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## Ron Paul and the Agony of Defeat Will Patriots Ever Learn?

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Who says 'A' must say 'B'.  
V. I. Lenin

Why halt ye between two opinions?  
Elijah the prophet

It is the nature of people, that we gravitate toward the enjoyable activities and shirk the hard ones.

Watch the game or clean out the garage — which will it be? The answer to that domestic question explains why the television ratings for sports programs are so high, and garages across the nation remain death traps.

Nowhere is this behavior pattern more frustrating than to those of us who have committed ourselves to building a strong America First Party to restore the Constitution and take back our freedom. Building a party is hard work, and it is made all the harder by the fact that, for too many patriots, there are plenty of fun activities they'd rather engage in.



successful political party. Naturally, they deceive themselves into the belief that what they most enjoy doing just happens to be the most effective use of their time and resources to advance the cause of liberty.

One thing we patriots have to resist with every fiber of our being is the tendency to opt for the fun, feel-good — but ultimately useless — activities which distract from our mission, while titillating us and providing the false satisfaction that "I accomplished something for the cause today." Having a good time and enjoying oneself doesn't necessarily help our cause.

The Ron Paul race for the Republican nomination for President may be the best example in fifty years of this phenomenon: an exercise in futility and self-delusion, masquerading as a "good fight for the cause" that was a great deal of fun and accomplished nothing.

Meanwhile, the cause of building a strong patriotic party languished, because too many people who ought to know better were drawn away from the hard work to watch the three-ring circus down the road.

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All too many patriotic citizens would rather recline in their easy chairs and read a good expose, or watch C-SPAN, or attend a social event with political overtones — in fact, they'd rather do anything other than the hard work it takes to build a

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The arguments that were raised for a Ron Paul candidacy are easily dismissed. Some might argue that his campaign was the only method of getting a Constitutionalist on the ballot. They are doubly wrong. He never had a chance at the nomination, because the voters in Republican primaries oppose his views. Not only so, but they express derision and contempt for his views.

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"Preserve, protect and defend the WHAT????!!!"

## The "Living" Constitution

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In a 60 Minutes interview with Justice Antonin Scalia in April 2008, Leslie Stahl once again showed her complete incompetence as a journalist. In spite of her high profile job, she obviously lacks a solid knowledge of this country and its form of government.



Several times, she confronted Justice Scalia about our "living Constitution" and each time he told her that a living Constitution is a dead Constitution. Putting on her often-used smug expression, she attempted to instruct the Justice on points of law, in oblivious ignorance of her limited comprehension and his above average capabilities.

Often, people use the term "living Constitution" without fully comprehending its meaning. Others use the expression with a complete awareness of what it means — which is more frightening. They are the people who work to intentionally destroy our republican form of govern-

ment.

Looking back on the beginning of governments, it is easy to see that they began with an agreement between people and a person or people who would protect them as they tended their fields and provided for their families. Seldom was this agreement in writing. The Magna Carta, a written agreement between the monarchy and the aristocracy, is a landmark document. It is obvious that this manuscript is a written contract spelling out clearly the duties and rights of both sides.

The beginning of colonization in this country was built around written contracts between the new settlers and their financiers. The monarchy was interjected into this contract in order to maintain the king's claim on the new colonies. In 1620, when the Pilgrims crossed from England to America, their contract was for settlement in the colony of Virginia. Because winds blew their ship northward, they landed in Massachusetts. Since the contract had been broken by an "act of God" the Pil-

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# What Goes Around Comes Around

## Blowback May Follow the Brutalization of Gaza and Iran

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There is a risk of “blowback” from U.S. meddling in the affairs of other nations, as well as from our relationships with nations, when these relationships are likely to undermine U.S. national security. Prudence in government policy always considers the necessary elements of our national interest first, as well as the requirements of the Constitution. It is here that we have fallen short for generations. Only ignorance, hubris, or political fanaticism lead statesmen to put their nation in jeopardy, when doing so is not necessary for national survival. But after years of imprudent and unnecessary



action in Iran as a blueprint for coup plots everywhere around the world, and so commissioned a secret history to detail for future generations of CIA operatives how it had been done.... Amid the sometimes curious argot of the spy world — ‘safebases’ and ‘assets’ and the like — the CIA warns of possibilities of ‘blowback.’ The word ... has since come into use as a shorthand for the unintended consequences of covert operations.”

No one should be shocked to know that there is a secret history of the CIA, but how many have seriously considered the implications? The existence of the CIA’s “secret history” suggests that there are important facts about the overseas operations of our government that most Americans are



Israeli flag (left) and Palestinian flag (right)

overthrow of the Iranian government. But Iran has responded mildly to our removal of their elected government. The seizure of hostages in 1979 was little more than a pinprick.

And yet, this is definitely not the perspective of most Americans, who largely regard Iran as merely another pariah nation. They point to Iran’s nuclear program, but without proof that it is anything other than a civilian program, which it has a right to pursue under the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty. True, Iran supports Hezbollah in Lebanon and Hamas in Gaza, and these are not organizations which are generally laudable. But fairness requires that we recognize that the actions of these groups have been partly a response to excessive Israeli brutality; the disproportionate military actions of the Israeli government are easily recognized in the large civilian casualties and massive infrastructure damage they have inflicted in Lebanon and Gaza.

By stating this, we do not indicate approval of the methods used by these two Islamic terrorist groups. However, although deplorable, their

by the U.S. funded regimes of Egypt and Israel. Although we do not appear directly involved, we are correctly identified by the people of the Middle East as strong supporters of the two perpetrating regimes, and the weapons used by Israel in its recent attacks are often U.S. supplied.

To get an idea of how people in the Middle East view the Gaza situation, let us look at the very unpleasant details. It is correct to say that, during a 19 month period, all of the 1.5 million civilian inhabitants of Gaza, 56% of whom are children, have been essentially subject to attack by means of a stringent Israeli and Egyptian blockade of food, fuels, and medical supplies. The blockade also stopped agricultural and industrial exports, causing the economy and public infrastructure of Gaza to go into a tailspin. As a result, only about 2% of industrial establishments continued operating, causing about 80% of the population to rely on food aid and putting 70% in conditions of “deep poverty” (defined as a family of six or more living on \$467 per month).

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According to former CIA consultant Chalmers Johnson, “the term ‘blowback’ first appeared in a classified government document in the CIA’s post-action report on the secret overthrow of the Iranian government in 1953. In 2000, James Risen of the New York Times explained: ‘When the Central Intelligence Agency helped overthrow Mohammed Mossadegh as Iran’s prime minister in 1953, ensuring another 25 years of rule for [the] Shah ... the CIA was already figuring that its first effort to topple a foreign government would not be its last. The CIA, then just six years old and deeply committed to winning the cold war, viewed covert

unaware of. What they are also unaware of is that folks overseas are often more aware of this secret history, because they have experienced the effects. Among those most affected have been the people of Iran, Iraq, and Central and South America.

It is partly the sanitizing effect of our commercial and ideologically driven media that delays our awareness, but the end result is still that foreigners see the United States differently than we do, thereby increasing the potential for world conflict. Whatever the cause of their ignorance, Americans have failed to accurately assess the behavior of their government in its foreign affairs, and therefore, have failed to correct its excesses. That is one reason why we are so hated abroad, and why the risk of blowback from both covert and non-covert actions is increasing.

A case in point is that of Iran. Iran is not a perfect nation, but its faults may be fewer than those which point the accusing finger. As was just mentioned, the U.S. bears responsibility for overturning its elected government in the 1950s. Leaked documentation reveals this, and shows that the CIA holds up its subversive regime-change activities in this case as a model of how governments can be toppled. Let us put ourselves in the position of Iranians. How would we Americans react to the admission by that foreign power that it was behind the assassination of John F. Kennedy? Most probably, our response would be a very intense military affair with troops on the ground, possibly resulting in the

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methods are like those of many other resistance movements and terrorist gangs, like the Irish Republican Army, and Zionist groups which have massacred Arabs like Yitzak Shamir’s Stern Gang and Menachem Begin’s Irgun. It should be noted that the leaders of these last two terrorist organizations became prime ministers of Israel.

