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“Those who would give up essential liberty, to purchase a little temporary safety, deserve neither liberty nor safety.”

Ben Franklin

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**It used to mean something to be an American. Let's get that back.**

## Who Runs Your Life?

Mark Meckler, the founder of Convention of States had this to say (paraphrased). And it is something I think we all need to be reminded of occasionally:

*In this time of crisis, real Americans don't care about the ins-and-outs of Washington politics or the deceit of the mainstream media. We care about one another, and about helping our friends and neighbors make it through.*

*National politics is important. But national politics is a means, not an end. **Our true power as a country lies in local, self-governing Americans and in the communities we build.** Washington should empower these communities, not cram their own big-government agenda down our throats.*

My friends, this is the answer to our problems. We are strong communities, of strong people. All we need to do is tell Washington to butt out. We don't need their rules. We don't need much of anything they have. They cannot put us all in jail if we stop obeying their orders. The only control they have over our lives is that which we give them. All we need to do is stop giving them that control.

Just about all they can do is to turn off the money tap. And that may be the best thing they could do for us. We need to go back to when we were responsible for our own selves. That which we need as a community, we build as a community. We need to wean ourselves off Washington's bribery train. They do not own us. They are not our masters. We. Are. Theirs. Let's act like it.

To do this we need to elect local officials, who want to stay local. They must remain citizens and neighbors first. They should serve one term, and go back to being citizens. They must NEVER become politicians.

The important level of government must be either town or county. Not State or Federal. I am not even sure we need to send Senators or Representatives to Washington.

The Constitution is ours. It was not given to us by politicians. Nor can it be taken away by politicians. Let's regain control of our lives,



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Whoever would overthrow the liberty of a nation must begin by subduing the freedom of speech

Benjamin Franklin

#### Where to get knowledge

1. Newsmax.com
2. Oann.com
3. ConventionOfStates.com
4. WesternJournal.com
5. Solari.com
6. TheEpochTimes.com
7. Brighteon.com

A **MWHour** (megawatt hour) is a unit for measuring the use of electricity. It is the amount of electricity needed to serve 330 homes for one hour. It is, therefore, a unit of capacity, much like the gas tank of your car. If your car uses 15 gallons per mile, and holds 20 gallons of fuel, your car will go 300 miles on a tank of fuel.

#### **Addendum**

And then, Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, unbelievably, and never wanting to let a good crisis go to waste, said that if Texas had bought into her green new deal, the problem wouldn't have happened. And yes, she is paid \$174,000 each year to flaunt her idiocy in public.

## What Really Happened in Texas?

We know that the polar vortex killed Americans in Texas. We know the wind turbines froze. We know the whole thing has been an unmitigated disaster. But there is more to this story. Washington DC has a lot to answer for.

A week before the storm, Texas begged for help and asked for the DOE to lift federal regulations barring the state's energy acquisition. An Emergency Order from the Biden DOE shows Texas energy grid operator, ERCOT, was instructed to stay within green energy standards by purchasing energy from outside the state. This effectively stopped Texas from producing enough power on their own using fossil fuels.

So, Texas ran out of energy. Texas running out of energy is like you or me starving in a grocery store. We would have to want to.

On Sunday February 14<sup>th</sup>, Emergency Order 202-21-1 shows the DOE was aware of Gov. Abbott's statewide disaster declaration, and that he was readying natural gas utilities in preparation for a surge in demand.

The order shows that the DOE did not waive environmental restrictions to allow for maximum local energy output, instead ordering ERCOT to stay within acceptable green emissions standards. So when Texas went to the market to buy more electricity, they were met by the law of supply and demand. Thus the prices they needed to pay began climbing.

On February 15<sup>th</sup>, the Dallas Business Journal reported "Electricity on the Texas grid has averaged \$1,137.33 per MWHour so far in February. This is up from \$18.20 per MWHour in February 2020. A jump of 6,000 percent. Days later, the Public Utility Commission of Texas set prices at \$9,000/MWHour.

The DOE Emergency Order shows that the Biden administration ordered ERCOT to throttle its energy output by forcing it to comply with green energy standards, knowing full well that Texans could (*ed. and did*) freeze to death in their homes.

#### **My take:**

I don't know what is more maddening. The DOE making dangerous demands, or Texan leadership kneeling down to those demands. Texans needed to say no to the federal government. We all need to say no to the federal government when they overstep their place in our lives.