is clear: patriots versus government. Patriots who used their first amendment right to petition the government for a redress of government abuse have been arrested and denied bail for protests at the Bundy Ranch, Sugar Pine Mine and Malheur Wildlife Refuge.

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What is the responsibility of a patriot whose country has been usurped by a federal government? The government of the United States of America is not representing the people, the country or following the Constitution. They have replaced the rule of law with a two-tiered judicial system based on race, money and political class. The founding principle that all men are created equal is no longer true. What are our rights guaranteed under natural law:

Natural law and natural rights follow from the nature of man and the world. We have the right to defend ourselves and our property, because of the kind of animals that we are. True law derives from this right, not from the arbitrary power of the omnipotent state.

The reasons our forefathers declared their independence from tyranny are now in place at a larger scale. Our duty is the same as their duty: the freedom of our children is more important than a government. But I would like to ask a different question: how would you expect a tyrannical government to act? The federal government has:

Enacted taxation and regulations without representation that account for over 50% of the fruits of our labor. This mainly applies to the second class tier of people who work to support the welfare/workfare state and the political elite.

The government's political elite is exempt from the law. Hillary Clinton's email treason, Fast and Furious, Eric Holder's selective enforcement of law based on race and the illegal ratification of the Affordable Health Care Act are only a few examples.

Ignored the Bill of Rights: the illegal spying on the people by the NSA continues without any discussion in any of the three branches of the federal government is only one example.

People are selectively targeted by the government. The IRS scandal and the murder of LaVoy Finicum are only two examples which have had no consequences.

Usurped power from the States as guaranteed under the Constitution. Immigration and the importation of "refugees" without background checks are bankrupting our schools and local governments regardless of State laws.

A government that recognizes it has broken the compact of the Constitution with the people will act exactly as it has: it classifies patriots as domestic terrorists.

But a list of grievances will not cause a patriot to act. Only Sacred Honor and moral conviction will force an individual to recognize the consequences of tyranny. The choice is simple: we can either stand up and fight to regain our Liberty or bear the heavy chains of tyranny.

And yes, this qualifies as sedition.

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Banning Cash: Serfdom In Our Time

By Paul Rosenberg



through the West. It may not last forever, but it's still rolling, and if the entertainment corporations can pump enough fear into minds that want to believe, they may just get them to buy it.

The second reason, however, is the real driver:

Negative Interest Rates

The urgency of their move to ban one of the longest-lasting pillars of daily life means that the backroom elites think it will be necessary soon. It would appear that the central banks, the IMF, the World Bank, the BIS, and all their backers, see the elimination of cash as a central survival strategy.

The reason is simple: cash would allow people to escape from the one thing that could save their larcenous currency system: *negative interest rates*.

To make this clear, I like to paraphrase a famous (and good) quote from Alan Greenspan, back from 1966, during his Ayn Randian days: *The financial policy of the welfare state requires that there be no way for the owners of wealth to protect themselves.*

That was a true statement, and with a slight modification, it succinctly explains the new war on cash:

The preservation of an insolvent currency system requires that the owners of currency have no way to protect it.

Cash is currency that you hold in your own hands, that stands more or less alone. It is primarily *external* to bank control. Electronic money – bank balances, credit, etc. – remains *inside* the banking system and fully subject to bank control.

A combination of no cash and negative interest rates would be a quiet, permanent version of what was done in Cyprus, where the government simply shut down everything, allowed only the smallest deductions via ATMs, and then stole money from thousands of bank accounts at once.

The Cypriot spectacle was fairly large, however, and that tends to undermine the legitimacy of rulership. So, it is much better to have no ATMs and no cash at all. There would be no lines of angry people talking to each other, only isolated losers with no recourse, licking their wounds while the talking heads on television tell them to stay calm and watch the flashing images.

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them. There was no tax-debt relief to ease their conditions. So, average people rose up to challenge the powers that forgave every debt, but the ones they owed. Because they were decent people, they stopped short of violence. They worked within the system to elect different representatives and changed the House and Senate into Republican controlled institutions.