In addition to the bitter taste left by U.S. covert actions, our massive foreign aid for some nations provides another lightning rod for people who believe they are being oppressed by these same client regimes, in particular when U.S. support appears to be a key element in facilitating the oppression.

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According to the United Nations, 94,000 of the 750,000 Gazans who receive aid from them are “special hardship cases,” including the elderly, disabled, the chronically ill, and the very young. Human Rights Watch (HRW) states that of the additional 265,000 Gazans dependent on the World Food Program (WFP), 90,000 are “destitute cases” completely dependent on the WFP for food. And for those who could still purchase food, there have been few options. As of January 6th, only 9 out of 47 bakeries were still operating, due to the blockade on wheat supplies.

According to the UN, “Although some goods are being allowed into Gaza, the reduction in the number of  
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# The “Living” Constitution

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grims felt the original contract was not valid and chose to draft a new one. They designed a new agreement called the Mayflower Compact — an archaic word for contract. In it, being honest and God-fearing men, they agreed to many basic provisions of the original contract. They agreed to repay the investors the money they spent to finance their trip. They consented to live in a communal colony for seven years, in order to send the funds back to England. After the required time period, they would be

become increasingly sovereign. They intended to maintain this self-determination after the war was won. Thus the Articles of Confederation and Perpetual Union formed a very loose union of states. Each new state would maintain its own autonomy and join with the others in a very few circumstances — such as war, diplomatic negotiations, and resolving the questions about the western territories. Although it allowed the general government to coin money, it did not forbid the states from doing the same. There was no provision to tax, rely-

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free to forge out on their own. In this compact, they did not agree to repressive laws to be imposed by the English government, although they accepted the monarchy-appointed governor, John Bradford. The Mayflower Compact was another important written contract between a government and its subjects. It set a precedent for other written contracts which are easy to follow for both sides.

When it became evident that the colonists could no longer exist under an increasingly oppressive rule, they fashioned a letter to the king listing their grievances. They assumed the laws passed by the Crown were invalid under English common law. The common law had evolved through the years since England had no written Constitution which would have basically set forth the duties and responsibilities of the government. It changed constantly as interpreted by the judges — all appointed by the king — many of whom were less than schooled in a judicial system of workable laws. Returning the favor of their appointments, the common

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law became more and more favorable to the Crown, which became increasingly intolerant of the subjects and more inclined to tyranny.

During the Revolutionary War, the colonists gathered to write a framework of government, should they defeat the monarchy. Since colonization began with regulations different in each colony, each had

ing upon gifts of money from the states. The autonomy of each state was so strong, they began to develop their own weights and measures, charge tariffs on goods moving between states, and negotiate treaties with foreign countries. It soon became obvious the Articles were unworkable as written and a convention was called in Philadelphia to amend the document.

Not all attending the convention felt the Articles could be modified properly. Soon, members of the convention began to write a new contract with the people. Thus was born a document that became a light to the world, a document that formed a freedom of the governed and became an inspired beacon of light to other nations. The Constitution set up the framework for the governance of the United States of America. Reaching back to the Declaration of Independence, the Framers relied on the unalienable rights of the people — as given to them by God — to be the basic foundation of the government. It would not be a government that “gave” powers to the people, but one which derived its powers FROM the people.

The new contract designed a three-branch government:

The Legislative branch, consisting of a House of Representatives and a Senate, would pass the laws of the land. This branch would consist of representatives, directly elected by the people for a two-year term, and senators, elected by the legislators of their states whose function was to represent the states at the general government level. (This is why we had a republic, not a democracy.) It was hoped that the Legislative branch would consist of “citizen legislators” who would serve, then return home to live under the laws they had written.

The next branch of government

## Party Founding Principles

*The Statement of Principles of the America First Party was adopted at the first meeting of the National Committee on April 20, 2002. The Principles provide an outline for the Party’s Platform, which contains a section for each of the Principles headings. Each Platform section then expands upon that particular set of principles.*

*The Statement of Principles is the core statement of beliefs of the America First Party. As such, a two-thirds vote of the National Committee is required to adopt any change to the Principles.*

*The Party Constitution binds both the National Committee and the National Convention to adopt a platform consistent with the Principles. All party leaders are required to support and advance the Principles as a condition of holding a position of trust within the America First Party.*

### Preserve and Protect Our People and Our Sovereignty

- Support a military whose mission is to protect our nation, not police the world
- Strengthen our borders and promote rational immigration policies
- Protect English as our common language
- Seek friendship with all nations, but avoid entangling alliances
- Work to maintain our nation's sovereignty and oppose all attempts to make our nation subservient to the precursors of global government
- Apply American values to our foreign policy

### Promote Economic Growth and Independence

- Restore accountability and Constitutionality to budgets and taxes
- Promote tax policies that adhere to the Constitution, enhance individual freedom, encourage savings and investment, and promote the family
- Eliminate unconstitutional portions of the federal government
- Rebuild our manufacturing base and protect American workers
- Protect our right to fair trade and oppose free trade, exit NAFTA and the WTO
- Help American businesses stay in America
- Promote a Buy American policy
- End taxpayer bailouts of corporations and foreign governments
- Implement a self-sufficient energy policy

### Encourage the Traditional Values of Faith, Family, and Responsibility

- Protect and recognize the sanctity of all human life
- Defend the traditional family unit based on one man and one woman
- Promote the primacy of parents in the lives and education of their children

- Respect the free exercise of religion
- Recognize the Judeo-Christian heritage of our shared values

### Ensure Equality Before the Law in Protecting Those Rights Granted by the Creator

- Defend the self-evident truth "that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness"
- Preserve and protect all of the Bill of Rights
- Oppose all quota systems - merit and behavior must prevail
- End judicial tyranny and restore balance to our political system
- Restore property rights and restrict government land confiscation

### Clean Up Our Corrupted Political System

- Remove the primary source of corruption by sharply reducing the size and scope of the federal government to its limited powers under the Constitution, and return control over all other matters to the states
- Require that all political donations be promptly disclosed and come from voters
- Enforce fair, uniform standards for ballot and debate access to give voters more choice
- Implement clean election practices - restore paper ballots
- Reform the lobbying system so that the only organizations permitted to lobby are those organizations whose money is acquired strictly from voter donations. Reasonable individual voter donation amount limits must be established
- End lavish Congressional pensions - put them on Social Security
- Ban taxpayer funded Congressional campaign mailings
- Restore the rights of states in the manner of choosing Senators and Representatives and promote the citizen legislator

is the Executive. Its function is to send and receive ambassadors, nominate judges with the advice and consent of the Senate, and to oversee bills going through the Legislative branch by signing or not signing them into law. The President is the Commander in Chief of the Army and Navy — although it is up to Congress to declare war and appropriate funding for conflicts. The Executive can negotiate treaties, but they must be approved by 2/3 of the senators present.

The third branch is the Judicial branch — intended to be the weakest of the three. It consists of the Supreme Court and other courts such as the Congress may determine to be necessary. The court is responsible for the adjudication of treaties, laws pertaining to ambassadors, all cases relating to admiralty and cases of maritime justice, to controversies between two states, to suits in which the US government is a party, cases of impeachment, as well as cases on

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# What Goes Around ...

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trucks allowed in means that agencies are not receiving the amount of goods they require to respond to the needs of the population.... Many basic food items, including food for infants and malnourished children, are no longer available.”

The severity of the blockade policy was evident by the degree to which Israel limited truckloads of supplies. In May 2007, an average of 475 daily truckloads were allowed in, but this was reduced to 123 in October 2008, and then only 6 in November. These figures suggest a deliberate attempt to starve the population. Supporting this thesis is a HRW report that stated, “Egyptian officials were removing blankets and food from humanitarian aid shipments and not allowing them through.”

