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- **Bob's eczema is flaring up again**
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### Our Entire World is Driven by Frauds, Lies and Deceit. Learn About the Top 10 Hoaxes Inside.

We live in an era where the ‘big lie’ has come to dominate virtually every sector of modern society – from news to entertainment, to foreign policy and politics, to the economy and healthcare. Only by refusing to accept that logic is an enemy and truth a menace, only by refusing to become victims of ‘gaslighting’ can we truly remain sane, rational and keep our understanding of the world to being shaped by those who see us as obsolete.
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I'm excited that you have picked up this magazine and are taking steps in the right direction toward awakening your consciousness. With the amount of lying, fraud and deception created by the power structure at an all-time epic high, our world more closely resembles that of Alice in Wonderland than any real, functioning society. We live in the age of the hoax. Modern society has become a total culture of lies and we are asking you to quit buying into it.

The reality that is projected today is not reality but a purposeful distortion. This cloud of deception and contradiction is a literal fog of war and that war is against reality. They want you to go down the rabbit hole and remain unsure of what you feel is right and ascribe to their normalcy bias. This tactic is called gaslighting and is a textbook psychological warfare tactic used by agencies like the CIA through establishment media to confuse and dumb down the masses. A similar psychological label that describes this larger phenomenon is mass Stockholm syndrome.

To quote Dr. Robin Stern, author of “The Gaslight Effect” and a research scientist, “Over time you [the victim] begin to feel like you don't know your own mind or you don't know your own reality. Worse than that, you've allowed someone else to define it for you.”

People want to buy into the hoax. They will believe the disingenuous lies spat out by the power structure because the truth is just too awful to believe. In this lies the answer as to how the social engineers are able to perpetuate deception even when it is verifiably false.

It’s the system that wants to keep humanity down the rabbit hole in their subterranean hall of smoke and mirrors, but we are instead asking you to make the conscious move to break with the matrix and climb out of it. I am rallying you to face the fact that commonsense has all but been overthrown. As Ronald Reagan said, “trust but verify.”

Just as Paul Revere rode through the night to warn of the impending British onslaught, All we are doing is pointing out what is observable fact—tyranny is on the offense. This April 2013 issue chronicles the most glaring instances of government, presstitute media and corporate hoaxing that are attempting to overthrow commonsense and reality itself.

Establishment media hoaxes are all around us. Newspapers like the NYT routinely tell their U.S. readers that the secretive Bilderberg Group does not exist and is merely a conspiracy theory. But foreign press like the Ottawa Citizen, opposite page, and the London Guardian have been reporting on its existence for over a decade. Bottom line: the system counts on you being ignorant, so they can shovel their lies on the public unchallenged.

When I attended the Bilderberg Group meeting in Ottawa in 2006, I was detained by Canadian Immigration on orders from the Bilderberg Group for a 15-hour nightmare of interrogation and threats. A local Canadian newspaper reported on my activist journalism concerning the meeting with refreshing objectivity and truth viewable in the clipping pictured above.

It is important to know we are only scratching the surface of the hoax culture society that we are being bombarded with incessantly. Corporate media is always telling you that you can trust them because they know that you don't trust them anymore. I'm not asking you to trust me or my researchers and writers; I'm asking you check out our claims for yourself and to find out that what they and I report on is true. You see, I need you to come all the way to the place that I reached many years ago, to the realization that we have a bunch of out of control crooks running our society. In order to reach that place of understanding, you've got to know, feel and experience for yourself what I and hundreds of millions have already discovered.

There's always been the good, the bad and the ugly in society. Many problems really are organic expressions of our species, but the technocratic, eugenics-based elite really are steering civilization into the most destructive and hellish patterns imaginable. Organized evil is real and must be opposed by organized renaissance. Informing yourself and others is the first step in defeating this parasitic, control freak cult that is the New World Order.