Promises were made for their votes: promises to de-fund Obamacare; to hold bankers accountable; to reduce public debt; to re-establish Constitutional controls over the federal government. They reneged on those promises and now they get Trump.

The Republican establishment hates Trump, they hate Cruz and struggle mightily to support anyone, Bush, Kasich or Rubio, anyone but Trump or Cruz. They want someone they can control when the next economic crisis hits, because they will need someone who will divert all funds toward their purposes and deflect blame away from those who most deserve it. This is not to say that electing Trump or Cruz will mean the end of their efforts, it will probably just put those efforts into overdrive to coerce them, if that is with whom they are forced to work.

Here's what will not happen: the people will not be forgiven of their debts or the taxes they owe.

They will be held accountable for every penny. Their assets will be liquidated to supply the insatiable appetite of their betters. Their labor will be needed as bargaining chips with the rest of the world. The natural resources of the citizen's land will be needed to pay for the excesses of the establishment. In fact, the establishment is not even that concerned that the United States remains an independent nation. They would gladly make an agreement with the UN and perhaps even China to "resolve" their differences by forfeiting sovereignty. Sovereignty is the cheapest asset they have with which to bargain away their debts.

The only ones left to pay for it all are the people. Many of these people don't understand or appreciate the values of this nation enough to understand the import of that agreement. They have become accustomed to slavery already. They crave the safety of slavery over the sacrifice of liberty. They will not stand up for anything. For all of the flag-waving and anthem singing done at every public event, there is no patriotism left in the United States, because it has boiled down to nothing more than a flag and a song. The principles behind them are meaningless to them.

But, what of those Constitutionalists, those patriots, those who do hold the self-evident truths to be the height of human accomplishment? They will be annihilated, because either they will be imprisoned or dead as they struggle for the righteous restoration of those principles. Perhaps those principles will die and the world will go back to the natural order of dominance and slavery, where higher principles of logic and liberty will be banished for good.

Understand one thing: every government agent, from local cop to the president is an author of the death of those principles and the death of liberty. When it comes your time to die for those principles, before you are enslaved to a foreign power, remember how proudly they sold them out.

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Banning Cash: Serfdom In Our Time

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Negative interest rates would give the banks 100% control over your purchases. They could, even in the worst pinch, allow you to purchase food while freezing the rest of your money. The average person would have no recourse and would simply be robbed... but very smoothly and with no human face to blame on.

Negative interest rates mean that your bank account shrinks day by day, automatically. Your \$1000 in January becomes \$950 by December. And where does that money go? To the banks, of course, and to the government. They syphon your money away, drip by drip, and there's nothing you can do about it. This accomplishes several things for them at once:

It finances government, limitlessly and automatically. Forget tax filings; they can just take as they please.

It pays off the bad debt of the big banks. (And there are oceans of debt.)

It forces you to spend everything you've got, as soon as you get it. (Otherwise it will shrink.)

It gives the system full control over your financial life. Everything is monitored, everything is tracked, and every single transaction *must* be approved by them (or not). If they decide they don't like you, you're instantly reduced to begging.

In short, this is a direct return to serfdom.

I suggest that you start talking to your friends and neighbors about this now, before it's too late. Don't let them comply without a fight.

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- Mar 7—The Well Armed Woman, Georgia Mountain Chapter**, Hayesville, NC. 5:30 p.m. A women's group dedicated to educating, equipping and empowering women gun owners. Meeting at Shooter's Exchange, 3280 NC Hwy 69, Suite 10, Hayesville, NC. For more information please contact Carrie Brekke at practicalpistoltraining@gmail.com.
- Mar 8—Cherokee NC ARES Formal Meeting**, Murphy, NC, 7 pm. Our regularly scheduled second Tuesday meeting at the Robert Penland Senior Center, 69 Alpine Street (behind the courthouse) in downtown Murphy.
- Mar 8—DAV Monthly Meeting, Blairsville, GA**, 7 pm – 8 pm. The Disabled American Veterans meet on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 7pm in the Veterans Center. Held at the Veterans Building, 78 Old Blue Ridge Hwy. Blairsville. For more information please contact Mike Ruback at 954-249-2707.
- Mar 10—The Well Armed Woman, Murphy Chapter**, Murphy, NC, 6 p.m. A women's group dedicated to educating, equipping and empowering women gun owners. Meeting at Christian Martial Arts Center, 56 Valley River Ave.
- Mar 12—Western Carolina Amateur Radio Group Brunch**, Murphy, NC, 10:00 am. This group meets on the second Saturday of each month at Main Street USA restaurant located on Hiwassee Street in downtown Murphy.