Most of Gaza has been without electricity, and so water and sewage systems are inoperative. As of January, over 500,000 lacked running water. Sewage was filling streets, causing effluent and solid waste to accumulate in the streets, exposing residents to the risk of disease. Ten thousand civilians living near one fragile sewage lagoon were at risk of drowning in the event of its collapse; a previous sewage flood killed 5 and displaced 1,500.

But it gets worse with the Israeli air bombardment. The blockade of medical and fuel supplies and subsequent Israeli offensive severely disrupted hospital operations. Hospitals were at one point only receiving electricity for 3 hours a day and running out of fuel to run backup generators. Only urgent surgeries could be carried out. Seventy percent of chronically ill patients reportedly had treatments interrupted, including

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many requiring periodic kidney dialysis, putting these patients in danger of blood poisoning.

The air attacks inflicted high casualties. One Danish doctor reported that 90% of the victims were civilian. Despite large numbers of wounded civilians, Israel Defense Forces reportedly blocked doctors from the International Red Cross and Palestinian Red Crescent Society from accessing badly wounded and dead civilians for days.

Another serious problem was the inability of Gaza hospitals to provide “specialist intensive care,” and their

limited means to provide long-term intensive care to the seriously wounded. Despite this, Israel refused to allow the transfer of wounded civilians out of the Gaza strip. The reason: Israel insisted that the Palestinian Authority (PA) cover the costs of the medical care, while the PA insisted that Israel should pay to treat civilians wounded in their air strikes. According to HRW, Egypt was also obstructing evacuations of “severely wounded persons from Gaza, despite pledges from Turkey and Qatar, among others, to receive the wounded at the Rafah border crossing and evacuate them to hospitals in third countries.” Egypt eventually relented, and allowed some medical evacuations and entry for some international surgeons. Israel also allowed a small number of patients to transit after an Israeli humanitarian group agreed to pay for their medical care.

This is a sampling of the grotesque response of our nation’s “allies” to Hamas’s armed takeover in Gaza. Since that takeover, Israel, with reinforcement from Egypt, has undoubtedly precipitated a monstrous humanitarian crisis by reducing humanitarian aid into Gaza by a whopping 75%. Both Egypt and Israel have common cause in suppressing militant Islamic movements, and these governments seem little concerned about how many innocent civilians they crush in the process. Israel’s brutal air and ground offensive killed about 900 civilians and wounded about 5,000, including 1,600 children. There is no doubt that this sad spectacle has made a deep impression on most Middle East residents, and it will likely continue to influence their opinion of the United States.

This type of brutality against civilians harkens back to the Allied hunger blockade of Germany and Belgium during and after World War I. As a result of that blockade, which continued six months after the signing of the armistice, about 750,000 civilians died. It was an event that fostered both hatred and solidarity in Germans, and which made Hitler’s slogan “bread and freedom” resonate. Likewise, the Israeli and Egyptian actions in Gaza will help to breed hatred and solidarity, and increase the likelihood that evil political movements will develop and/or strengthen, just as has already occurred in Lebanon, with the political victories of Hezbollah following Israel’s brutal summer offensive of 2006.

Due to its support of Egypt and Israel, the U.S. is more likely to face negative consequences of the brutalization of Gaza — such as a terrorist attack. It is also fair to say that any sponsorship of oppressive regimes that trample on the natural rights of large numbers of people, risks blow-

AFP Press Release, Wednesday, January 21, 2009

## Stop U.S. Aid to Israel and Egypt!

Boulder, CO - Over the last 19 months, all the 1.5 million inhabitants of Gaza have been subject to attack by means of a stringent Israeli and Egyptian blockade of food, fuels, and medical supplies. Agricultural and industrial exports have also been stopped, causing the economy and public infrastructure of Gaza to virtually evaporate. The consequence: about 80% of the population now relies on food aid and 70% live in “deep poverty”; hospitals are becoming dysfunctional and civilians with acute conditions are rarely allowed out of Gaza for medical care; most are without electricity, and so water and sewage systems are inoperative; sewage is filling streets and 10,000 civilians living near one sewage lagoon are at risk of drowning.

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“The America First Party calls for an end to aid for Egypt and Israel,” stated National Chairman Jon Hill, “and opposes all foreign aid as unconstitutional. We don’t support Hamas. But as long as the U.S. sponsors oppressive regimes that trample on natural rights of people, we risk blowback in the form of terrorism as well as diminished international prestige. Foreign aid to these states is a security risk and unconstitutional.”

back in the form of terrorism as well as diminished international prestige. Foreign aid to such states is always a security risk and unconstitutional.

Under Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution, there are only three legal reasons for the federal government to raise revenue (and by corollary, to expend revenue). These are to “pay the debts and provide for the common defense and general welfare of the United States.” Clearly, foreign aid distributions by the federal government do not fit into these three categories; if the American people are charitable, they can organize themselves to provide foreign aid, outside the structure of the federal government.

The cases of Gaza and Iran highlight the unnecessary risk of foreign conflicts and national security threats that our present foreign policy has created. The wisdom of the Constitution and of George Washington in foreign affairs, has been discarded now for about 100 years. We would

still do well to recall Washington’s advice, which he gave in his Farewell Address. It seems eerily prophetic:

“Against the insidious wiles of foreign influence (I conjure you to believe me, fellow-citizens) the jealousy of a free people ought to be constantly awake, since history and experience prove that foreign influence is one of the most baneful foes of republican government.... Excessive partiality for one foreign nation and excessive dislike of another cause those whom they actuate to see danger only on one side, and serve to veil and even second the arts of influence on the other. Real patriots who may resist the intrigues of the favorite are liable to become suspected and odious, while its tools and dupes usurp the applause and confidence of the people, to surrender their interests.... The great rule of conduct for us in regard to foreign nations is in extending our commercial relations, to have with them as little political connection as possible.”



# Freedom of Choice Act: *Intensifying America's Holocaust*

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Riding a wave of public enthusiasm, driven by promises that "Change is coming," Barack Obama was elected President in November and took the oath of office in January. It has been a long time since a new President has been elected and inaugurated with such fanfare. Several of my co-workers still have photographs of our new president hanging in their cubicles.

I hate to say it, but it seems like the last time a new democratically-elected Head of State came to power with such popular acclaim, approximately six million Jews ended up



American taxpayers to underwrite the murder of unborn children.

It is worthwhile to note that the Mexico City Policy, in its most recent form, only restricted funding for abortion as a means of "family planning" (birth control). It allowed exceptions in the cases of rape, incest, or when the mother's life is in danger. In spite of these exceptions, though, it did minimize the amount of American tax money used to fund abortions overseas.

Ironically enough, Obama rescinded the Mexico City Policy one day after the 2009 March for Life, when approximately 250,000 people rallied in Washington, DC, speaking out against abortion and calling for a reversal of *Roe v. Wade*.

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dying. Obama may not initiate another holocaust, but he has already indicated that he will intensify one.

In July 2007, when he first began campaigning for President, then-Senator Obama told the Planned Parenthood Action Fund that "The first thing I'd do as president is sign the Freedom of Choice Act." Fortunately, he did not have that opportunity. Since the bill, also known as FOCA, never made it out of committee during the previous Congress, the president had no chance to sign it at the time. As of mid-March 2009, the bill has not been introduced into the current Congress.

However, this did not stop Obama from taking immediate action to kill babies. While he could not sign FOCA into law, he did sign several executive orders. On January 23, he signed an executive order rescinding the "Mexico City Policy." This policy, introduced by Ronald Reagan in 1984, was rescinded by Bill Clinton in 1993 and restored by George W. Bush in 2001. It prohibited the United States Agency for International Development from providing funds to organizations that provide "advice, counseling, or information regarding abortion, or [lobby] a foreign government to legalize or make abortion available." While Obama could do little to promote abortion at home during his first week in office, he did not wait very long to promote it in other countries, and to force

Since 1973, when the Supreme Court handed down its *Roe v. Wade* ruling providing broad abortion rights nationwide, approximately 50 million abortions have been performed. When one considers the idea that life begins at conception, this means that 50 million human beings have been slaughtered, with government approval and support, in the womb. This number greatly exceeds

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any estimates of the number of deaths caused by Adolf Hitler, Josef Stalin, or Mao Tse-Tung. It may be hard for a proud American to admit, but this suggests that we have little right as a nation to criticize these tyrants.