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To the Editor

I just wanted to write to let you know the effectiveness of your latest get the word out campaigns... I subscribed to PPTV and have given my login to quite a few co workers....some have really awakened as a result...one is kinda using it as a check valve...Used to annoy many with her brain-washed views on political issues but now reads the paper and if something concerns goes to infowars to see if the issue covered there and been led to so many more facts... nowadays instead of coming up and saying something like "did you see what Obama doing now with health care and soc sec?"...it more like"have you checked into this new gun law?.I’ve been busy and not had time to check up on it"...a much more tolerable person to work with lol many co workers thank you for that....just gave login to a younger new hire that couldn’t wait to get home and check out some documentaries...he wanting real news and like documentaries and did not know of PPTV and was "wow thanks man ... he has a very curious mind:) another bright younger than I guy I burned a couple of the documentaries for finallly found the insert....thanks to PPTV and the archives I can back up all my “theories” in one place...Gods Blessings ON all of you and your work:) ‘ll shut up now.....no really....don’t want yer heads to swell too big....)

Rellimec

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Dear Resistance,

I would like to contribute this poem to you:

To The Goblins (N.W.O.)

Long I have travelled
Through the labyrinth
Of your selfish minds
And nasty, petty, ways.

At last, I now see you
For the tyrants that you are;
How you lie and cheat
To get what you want
Not caring who you hurt
Or about the damage you do.
I was going to say
You should be in prison
For your sick criminal ways
But you already are;
So I say to you instead
To you, foul monsters, I say:
“Begone!
You have no power
Over me!”

It is based on the film Labyrinth, which stars David Bowie and was released in 1986; which is the year that I entered my own personal labyrinth.

Trevluca

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The recent spate of violence in Santa Cruz lately can only point to ONE thing: Our lovely federal government is carrying out these atrocious acts so as to JUSTIFY the addition of more police on our streets and to turn our community into a soviet style communist police state dictatorship.

This going to be a HOT TAKEOVER of the American Republic...Remember, 9/11 was an “inside job”. BOTH the underwear and shoe bombers were covert operations carried out by our lovely alphabet soup intelligence agencies to JUSTIFY the 4th Amendment violating ‘Nazi gestapo’ intrusions we now witness with the TSA at our airports, bus and train stations.

The Department of Homeland Security and the Jewish Rothschild fascists who run this institution are hell bent on taking away the freedoms and liberties that our people fought and died for since 1776. Their latest move is to forcibly take away our guns and nullify the 2nd amendment—which precisely protects us against a full fledged tyranny.

Here is what happens when guns are taken away from the people (its called "genocide")

http://jpo.to/pdf02/genocide-chart.pdf

Hawthorn purity
Santa Cruz, California

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Why is it Democrats are the main push behind gun control? In 1934 a democrat President Roosevelt signed the National Firearms Act. In 1968 President Johnson signed the Gun Control Act. In 1994 President Clinton signed the Assault Weapons Ban. In the state of New York firearms restrictions were signed into law by yet another democrat. In California another restrictive state more laws by yet more democrats. All in the name of safety.

More people are killed by fires, drugs and car accidents than firearms. So why the big push to disarm America? Why is it only the democrats who push for these controls? Democrats would gladly allow illegal immigrants to inhabit our nation but at the same time rebuke gun owners. One is a criminal who has broken a law the other is not. Does this make any sense? Years ago democrats spoke of Saturday night specials. A cheap handgun use by criminals to commit crimes. A cheap handgun use by criminals to commit crimes. Now we use the term assault weapon. These terms historically are brought in to our society by guess what the democrats. Look at history people. History has a way of repeating itself. The first step in taking control of a society is to disarm it.

John Quirk
Dear Alex and Infowars Crew,

I just received my first issue of the Infowars Magazine (March 2013), and I want you to know how absolutely enamored I am with your work. You guys run THE ABSOLUTE BEST alternative news network around. I listen to the Alex Jones Show every day and watch the Nightly News every night. I have succeeded in waking up my wife (who now listens to the radio show and watches the news as well), and am proceeding in waking up my mother, my grandmother, friends, co-workers, fellow university students, etc. I want to thank you for the tireless effort you all put in to this cause, which is perhaps the most important cause in the course of human history. If we have any chance at defeating tyranny and establishing liberty once again, it is due absolutely to the fearless efforts of you wonderful people and others like you. God bless you all.