On Failure *(Continued from page 1)*

A Washington-declared war on anything elicits tears of joy from even the most hardened political cynics. Such "wars" are opened-ended, having no operative definition of success or failure (either of which should logically end the war). Once the enabling legislation and appropriations are passed, manna flows forever. The occasional "austerity pinch" only slows its growth rate, but never leads to an actual reduction in funding.

Failure builds constituencies like nursing sows attract piglets. The interactions between the government and its sucklings are odious and there's no shortage of commentators decrying them. What's sometimes overlooked in the commentary on this barter of payola and power are its psychological elements, particularly the role of egos. Those who go into politics want power, but many want prestige, recognition, and their asses smooched even more. Those desires are hallmarks of psychological frailty, a brittle vulnerability. Although government constantly fails, any acknowledgment of such inflicts unacceptable psychic pain on these tender egos. The annals of American politics and government contain very few admissions of error. John F. Kennedy's Bay of Pigs *mea culpa* is a rare exception. Politicians and bureaucrats have made the unapologetic apology an art form.

I'm sorry if my actions created the perception that I acted in a manner that does not comport with the high standards I set for myself and which you justifiably expect me to maintain. Mistakes were perhaps made, and my team is investigating the matter to determine what, if anything, went wrong. To address those perceptions, I will act on its recommendations in furtherance of those high standards I have always set for myself and which you expect from me. It's time for us to move on, and for me to get back to work maintaining high standards. Thank you.

The kind of straightforward admission, acknowledgment, apology, and correction that many of us make at least once a week is rarer in Washington than a balanced budget, locking in failure. With supposedly the best military on the planet and trillions of dollars spent, the US hasn't cleanly won a war since 1945. Anybody responsible? Nope. The architects of the Federal Reserve's disastrous policy of promoting speculative booms and increasingly destructive busts get six-figure fees for speeches nobody listens to, and the current ineptocrat will enjoy comparable rewards when she steps down. The future generations expected to bear the burden of the government's mound of debt and its pension and medical promises are either debt serfs or debt slaves. A convention of politicians, bureaucrats, and voters who admit any guilt for their servitude could be held in a broom closet.

The most overrated condition of human existence is order. It's a word that governments and those who run them cherish. Confusion, experimentation, failure, and ultimately, progress, are messy things, threatening established orders, vested and corrupt interests, and fragile egos.

There is no bigger oxymoron than "government science." Science is a search for truth, and governments suppress truth. Is the globe warming? If so, is that warming caused by human activity? Both are scientific questions requiring years of data and analysis, for which there will never be 100 percent conclusive answers. The righteous certainty on both sides of these unsettled questions is the antithesis of science. When one side is backed by most of the world's governments and an agenda that promotes only approved research and researchers—and a substantial expansion of global governance and control—honest experimentation and failure admission is inconceivable and the emergence of truth impossible.

Government, the most failure-prone institution, is the least likely to either admit or correct its failures, which only compounds them. "Complexity" is the smokescreen of the mandarins. Simple but correct conclusions—it's not working—are derided as simplistic. Only a small elite, many of whom have little actual experience in the real world they purport to control, supposedly have the required insight, understanding, and brilliance. Meanwhile, unacknowledged failure has compounded and we've slid into the abyss of gargantuan, global, systemic failure.

It's just that simple.