Even if somebody is not 100 percent certain that the fetus should be considered a living human, the mere possibility that this is true should give one serious reason to question the legitimacy of abortion. However, many people try to push this possibility out of their minds, even though it seems to float just below the sur-



Within 48 hours of taking office, President Obama authorized taxpayer money to pay for the murder of helpless innocents. Photo by Pete Souza/White House

face of conscious thought. In a statement that President Obama posted on the White House website on January 22, he said, "While this is a sensitive and often divisive issue, no matter what our views, we are united in our determination to prevent unintended pregnancies, *reduce the need for abortion*, and support women and families in the choices they make" (emphasis added). Why would he feel the need to include the objective to "reduce the need for abortion"? If this were merely a medical procedure affecting only the woman, would he say this? Is he also proposing that we should reduce the need for breast augmentation, nose jobs, or liposuction? No; even when people think such operations are silly, useless, or immoral, they usually consider them to be matters of personal choice. If

several times in recent years. In January 2007, Barbara Boxer (D-CA) introduced it in the Senate, and Jerrold Nadler (D-NY) introduced it in the House of Representatives. Both of them are still in Congress, and both houses of Congress seem to be even more staunchly anti-life than before.

The bill itself seems innocuous enough. Although it contains six sections, including a 15-paragraph section of "Findings," the core of both 2007 versions of the bill reads as follows:

(a) *Statement of Policy*- It is the policy of the United States that every woman has the fundamental right to choose to bear a child, to terminate a pregnancy prior to fetal viability, or to terminate a pregnancy after fetal viability when necessary to protect the life or health of the woman.

(b) *Prohibition of Interference*- A government may not—

(1) deny or interfere with a woman's right to choose—

(A) to bear a child;

(B) to terminate a pregnancy prior to viability; or

(C) to terminate a pregnancy after viability where termination is necessary to protect the life or health of the woman; or

(2) discriminate against the exercise of the rights set forth in paragraph (1) in the regulation or provision of benefits, facilities, services, or information.

(c) *Civil Action*- An individual aggrieved by a violation of this section may obtain appropriate relief (including relief against a government) in a civil action.

you want to destroy your body, go right ahead. It does not affect me. Nobody seems to say government should reduce the need for cosmetic surgery. But, even when promoting abortion rights, politicians seem committed to saying that we should reduce the need for abortion. Perhaps Obama should confront his personal, subconscious ambivalence towards abortion and tread more carefully.

At any rate, activists on both sides of the abortion issue expect that the bill will be re-introduced at some point during the current Congress. It has been introduced into Congress

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# Argentina, Here We Come!

## How a Dollar Crash Could Impact You

By Jonathan Hill  
AFP National Chairman

Gradually, more and more of the major media's commentary has featured the word "depression" in reference to the possible direction of the present economic crisis. The Financial Times reported that GE CEO Jeff Immel believes that we may be in a depression, and Bloomberg News noted that Pimco's Bill Gross, who manages the world's largest bond fund valued at \$132 billion, thinks that we may have a "mini depression" if trillions are not spent by the U.S. government in stimulus programs. Professor Peter Morici, former chief economist of the U.S. International Trade Commission, stated that "the U.S. is already in the jaws of a depression."

His prognosis could not be much worse, or more in line with the thinking of the America First Party: "We're in a depression because of structural issues in the economy. Our excessive dependence on imported oil and our huge trade deficits are pulling us down. The stimulus package will give us some temporary relief, but then the economy will sink back."

On February 7th, CNN's "Your Money" featured guests who discussed one of the direst scenarios in a plausible manner: the possibility that the nation's ballooning debt and trade deficit will lead to oil producing nations undercutting the dollar's reserve currency status, by pricing crude oil sales in Euros rather than dollars. This, they openly admitted, could cause a rapid fall of the dollar. We have known this for a while, but finally we are hearing it from the media.

The crucial moment may come when interest in U.S. Treasury auctions ebbs, leaving too few buyers to scoop up the surge of bonds that will be issued to pay for the bailout programs. If this happens, then the Federal Reserve will probably start buying Treasuries, which it has already announced it will do. The Fed would then be expected to "monetize" those Treasuries, by printing a commensurate amount of Federal Reserve Notes, thereby inflating the domestic money supply.

The impact of this monetization policy is different from that of foreign entities, like central banks, buying U.S. government debt. In the case of foreign central bank purchases, Treasuries are held as a bank asset overseas, and this does not cause price inflation here at home. However, in the case of monetization, the domestic money supply is increased by the amount of Treasury notes which are monetized; by definition, this is inflationary, and tends to cause price inflation.

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Economist John Williams estimates that the current total money supply, known as M3, is now about \$15 trillion. When we consider that the 2008 federal cash deficit was \$1 trillion (up from \$275 billion in 2007), and that the Obama stimulus is \$800 billion, this means that the domestic money supply may shortly be inflated by a whopping 12% if the Fed monetizes the deficit. With a 12% inflation rate, prices tend to double every 6 years.



Downtown Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Photo by Jesus Presley ([www.jesuspresley.net](http://www.jesuspresley.net))

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U.S. financial firms from \$2 trillion to \$3.6 trillion. So it should not be a surprise if we see a 20% inflation of the money supply given the likelihood of unprecedented federal spending levels and the need to monetize the resultant government debt in the event there are few buyers. Another dangerous scenario would be a move by the federal government to nationalize banks. On February 20th, when this was mentioned as a possibility by the chairman of the Senate Banking Committee, Chris Dodd (D-CT), gold abruptly shot up to over \$1,000 an ounce. The same day, the bank analyst for the Financial Times said, "The game is up: within the next few weeks, if not days, the US government will have to step in and nationalize one or more banks." Two analysts on CNBC, a financial network owned by General Electric, then opined that this would put the dollar in a tailspin — not the type of talk that one typically hears from that source. Indeed, with bank debt at \$15.8 trillion, adding this debt to the national balance sheet via nationalization would more than double our nation's cash debt!

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The value of the dollar is im-

pected by global sentiment. As the world's reserve currency, there tends to be more demand for it than other fiat currencies, but the protection of this arrangement is not unlimited. The Bretton Woods Agreement, which created the dollar's reserve status, could be repudiated if the greenback becomes too risky for the global economy. Zhou Xiaochuan, governor of the People's Bank of China, with backing from Russia, Brazil, and India, has just recently called for exactly this; Zhou's proposal is for a new global currency regulated by the International Monetary Fund. China's skittishness, given its enormous dollar reserves, is justified. And if international concern regarding dollar stability increases, it will be more likely that oil exporting nations will move to price crude oil in other currencies, thereby ending the practice of essentially backing the dollar with oil (a practical substitute for gold).

All of these potential and threatened events could make foreign central banks and financial portfolio managers very nervous. Combine all this with the fact that America's public debt is growing at a much faster rate than the national income (it is now 470% of the GDP) and one can see why the dollar is in jeopardy. So if managers were to see better alternatives for investing their foreign reserves and private capital, this could potentially lead to a dollar collapse, similar to that which recently occurred in Argentina.

The Argentinean currency crisis of 2002 has roots that are similar to our crisis, and is worth studying. While the Argentinean economy is only about 4% of ours, Argentina is still an advanced nation in many

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Argentina citizens protest the freezing of bank accounts and forcible conversion of their dollar holdings to devalued Pesos.



# FOCA - Intensifying America's Holocaust

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Some of the language sounds like a concession to pro-life ideals. It would be unconstitutional to deny or interfere with a woman's right to bear a child or to discriminate against a woman who chooses to keep her baby. I have known women who were coerced by social service providers to obtain abortions instead of adding another child to the welfare rolls. These women would, according to this wording, have some options.