With all my love and support,
Walker Goff
Fort Worth, Texas
“I see no problems, I hear no complaints.”
David Petris

“I only use my LEFT hand, I only listen with my LEFT ear, and I only see out of my LEFT eye.”
Cade Ingram
Fort Worth, Texas

“It sounds like Andy is causing quite a stir in Albany. Maybe New Yorkers won’t just roll over and let me take their guns after all.”
Ken K.
Rome, NY

“What’s that drone in my ear?”
“Was that sound I heard some change in someone’s pocket that my boys missed in their last shake-down of the serfs?”
“Is that a leak in the debt bubble that I’m hearing?”
“Michelle, did you have beans for lunch?”
Doug Frieson

“Sorry, I can’t hear you over the noise of the drone that I ordered to kill you!”
Charles Katholi Jr.

“Shhhh, I think I hear guns shooting by themselves!”
Jon Kenenski

“What’s that Michelle? Dennis Rodman invited you to the Dictator Suite” in North Korea?”
“Ah, another citizen stripped of his gun. The tyrannical melody of confiscation is music to my over-sized ears…”
“What’s that Lassie? Timmy’s got guns in the well?!”
“HEY JOE! Stop playing that blasted NSYNC album! I’ve got a country to ruin and I can’t concentrate!”
“Ah, the sweet sound of another welfare dependent citizen…”
Ashley McGavern

“I know guns, know safety, know peace. No guns, no safety, no peace. Questions?”
Richard Frank
Wagoner, Oklahoma

“Is that Zbigniew Brzezinski barking orders again?”
imhotep19

“I can’t hear a word you serfs are saying.”

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TRUST, BUT VERIFY”
—Former-President Ronald Reagan, 40th U.S. President

TRANSLATED FROM THE RUSSIAN PROVERB “DOVERA! NO PROVERA!” THIS PHRASE BECAME ONE OF FORMER-PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN’S MOST WELL-KNOWN SAYINGS—ESPECIALLY IN REGARDS TO NEGOTIATING WITH GORBACHEV, SUCH AS AT THE SIGNING OF THE 1987 INTERMEDIATE-RANGE NUCLEAR FORCES TREATY.
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10 GIANT MEDIA & GOVERNMENT HOAXES

You walk into this room at your own risk, because it leads to the future: not a future that will be, but one that might be. This is not a new world: it is simply an extension of what began in the old one. It has patterned itself after every dictator who has ever planted the ripping imprint of a boot on the pages of history since the beginning of time. It has refinements, technological advances, and a more sophisticated approach to the destruction of human freedom. But like every one of the super states that preceded it, it has one iron rule: logic is an enemy, and truth is a menace.

ROD SERLING, THE OBSCURE MAN.

written by: Alex Jones
od Sterling’s quote from the Obsolete Man, a much loved 1961 episode of The Twilight Zone, has never been so relevant for today’s society, a world in which common sense has been subverted and reality is frowned upon by an establishment that sustains its own power on a steady diet of universal deceit.

Since its introduction in a 1938 play and subsequent film adaptations, the term ‘gaslighting’ has entered into psychological textbooks as a form of psychological abuse whereby the protagonist seeks to make the victim doubt their own sanity by disorienting them and manipulating their sense of reality.

Psychologist Martha Stout documents how sociopaths will successfully put on an act of being charming and convincing while simultaneously waging war against the common sense of their victims through a constant barrage of lies and abuse, all the time claiming their innocence. This is a perfect description of how the mainstream media and the government operates in the United States today – habitually lying without recourse while denouncing anyone who challenges the lie as a “conspiracy theorist”.

A revolution has been launched against rationality and truth. Those who question authority are instantly derided as “conspiracy theorists” simply for coming to logical conclusions based on the evidence in front of them. The term “conspiracy theory” has been harnessed into a pejorative weapon with which to bludgeon free speech, healthy skepticism and independent thinking.

