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The way we take back our country

There is an enormous amount of frustration and, yes, anger, at the control over our lives that the federal government is trying to grab. It has been a long time since we, as Americans, found it necessary to fight against our neighbors to get to where we want to get as a country.

And we seem to be close to a repeat of that history. The left has openly said that they want to 're-engineer' America. Yet – who gave them permission to do so? The entire Bill of Rights is under attack, especially the 1st, 2nd and 10th Amendments. It is no secret that there are people in leadership roles who want to take our guns from us, leaving us defenseless against their next power grab.

But let me ask a simple question. Why do we give them the power to behave as if they 'rule' us? Or even as if they own us – like slaves? How much authority would you give Vladimir Putin if he passed a law in Russia forbidding Americans from owning guns? None? Then why do we give the US government any authority on that same topic?

Thankfully, the state of Arkansas has reached the same conclusion. They are enacting a law which reads:

“All acts, law, orders, rules, and regulations of the United States Government, whether past, present, or future, that infringe on the people’s right to keep and bear arms as guaranteed by the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution and Arkansas Constitution, Article 2, [Section] 5, are invalid in this state, shall not be recognized by this state, are specifically rejected by this state, and shall be considered null and void and of no effect in this state.”

We need more states like this. This is how we knock Nancy Pelosi et al off their high horse.

And this avenue is not available only to protect the 2nd Amendment. It is available in defense of all of our rights. States could easily pass laws which would neuter the US Department of Education, a thoroughly useless department, and a waste of our money.

Montana is passing a law barring anyone from preventing enforcement of our country’s immigration laws in Montana. Good for you, Montana. No sanctuary cities there!

Our States, United, are a Republic, which means we are a government run by laws. It is not a Democracy, which is a government run by people. Congress can only infringe on our rights if WE LET THEM.

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"The best argument against Democracy is a 5 minute conversation with an average voter."

Winston Churchill

Where to get knowledge

1. Hillsdale.edu
2. Newsmax.com
3. Oann.com
4. ConventionOfStates.com
5. WesternJournal.com
6. Solari.com
7. TheEpochTimes.com
8. Conservative.org
9. AmericanThinker.com
10. Townhall.com

A Little Humor

My grandmother took up walking 5 miles a day when she was 60. She's 97 now, and we don't know where the hell she's gotten to!

Another battleground between the feds and the states is in COVID **Passports**.

No one really is sure how these passport things will be used, but my guess is that their use will grow with time from insignificant to intrusive. Florida, Ohio and other states are making them illegal.

The battle is on. The states MUST win. Get involved with local politics.

The Infrastructure Bill

So the left's new Infrastructure bill has been made public. It is a whopper of a bill. At \$3 Trillion US greenbacks, it is a significant drain on the country's capital source. Not to worry. You won't have to pay for it. Just your kids... and their kids, too.

But what, exactly, is in this new bill? Well, good news. I can give you the answer. This article from our friends at The **Epoch Times** will give you probably more information than you will want to have. Still, it is always good to know how these bills are constructed.

As you give a quick glance, you will see lots of spending items that look like they could go wildly beyond budget. For instance, \$20 billion for a new program that will reconnect neighborhoods cut off by historic investments and ensure new projects "increase opportunity, advance racial equity and environmental justice, and promote affordable access."

What this section actually calls for is the deconstruction of existing roads that were built in areas that are now 'poor' areas of a number of cities. They want to build replacement roads away from those poorer areas. It is unclear how this will promote 'affordable access'. Looks like what my father used to call 'make-work'. Doing something just to have something to do, with no real purpose.

But the really scary part of this bill comes at the end of the article. There are 10 categories of expenditure that do not have an amount specified to any of them. I guess that Congress will be able to fund these areas without regard to the amount actually called for, for the other sections.

The reason that unlimited spending is bad is that Congress conjures the money using what the Federal Reserve calls 'Quantitative Easing'. This is DoubleSpeak, and means printing of more money. When a government puts more money into the economy, you have more money chasing goods. This leads to prices increasing, which is known as inflation. If that monster ever gets out of Pandora's box, it will not be pretty. Remember when mortgage rates were 20%?

The world has had significant experience with **hyperinflation**. A loaf of bread in Berlin that cost around 160 Marks at the end of 1922 cost 200,000,000,000 Marks by late 1923. By November 1923, one US dollar was worth 4,210,500,000,000 German marks. Hyperinflation has happened in Asia, Africa, Europe and South America.

The final word comes from Winston Churchill

Socialism is a philosophy of failure, the creed of ignorance, and the gospel of envy, its inherent virtue is the equal sharing of misery.