However, reading the "Findings" section of either version of the bill shows that the sponsor's are not interested in defending both sides of the abortion debate. The text mentions how, in 2006, South Dakota enacted a ban on almost all abortion procedures. It also points to the partial-birth abortion ban, enacted by Congress in 2003. In an act of sheer cowardice, FOCA simply mentions that Congress enacted a ban on "an abortion procedure"; no mention is made that the particular procedure requires that the baby be partially delivered from the womb.

Judging from these two clauses, it becomes obvious that FOCA is intended to eradicate restrictions against abortion that have been introduced on both the federal and state levels. The bill justifies this action by claiming that all abortions affect interstate commerce, since some women and health-care practitioners cross state lines to engage in abortions, and abortion providers generally use tools that were manufactured in other states. By this logic, the "commerce clause" of the Constitution becomes meaningless, because no matter what you do, you are probably breathing air that floated in from out of state.

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FOCA would also overturn the partial-birth abortion ban. Although this ban was not the great pro-life victory many conservatives claimed (see my article on the ban, in the August 2007 issue of the *America First Leader*), FOCA would eliminate even this ban, with the intention of prohibiting better-crafted bans in the future.

Supporters of the bill, including the National Abortion Rights Action League (NARAL), claim that the bill would not allow taxpayer funding of abortion or require hospitals and doctors to provide abortion services in violation of their convictions. However, pro-life organizations see such



On January 22, 2009, the annual March for Life took place in our nation's capitol, drawing an estimated 250,000 supporters. The gathering received almost no coverage in the national press. Photo by John Stephen Dwyer.

dangers in the bill. Several problems pointed out by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops include:

1. The most recent version of FOCA removed language prohibiting taxpayer funding of abortion.

2. The most recent version also removed a conscience clause, which would have allowed pro-life doctors, or hospitals owned by pro-life organizations or religious organizations, to refuse to provide abortion services.

3. Previous federal law required that only a physician could perform an abortion. The broad language of FOCA provides no limitation regarding who can perform an abortion, nor

does it seem to allow health and safety standards for abortion clinics.

4. By removing restrictions on abortion, FOCA would overturn parental-notification laws, which prohibit girls under the age of 18 from obtaining abortions without parental consent. In fact, the most recent version of the bill removed a clause that would have allowed parental-notification laws to remain in effect.

While the conscience clause has been removed, and nothing in the bill specifically states that health-care providers would be required to provide abortion services, we can see

from recent history how insecure religious liberties can be in the face of liberal legislation. Several years ago, Governor Mitt Romney of Massachusetts ignored the pleas of conservatives when the state legislature passed a bill prohibiting adoption-service providers from discriminating on the basis of sexual orientation. Conservatives asked him to refuse to sign the bill into law unless it included a provision allowing religious organizations, such as Catholic Charities, to be exempt from this requirement. Romney ignored their requests and signed the bill into law. Catholic Charities, which up until then was the largest adoption agency in the state, chose to discontinue adoption services in that state rather than violate its church's teachings.

Also in recent years, Governor Rod Blagojevich of Illinois pursued legislation requiring all pharmacists to fill prescriptions for contraception. Once again, this law forbids Catholics from refusing the prescription on the grounds that their religion prohibits artificial contraception, and it does not allow other Christians to refuse to fill prescriptions for the "morning-after pill." Judging from these two cases, it seems likely that FOCA would trample on the First Amendment.

For a vivid picture of FOCA's probable effect, one need only look at New York's proposed Reproductive Health and Privacy Protection Act (RHAPP). While pro-life advocates in New York State have feared the likelihood that pro-life doctors and organizations may be forced to perform abortions despite their con-

victions, they did not notice that the most recent version of RHAPP explicitly removes all mention of abortion from the state's homicide and manslaughter laws. Essentially, in the name of protecting women, this bill removes those provisions that would ensure justice if a woman dies as a result of a botched abortion. Apparently the pro-choice activists are more concerned about protecting abortion doctors and their business than they are in protecting the women they claim to represent.

While this bill is not currently on the docket in either house of Congress, we cannot be lackadaisical. It is hard to believe that the usual cast of liberals would not pursue this agenda, with such an ardent supporter of abortion rights in the Oval Office. Perhaps one of the previous sponsors or co-sponsors will reintroduce the bill at some time in the future, when the media have people's attention looking elsewhere. If you care about life and liberty, you will watch out for this bill and be prepared to lobby your Congressional representatives to act against it.

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# Are We A Nation of Apathetic Wimps?

## *Without Individual Courage, Our Republic Will Not Survive*

By Jonathan Hill  
AFP National Chairman

I recently watched an interesting documentary on German television. It was about a German priest who, 40 years ago, went to work among the people of Osorno, Chile. What he encountered were large numbers of poor people living in ramshackle housing without electricity or running water. Even worse, the sewage effluent flowed in open ditches through public streets, exposing both children and adults to the risk of disease.

Father Peter Kliegel responded by organizing the people to build a modern subdivision, complete with underground sewage. They said it could not be done, especially in the labor intensive manner which was the only option for poor people. But Father Kliegel understood that the requirements for success were more than just material. He required that participants have a faith in God (regardless of whether they were Catholic or Protestant), a community spirit, willingness to sacrifice, and a willingness to contribute what they reasonably could to the expenses of the project.

The first four years were spent in backbreaking excavation of sewage ditches and preparation of the building sites by means of manual labor, before construction on even one house could begin. Most were time-limited, and could only work on weekends. Of the 100 or so original workers, only about 15 stayed on until the houses were built. Those who fell away from the project had their money returned.

Now, 40 years later, 1,000 homes have been built, as well as churches and schools! The new subdivision is one of the most desirable places to live, with virtually no crime, and its people have made the steep ascent to the middle class. And importantly, community spirit is strong. For example, when two houses were recently destroyed by fire, the residents came to the assistance of the victimized families by promptly rebuilding them. It appears to be an exceptional community for the character of its members, partly because the arduous task of building it served as a filter to exclude those who lacked a community spirit.

This was a major accomplishment that beat the odds, so much so that officials from different parts of the country traveled to Osorno to study the project. The Chilean government extended honorary citizenship to Fr. Kliegel — a first for any



*“Washington Crossing the Delaware” oil-on-canvas painting by Emanuel Leutze (1850). With brave daring, General George Washington crossed the Delaware River on Christmas Day, 1776, in a surprise move against the Hessian forces at Trenton, New Jersey.*

German citizen.

But there is another part of this saga which really gets my attention. It is the fact that others attempted to duplicate this success story in various areas of Chile, but all failed. Why? Ostensibly, because the spiritual component was absent. One Chilean woman testified that she could never have persevered in the project without the spiritual support of Fr. Kliegel, that her “Chilean mentality” would not have permitted it.

***The only way to keep one’s faith strong is by exercising it on a daily basis. So we need to keep busy, to the extent that we reasonably can, doing the type of projects that will result in strong growth in our membership and donor bases. Deliberate neglect of our personal duties in this regard can only weaken us as individuals and as an organization.***

There is in this story much that applies to our own project: the development of a vibrant America First organization to advance the cause of restoring our beloved constitutional republic. We too are attempting something which requires long-term vision and persistence. Just as in the case of the poor slum-dwellers of Osorno, it may be many years before we see anything close to our desired long-term results. Our circumstances are also grim, because we see an ideological tsunami in the media, government, and educational institutions which is opposed to our beliefs. So how do we not lose heart and give in to apathy and despair — the dangerous spiritual trap that many slum dwellers fall into?

The most likely way to persevere in this environment is with a strong faith. The knowledge that God provides assistance to those who love Him is widely held by people of many different faiths, and it should provide strength to our efforts by giving strength to our members. Ask yourself, do you really have this faith? If you do, how can you despair or be apathetic?