In reality, today’s “conspiracy theorist” is someone who has managed to retain some remnant of control over their own thought process and one who has successfully resisted becoming another victim of ‘gaslighting’ – an individual who knows when they are being lied to.

We live in an era where the ‘big lie’ has come to dominate virtually every sector of modern society – from news to entertainment, to foreign policy and politics, to the economy and healthcare. Only by refusing to accept that logic is an enemy and truth a menace, only by refusing to become victims of ‘gaslighting’ can we truly remain sane, rational, and not allow our understanding of the world to be shaped by those who see us as obsolete.

Here are the top ten media and government hoaxes in recent history – lies and distortions that underscore how we truly are living in an age of universal deceit.

1. **The Federal Reserve is Federal**
   - The Federal Reserve is no more federal than Federal Express. It is a private bank that poses as a government entity. In 2011, when the New York Times attempted to obtain documents about the Fed’s loans to foreign banks under the Freedom of Information Act, the Fed responded by admitting that it was in fact a privately owned bank and not federal at all, therefore not subject to FOIA requests. As the long-time Chairman of the House Banking and Currency Committee Charles McFadden said on June 10, 1932: “Some people think that the Federal Reserve Banks are United States Government institutions. They are private monopolies.”
   - In 1982, the Ninth Circuit Court ruled that, “Examining the organization and function of the Federal Reserve Banks, and applying the relevant factors, we conclude that the Reserve Banks are not federal instrumentalities for purposes of the FTCA, but are independent, privately-owned and locally controlled corporations.”

2. **Democrats and Republicans**
   - The biggest political hoax ever invented—that the Republicans and the Democrats represent opposing forces – still continues to dominate despite the two parties habitually agreeing on every major issue. As Georgetown University Professor Carroll Quigley (Bill Clinton’s mentor), wrote in his book Tragedy and Hope, “The argument that the two parties should represent opposed ideals and policies, one, perhaps, of the Right and the other of the Left, is a foolish idea acceptable only to the doctrinaire and academic thinkers. Instead, the two parties should be almost identical, so that the American people can "throw the rascals out" at any election without leading to any profound or extreme shifts in policy. ... Either party in office becomes in time corrupt, tired, unenterprising, and vigorless. Then it should be possible to replace it, every four years if necessary, by the other party, which will be none of these things but will still pursue, with new vigor, approximately the same basic policies.”

3. **There is a War on Drugs**
   - The notion of a war on drugs, one that continues to ensnare thousands of Americans in the prison-industrial system, is a complete hoax. As Pulitzer Prize winning author Gary Webb exposed before his “suicide,” the Central Intelligence Agency and the Drug Enforcement Agency control and operate the global drugs trade. US soldiers are now guarding the opium fields in Afghanistan as record amounts of heroin leave the country destined for US and European markets. The man who played a crucial role in reinstating Afghanistan’s opium market, Ahmed Wali Karzai, was on the payroll of the CIA for at least eight years. Mexican drug traffickers routinely admit that they work for the CIA and that the agency controls the drugs trade while simultaneously hoaxing the public with claims about a “war on drugs.”

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Despite all its associated health risks, flu vaccines do not protect you against the flu. The shots have to be renewed every year and even then recent statistics show that the flu vaccine is "effective in only 56 percent of people who got the shot, and it largely failed to protect the elderly against an especially deadly strain circulating during flu season."

With most top analysts firmly of the opinion that Bin Laden died many years ago, a deluge of evidence suggests the May 2011 raid was a manufactured hoax. From the phony situation room photos, to the ludicrous "burial at sea" narrative, to the eyewitness testimony of those who lived in the same village where the raid supposedly took place, the assassination of Osama had all the hallmarks of a Jessica Lynch-style Hollywood hoax.

The establishment media, aided by a raft of leftist websites, is portraying concern over the Department of Homeland Security’s purchase of some 2 billion rounds of ammunition as a conspiracy theory by regurgitating the glib statement of a single DHS official. Erroneously claiming that the mass bullet buys are merely for training purposes or the government saving money by buying in bulk, the hoax conveniently ignores the fact that most of the bullets purchased are hollow point rounds which are not only more expensive than necessary but also unsuitable for training purposes. The DHS admits that it is preparing for civil unrest by purchasing riot gear and yet the media still portrays the notion that the DHS is preparing for civil unrest as a "conspiracy theory".