When a person truly has faith, he has fewer obstacles in the way of

many third parties; 2. promoting participation in our Activist Program, which promotes activities that are likely to identify party members who are serious about doing work, while also identifying scores of new member/donor prospects at the grass roots level; 3. providing a stable national party structure which respects the sovereignty of state parties, which is governed by representatives appointed by them, and which provides logistical and organizational support to our state organizations.

Space limits a full discussion of all of this. But something should be said about the Activist Program, mainly because it has so much potential for success at little expense. The Activist Program is simple: it consists of a portfolio of activities which our rank-and-file members can choose from. They are tried-and-true methods, like petitioning and pamphleteering, and are suited to people with limited time and skills, but who are serious about getting beyond the talking stage and building the party.

There is virtually no doubt that these methods would rapidly accelerate our progress to becoming a viable national political force, and the scale of participation required is not enormous. For example, based on a trial run in one of the most liberal towns of Massachusetts, we have been able to get people to sign 2 petitions on hot-button subjects like homosexuality and immigration at a rate of 7 persons per hour! Based on this, just 20 people per state working 8 hours per week for 8 months of the year (or the equivalent man-hours)

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Let us get practical, though. How can we build this party, despite our limited funding? There are three legs to our plan: 1. running competitive candidates, as opposed to the long-shot campaigns which characterize



# A "Living" Constitution is a Dead Constitution

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charges of treason. Nowhere does the Constitution mention the review of constitutionality of laws passed by Congress.

Because the Framers were intelligent and could foresee the need for adjustments to the Constitution due to time and circumstances, they wrote into the document, itself, the method to change its provisions. Article V gave specific instructions on the amendment of the Constitution. It is intentionally made difficult to prevent frivolous changes, but is simple enough to allow for alterations when needed. This article puts the final decision for change into the hands of each individual state whose legislators approve or disapprove of the amendment Congress proposes.

Before the ratification of the Constitution, many states insisted upon a Bill of Rights, reaffirming the protection of the citizens against government infringement. The Framers well remembered the abuses of the Crown. Thus the first ten amendments became part of the law of the land.

Amendment X was placed in the Bill of Rights as a protection for the states and the citizens. It is one that was a part of the Articles and deemed important enough to be included in the new Constitution. It states that unless mentioned specifically in the Constitution, a power is not granted to the general government but re-

its boundaries has resulted in increasing regulations and incursion into the lives of the citizens. Federal expansion has led to unelected bloated bureaucracies which confiscate the money of citizens to carry out their unconstitutional functions.

As an example of unrestricted growth, a look at the cabinet of George Washington shows that the four cabinet posts carefully follow the role of the general government: State, Treasury, War and Attorney General. We have since added: Interior, Agriculture, Commerce, Labor, Health and Human Services, Housing and Urban Development, Transportation, Energy, Education, Veterans Affairs, and Homeland Security. In addition there are posts that are considered minor cabinet positions: Environmental Protection Agency, Management and Budget Control, Drug Enforcement Agency, and Trade Representative. In addition, there are three other "Secretaries" with the same pay grade as the cabinet, but without an official title of cabinet member: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Commissioner of Social Security, and Director of National Intelligence.

It is not difficult to see that most of the recent additions to the cabinet are made to control unconstitutional functions of the government. However, the Supreme Court has not passed judgment on their constitutionality.

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## Obama's Perjury, Grand Larceny Exposed

Boulder, CO - It didn't take even a month for President Barack Obama to reveal his utter contempt for the Constitution, his oath of office, and the taxpayers' money. Tuesday afternoon, the President signed what may be the largest illegal spending bill in the history of the United States. The so-called "Stimulus Package" promises to squander \$787 Billion in taxpayer money, almost every dime of which is unlawful under the provisions of Art. 1, Sec. 8 of the United States Constitution, which is supposed to be the supreme law of the land.

National Secretary John Pittman Hey commented: "There is no lawful authority for the government to take our money and spend it on the plethora of public works, transfer payments, subsidies, etc., which this bill is stuffed full of. It might as well have been titled the 'Future Generations Robbery Act,' since our children and grandchildren will be paying the interest, not to mention the value stripped from our dollars that deficit spending always results in."

To their credit, almost all Republican congressmen voted against the illegal bill, but they have for the most part missed the point. "It's not that the bill is just one huge waste of money - it is," continued Mr. Hey, "but worse than that, it sets a new high-water mark - perhaps we should call it a new flood level - of impudent, illegal, scoff-law taking and spending by the folks in Washington. Congress and the President have committed perjury against their oath of office, and grand larceny of almost \$800 billion of the citizens' money."

"George Bush and his Republican bandits were bad enough - quadrupling the deficit, and spending wads of cash on illegal wars, bank bailouts, and slush funds for their fat-cat business friends. But Obama and the Democrats saw them and raised them. To say they spend like drunken sailors is to unfairly demean the sailors; at least sailors spend their own money!"

Most incredibly, Obama's rush to breach his oath of office - to preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution - follows hard after the ridiculous pantomime he and the Chief Justice went through after they flubbed the lines on the Capitol steps. "What's the point in getting the words of the oath right if you have no intention to keep it?" asked Mr. Hey. "But at least he's keeping his campaign promises - he promised he'd defy the Constitution in almost every idea he articulated during the campaign. It seems he's more concerned with keeping faith with his supporters than with the God whose name he invoked in that botched, already broken twice-sworn oath he took. Today in America, we have bipartisan criminality: both Obama and Bush, Republicans and Democrats, agree that the Constitution is just a piece of paper that need not be obeyed anymore."

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mained a power of the people and the states. This is the most maligned article in the Constitution. Media has sneered at citizens who mention Amendment X as though they are incorrect about its clear Constitutional interpretation. Yet, it is the provision that grants to citizens the right to control the more personal aspects of their lives without government interference. This amendment defies the concept of a living Constitution where the federal government misinterprets the powers it has been given and takes them for its own. This amendment is meant to prevent the unlimited growth of the federal government, thereby limiting the power of the government over the people.

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How has the abjuration of the Constitution been accomplished? The concept of a "living Constitution" is an important factor. This perception is needed to bypass the Constitutional process of amending the original document.

Liberals have grasped the possibility of a "living Constitution" in order to change the laws and structure of the United States of America to suit their changing principles. By introducing new bureaucracies, they have moved the Republic into a quasi-socialist/communist nation. However, the "living Constitution" is very selective in its modifications.

If we were to ask Ms. Stahl if her living Constitution was alive enough to eliminate freedom of religion, she would be aghast although her supporters have already interjected an unusual interpretation. It is called "separation of Church and State," a

concept that would make the Founders shriek in disbelief. Also, the modernists have forgotten the second part which states that the rights of freedom of religion shall not be infringed. In other words, the many decisions which removed Christian symbols from the government deny people the right to practice their religion and the supporters of a living Constitution have no difficulty with the concept.

Changers of the Constitution love freedom of speech — even including acts such as burning the flag. They believe that freedom of the press extends to pornography and culture-destroying filth. However, they do not

extend this right to saying the Pledge of Allegiance in a classroom or to the posting of the Ten Commandments in a court.

The Second Amendment gives the right to bear arms. The living Constitutionists hate that amendment. They scream that we are not part of a militia. Yet, the Framers knew that able males between 16 and 60 were required to be in the militia. But since the Constitution lives, the liberals will deny the truth of the founding document and restrict weapons to those in the government — or criminals. Law-abiding citizens are denied a way to protect them-

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ways. As the 25th largest national industrial economy, with a highly educated population, it has existed as an independent state for nearly 200 years.

Argentina went through a period of inflation in the 1980's, after implementing a highly expansionist monetary policy. Inflation soared to 200% per month, causing daily consumer price increases. The government's response was to liberalize trade policy and fix the value of the Peso to the U.S. dollar.

Despite the calamitous inflation, prices eventually stabilized, and economic growth averaged about 7% during the early 1990s, increasing the standard of living for many. However, large debts had accrued from the period of the military dictatorship as a result of government private-sector bailouts, the costly Falklands War with Great Britain in the 1980s, and due to expenditures on costly public works projects. Sound familiar? These debts, which appeared unsustainable, continued to increase under the International Monetary Fund's loan program.