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In addition to the plethora of existing studies which prove sodium fluoride, which is present in around 66 percent of US water supplies, is a toxic waste that causes debilitating health problems, a recent Harvard University study found that "The children in high fluoride areas had significantly lower IQ than those who lived in low fluoride areas." Even the CDC, which advocates the fluoridation of water supplies, admits that 2 in 5 American children show signs of fluoride poisoning.

Even after drone strikes were already being conducted and reported on around the world, former White House Press Secretary Robert Gibbs was told by the Obama administration to act as if there was no such thing as an active US drone program – regurgitating the hoax that the entire project was completely non-existent. "When I went through the process of becoming press secretary, one of the first things they told me was, you’re not even to acknowledge the drone program," Gibbs said on MSNBC’s “Up With Chris Hayes” last month.

The unemployment rate reported by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics and regurgitated by the media is a hoax. As economist John Williams of the Shadow Government Statistics website exhaustively documents, the real unemployment figure is closer to 23 percent because the government figure does not include citizens who have stopped looking for work over the course of the previous month. “Since 1994, the long-term discouraged workers, those who have been discouraged for more than one year, have been excluded from all government data,” writes Jerome Corsi.

The lie that launched a war, following in the footsteps of numerous others throughout history including the Gulf of Tonkin hoax and the USS Maine. Not long after September 11 and for over a year until the invasion, the mainstream media dutifully repeated the hoax that Saddam Hussein had weapons of mass destruction. One of the main sources used by the British and US governments to make the claim, Rafid Ahmed Alwan al-Janabi, code-named Curveball, later admitted that he lied about the existence of a WMD program in Iraq and then "watched in shock as it was used to justify the war".

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Let it be stated that we have no misconceptions about the magnitude of the Department of Homeland Security. That is to say we are well aware of its tremendous size – the sprawling governmental entity umbrellas various consolidated agencies (Customs and Border Protection, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and the Transportation Security Administration, to name a few) and employs roughly a quarter of a million people.

We also understand why armed agents within said department would require ammunition for target practice or duty, and we comprehend the concept of saving money by purchasing in bulk.

However, in discovering that the DHS now has solicitations for enough bullets to wage nearly a half-century war, the problem we have is... well, we have several.

For one, the establishment’s ammo math doesn’t add up. We’re told the bullets are being bought in bulk to save money, but the ammunition proportions are way off – despite frantic reassurances otherwise.

For another thing, an alarming number of hollow-point bullets are being secured, which, according to sources, aren’t generally used for target practice.

For yet another thing, the DHS is not simply buying ammo, but procuring assault rifles, checkpoint booths, thousands of armored personnel vehicles, riot gear and more.

But what disturbs us most is the droning of doublespeak reaching fever pitch, the covert gaslighting getting more brazen and over the top, and the establishment media’s compliance through willful ignorance becoming readily apparent, almost as if we’ve blown the lid on something and they’re scrambling to run damage control.

**Ammo Buy Math**

**The Savings Don’t Add Up**

On one level, we’re being hoaxed by lies that the massive ammo purchases are being secured in advance to save money.

As of the time of this article, Infowars.com has documented DHS solicitations for nearly 2 billion rounds of assorted bullets over the next few years, 450 million of which are hollow-point rounds.

Of an estimated 240,000 DHS employees, we know only a portion are armed. If the number of armed employees was only half of 240,000 and the ammo was evenly distributed to all armed employees, they’d each get well over 15 thousand rounds, a veritable ammunition hoard worthy of a small militia.

“To put the DHS’ ammunition solicitations in perspective, during the height of active battle operations in Iraq, US soldiers used 5.5 million rounds of ammunition a month. Extrapolating the figures, the DHS has purchased enough bullets over the last year to...”
wage a full scale war for almost 30 years,” Infowars has previously written.