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The dollar-pegged Peso made imports cheap. Under the liberalized trade policy, these cheap imports flooded into Argentina. As a result, and like a harbinger of what was to soon happen to the U.S. economy, the industrial sector in Argentina was nearly wiped out while the trade deficit soared. As the nation's wealth fled the country, due to the imbalance of trade and capital flight, the government reached a point where it was no longer able to pay its debt.

Finally, in December 2001, the government defaulted on most of its debt — about \$90 billion. The next month, the currency was taken off the dollar peg, and allowed to float freely on the open market. The results were dramatic. By the end of the month, half of its value evaporated, and another month-and-a-half later, two-thirds, and by June, about 70% of its initial value was gone.

In less than a year, the people of a sophisticated industrial nation went from a comfortable lifestyle — one that afforded them international travel and luxury goods — to a grim subsistence-level lifestyle, where the basic requirements of living could not be taken for granted. In a heavily

export-dependent economy, the cost of living had suddenly skyrocketed. Unemployment rose to 25%, comparable to conditions in the United States during the Great Depression. Those who still had work, found themselves earning the same number of Pesos as before the crisis, but discovered that they could only buy roughly 30% of what they could previously.

The traumatic events which followed included bankruptcies, riots, workers forcibly taking over factories, schools attempting to grow their own food, and a surge in attempts to barter for necessary supplies. Almost 60% of the population was soon reduced to poverty. In a nation that had been known for agricultural exports, 27% faced extreme poverty without adequate food.

Up to 40,000 homeless, formerly blue-collar workers, known as cartoneros, struggled to scratch out a living by scrounging city streets and digging through garbage in search of recyclable materials — materials, like cardboard, had become too expensive to import due to the currency devaluation, and so there was an in-

creased market in these recycled goods. The activity of these garbage pickers, once illegal, was soon incorporated into city waste management programs. Special stripped-down trains transported them from city to city. Still, cartoneros would earn the paltry equivalent of \$15 per week.

Many were middle-aged, and no longer in demand as workers under

the new economic conditions. Said Alberto Ayunta, a former house painter: "I don't like it. It is horrible, but at 53 who is going to give me a job," he asked as he sifted carefully through the garbage in front of upscale buildings and stores.

Can this happen in the United States? We should not doubt it. We are already seeing tent cities spring up now, and with a currency collapse it would be many times worse. Americans could soon suffer like the

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Argentines, especially given our highly import dependent economy — a direct result of irresponsible "free-trade" policies, which decimated our once massive industrial sector, like it did in Argentina.

Today, asset values are plummeting and our debt and trade deficit are soaring. Our economy has already been eclipsed by the EU as the world's largest. Our nation's capital base has dropped about 30%, while our public debt is now leaping towards 5 times the national income. And recently, we have had the sad spectacle of our Secretary of State begging the communist Chinese to continue to buy our debt!

These trends, which highlight our nation's decline, tend to make foreign investors in U.S. government debt more wary, a problem which may become acute during the present rapid expansion of the public sector. That expansion is now greater than it was during Franklin Delano Roosevelt's New Deal. FDR's spending was 10% of GDP, whereas government spending was 21% of GDP last year, and is

expected to be a massive 30% or more under the Obama "recovery" program.

Our nation's problems are mainly self-inflicted. We have become too attached to debt and credit — both in the public and private sectors. We have despised tariffs, and thus become too dependent on foreign trade, rather than our own industry. We have spent irresponsibly on things which are unnecessary, like the Iraq war and other wasteful items. We have allowed the federal government to expand beyond

its constitutional limits, thereby permitting it to spend about 4 times more than it would otherwise.

The primary cause of this is not a conspiracy of elites, which most probably exists, but the failure of the American people. The people have failed to stay within their moral limits, and to take sufficient interest in public policy matters. As a result, they have failed to appreciate the importance of electing leaders who respect the basic requirements of the oath of office. We are now suffering the dire economic and political consequences of this.

But much good will result from our present disaster, if many are reawakened to the need to reflect carefully on the fundamental moral and legal underpinnings of our society, and then actively defend these principles in an organized and effective way. The change that this country needs, a change of collective attitudes, must begin at the individual level first. And when it does, the America First Party can become a potent political force.

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could provide us with about 750,000 new donor and member prospects nationwide. If only 10% of these were to join or contribute, the result would

***Let us hope, pray, and work for the goal that Americans will understand the gravity of their nation's condition, and that they will channel their efforts away from the parties which have been trampling on the Constitution for generations.***

be a dramatic increase in our effectiveness. And importantly, this can all happen in the span of just one year.

I hope you agree that this level of

participation must be realized, and that, if possible, it must begin with you. Our nation is clearly hemorrhaging in many ways from the policies of the two major parties. To

unnecessarily delay our response could be disastrous and judas-like, and would constitute a failure worthy of the contempt of future generations.

To be honest, after almost a decade of political activism, I am beginning to doubt that there are many who have the spiritual constitution to defend their country. Are we becoming a nation of apathetic wimps? I don't ask this question lightly. We have surveyed the responsiveness of thousands, as well as tens of thousands, and the results are not generally encouraging. But I also believe that there is still much potential for success, as well as many promising indications of life in our fellow citizens. An obvious example is the dedication and hard work of Ron Paul's supporters during the last election

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# Ron Paul and the Agony of Defeat

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Furthermore, there were far easier ways to get Ron Paul on the ballot. He could have easily obtained the Libertarian Party's nomination had he so wished. The LP is on the ballot in 46 states already.

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Perhaps one of the most difficult truths of life to grasp is this: just because there is a problem, a severe problem, a problem that appears to engulf and destroy everything, doesn't mean that there is also a ready salvation at hand. If there is a salvation for our country (and of that we cannot be entirely confident), it is one that requires blood, toil, tears, and sweat, and many, many years of hard work. It was delusional to believe that a Ron Paul 2008 candidacy was

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that salvation, and it was counterproductive for patriotic Americans to tear off in pursuit of that delusion.

Some Paul supporters nursed the belief that they could somehow "take over" the local and state Republican organizations and seize the nomination by stealth.

They didn't count on the Republican officials cheating and breaking the rules to thwart their efforts. I even received calls from people wanting to know how they could use the party rules to take over state conventions. I told them that the rules don't matter to Republicans.

They follow their leader, George Bush, in that regard. While engaging in criminal acts of lawlessness, he repudiated the rule of law and the Constitution, so why shouldn't lower-level party officials behave likewise? As in cases of Presidential misconduct, the courts almost never step in to make party officials follow party rules.

The last time a real hostile takeover of a party took place was Goldwater in 1964. See what the Republican Party did to him? He didn't even carry a majority of Republican votes in the general election. Those of us who tried to work in the Reform Party with Pat Buchanan learned the hard way: it only takes a determined minority to wreck a party's efforts. Parties must be broadly unified in order to achieve success, and a highly factionalized take-over spells doom at election time.

There is also to be considered

what is perhaps the darkest and most disturbing reason the Ron Paul effort was doomed: had he won the Republican nomination, it would have been tantamount to the members and elected officials of the Party admitting their blood-guiltiness in the matter of the invasion of Iraq.

Implicitly (but almost never explicitly), Paul was accusing the Republican Party and its leader the President of mass murder. That is why Giuliani roached up like he did during the debates whenever Paul discussed Iraq.

A Ron Paul nomination would have meant the repudiation of all the Party's moralistic excuses and outright lies to justify killing in cold blood upwards of a million innocent people in the Republican war. If for no other reason, that is why Republican Party members could never support Ron Paul in sufficient numbers.

Some might argue that, if they accomplish nothing else, Republican campaigns such as Paul's create new activists. In reality, they also have a debilitating effect upon supporters and volunteers. It happens over and over: people follow a guy like Ron Paul or Pat Buchanan and pour their hearts and souls into it, only to have them crushed. Then they go into deep depression as they contemplate how very, very bad off the country is, and that all that work and support didn't and couldn't make a difference.

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The experience sours them to ever trying again. It raises false hopes, only to dash them into pieces. For example, there are many people who were enthusiastic supporters of Goldwater in 1964, who were so crushed by that Republican betrayal that they never took any active role in conservative politics again.

Paul never had a prayer of gaining the nomination for one simple reason: Republican Party members



do not agree with his principles or his policies. And since it is primarily Republicans who decide who their nominee will be, Paul never even got close to winning a single primary or caucus.

He didn't lose because he was cheated, or because the Republican voters didn't know where he stood. He lost because Republicans hate his ideas.

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loving political machine.

It cannot be reformed – just ask Pat Buchanan. It cannot be hijacked to advance the cause of liberty – ask Barry Goldwater.

That is why many of us left that party to form the America First Party – because we concluded that the Republican Party could not be used as a vehicle to save our country.

But as long as people can be deceived into believing that there is still

hope for our country in the Republican Party, they will stay in that party and will continue to exhaust their time and resources on that hopeless quest.

This is the fundamental problem with the Ron Paul candidacy: it never had a chance, but it reinforced the delusion that the Republican Party might be saved.

The logic against rushing out and joining up with the Ron Paul campaign was easy to see. Way back in March 2007, I published the following argument against getting behind Paul's quest for the Republican nomination. It has never been refuted.

1. The Country is rapidly disintegrating.
2. The Republican Party (and the Democrat Party) cannot be reformed, saved, or in any way contribute to the salvation of our country.
3. The Republican Party is by far a larger threat to the country than any other party, because it provides a sham solution, holding out hope to many patriots and concerned citizens, while deluding, co-opting, and suffocating all legitimate attempts to bring correction. It is what some call "false opposition."
4. As long as the Republican Party is seen as a "conservative" party that supports the constitution and stands for good, the country cannot be saved, and a viable constitutionalist third party cannot rise.
5. Therefore, the Republican Party must be destroyed if America is to be saved.
6. Anything that props up the Republican Party, helps get Republicans elected, or contributes to the illusion that the Republican Party provides a shred of hope for the country, is in actuality helping destroy America.
7. Any candidate who runs as a constitutionalist or patriot in the

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# The “Living” Constitution Agony of Defeat

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selves from the lawless with evil intents as well as defense against a runaway government.

As we go through the amendments we can see that the supporters of a “living Constitution” intend to remake our nation into one of their liking — not the country founded by a bunch of old, dead white men, no matter how brilliant they were. They would also support a living Ten Commandments, leaving only one or two that did not affect their lifestyle.

If baseball were to have a living rules of baseball, what would the game look like? If each team or each

from the “rules” dictated by others — even if those rules encourage civilization. They view life through their own prism of selfishness, not realizing the necessity of written regulations — as long as it does not cost them, only others.

I wonder what Ms Stahl would do if she looked at her paycheck and discovered it was for only \$1. She would, of course, run to her bosses, who could tell her that she had a living contract and they had decided to change it. At that point they could tell her she was being paid her worth — far less than minimum wage. I can adamantly say that although Ms.



“Scene at the Signing of the Constitution of the United States”

Howard Chandler Christy, 1940.

individual could deny a rule here and there, the game would soon lose its identity. This is happening rapidly to our nation. But the overage hippies never liked rules to restrict their movements or attitudes. They prefer to change the Constitution, unlawfully, as long as it supports their thought process. In their greed, they want only unrestricted lives, free

Stahl would insist that in this case a living contract was not valid, she would be unable to understand that her support of a “living Constitution” is identical. She supports the amendment of the Constitution to be taken from the people and given to the squeaky wheels.

Leslie Stahl makes other dumb blondes look smart.

## Nation of Wimps?

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cycle. And importantly, as detailed above, it does not take a huge number of active people to make the difference between success and failure in a venture like ours.

tent implementation of a viable strategy, but the success of this plan is dependent on the spiritual values of Americans.

Will we despair, like many slum dwellers, or will we have a vibrant

**To unnecessarily delay our response could be disastrous and judas-like, and would constitute a failure worthy of the contempt of future generations.**

Let us hope, pray, and work for the goal that Americans will understand the gravity of their nation’s condition, and that they will channel their efforts away from the parties which have been trampling on the Constitution for generations. A restoration of the Republic is possible, through the gradual and consis-

faith and love of neighbor, community, and nation? At the heart of much of our nation’s crises is individual spirituality, just as it was for the people of Osorno. The choice of spirituality — despair or courage — is ours, and the fate of our country hangs on what choice we make.

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Republican Party is, by propping up that party and encouraging a lingering hope in it, helping to destroy America.

8. Ron Paul is helping to destroy America by running as a Republican and getting elected to Congress as a Republican. He does more harm to the country by propping up the party than any good he does with his vote in the House.
9. People who vote for Republicans are helping destroy America, no matter what their reason....

I reached this sobering conclusion: Ron Paul is helping destroy America by running as a Republican because by so doing he supports the Republican Party and gives hundreds of thousands of patriots a lingering hope for salvation through the Republican Party.

Regarding this question, I wrote almost two years ago:

*If Paul wins the nomination, I believe that we should dissolve the America First Party, because our premise - that the Republican Party cannot be the basis for the saving of this country - will have been proven wrong.*

*If Paul wins the Republican nomination, then all of us who left the Republican Party because we*

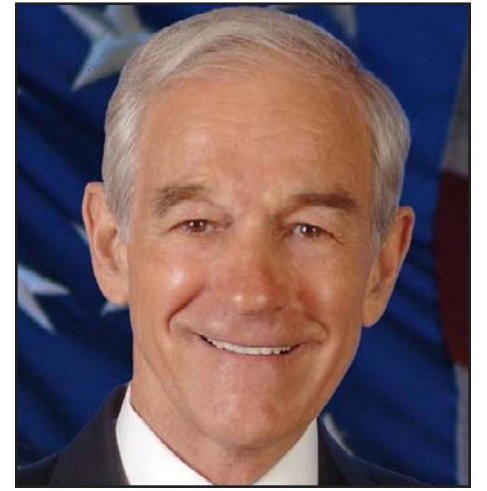
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*believed it was unsalvageable will be shown to have been wrong, and everything we did since 2000 was just a big waste of time. We should have been working to reform the Republican Party, if it proves to have been possible.*

*But come Republican convention time, I know that my assessment - that the Republican Party must be destroyed if America is to be saved - will be borne out.*

*Anybody who believes that the Republican Party is more likely to be used to save America than the America First Party should quit the AFP and join the Republican Party. Contrariwise, those who believe that we have a better shot in the AFP than in the Republican Party ought to walk away from Ron Paul and get to work building our party.*

*What doesn't make any sense is those individuals with a foot in both camps, those who swing back and forth, constantly running over to the dark side to participate in Republican primary*



Congressman Ron Paul, candidate for the 2008 Republican nomination for President.

*fights such as Ron Paul's, then slinking away when their delusions are dashed again.*

*This phenomenon, of people wanting to jump off a difficult but necessary long-term strategy to try out a short term solution, is a common malady of the human race. We're always looking for short-cuts. No matter how rational our long-term strategy is, if somebody comes along with a "quick fix" it will attract people in the short term - and incidentally undermine the critical long-term efforts.*

*Now, if you still believe that the Republican Party can be saved, I can't help you. By all means follow your conscience and stay in and fight. But if your eyes have been opened to the truth about the*

*Republican Party, then get out of the Republican Party and come help us build an alternative home for patriots and constitutionalists.*

Almost three thousand years ago, the prophet Elijah exhorted the people to make up their minds about what course they would follow. “Why halt ye between two opinions?” he demanded.

Patriots either need to surrender the cause entirely, or shed their sentimentalism, their delusions, their laziness, and their self-indulgence and get to work building a party that can take back their country.

Soon it will be too late — and no amount of regret for all the time and resources squandered on the Republican Party will avail us anything then.