“Firstly, the notion that the DHS, which threatened to release 10,000 illegal aliens because it couldn’t afford to house them while simultaneously building numerous new detention centers for illegal aliens at a cost of tens of millions of dollars, is the least bit interested in “saving money” is asinine,” wrote PrisonPlanet.com editor Paul Joseph Watson in response to an Associated Press article published in February 2013 titled, “Homeland Security Explains Plan To Purchase More Than 1.6 Billion Bullets: Buying In Bulk Is Cheaper,” which attempted to argue the bulk bullet buy as a money saving effort.

The AP’s dubious explanation was regurgitated by the likes of leftist websites Media Matters and Raw Story, who recently attacked Fox News Host Lou Dobbs for calling attention to the matter during a March 4, 2013 interview with NRA executive vice president Wayne LaPierre.

“This is an agency that has become synonymous with wasting taxpayers’ money yet one which has also enjoyed a budget increase year upon year even as the economy flatlines,” writes Watson.

While there’s a slim possibility that the government is trying to save money, it’s hard to imagine the DHS would choose to express its frugality by buying up billions of rounds of ammo.

The bullet type is even banned for military use by the Hague Convention of 1899 because it carries the risk of making a soldier’s death inevitable.

**Questionable DHS Acquisitions**

While we’re being told to stay calm about the ammo purchases, the DHS is at the same time arming to the teeth.

Within just the last year, the DHS has not only bought what amounts to literal mountains of ammo, but they’ve also purchased no less than 7,000 assault rifles, bulletproof checkpoints that include ‘stop and go’ lights, riot gear, and evidence suggests that they recently acquired around 2,700 armored military style trucks.

In April 2012, a press release from Shelters Direct, a manufacturer of aluminum and steel prefabricated structures, bragged about how it had supplied the DHS with guard buildings that feature “Bullet Resistant Level 3 glass,” along with stop and go lights.

Last September, we also learned the DHS posted a solicitation for 7,000 full-auto “assault weapons,” which they deemed “personal defense weapons,” to be used domestically. The government solicitation documents also openly admitted that AR-15s with 30-round magazines and capable of fully automatic fire are “suitable for personal defense” in close quarters (i.e. your home), according to NaturalNews.com editor Mike Adams, while the American public is being conditioned to fear the rifle.

In July 2012, the DHS also gave the indication that it was gearing up for civil unrest when it solicited a purchase for riot gear in anticipation of riots at the Republican and Democratic National Conventions and presidential inauguration. The gear was meant for Federal Protective Service agents who are tasked with protecting federal property, grounds and buildings.

Arguably, the most disturbing DHS acquisition is the possible 2,700 armored military trucks that are rumored to have been purchased. The MRAP military trucks are mine-resistant and used to counter the threat of roadside bombs in places like Iraq and Afghanistan. Following massive uproar, the website

**Hollow-point bullets for target practice? – really?**

On another level, we’re being told not to worry because the hollow-point bullets purchased will be used for target practice.

Hollow-point bullets are designed to expand upon entering a target, and as former Marine Richard Mason told reporters with WHPTV News in Pennsylvania, they are highly unusual to train with. “We never trained with hollow points, we didn’t even see hollow points my entire four and a half years in the Marine Corps. Why would they need all those hollow points? Why would they need all those ball rounds just for training? It doesn’t really make sense,” Mason said in the March 2013 interview.

When Paul Watson reported on the bizarre 174,000 hollow-round bullet solicitation posted by the Social Security Administration to the FedBizOpps website back in August 2012 asking contractors to supply 174,000 rounds of .357 Sig 125 grain bonded jacketed hollow point pistol ammunition,” the media predictably moved into damage control mode.

Less than a month later, NBC ran an Associated Press piece titled, “Why does Social Security need 174,000 bullets?” calmly dismissing the disturbing solicitation and labeling us all conspiracy theorists.

From the article’s introductory paragraph:

“It didn’t take long for the Internet to start buzzing with conspiracy theories after the Social Security Administration posted a notice that it was purchasing 174,000 hollow-point bullets.”

The bullets, they explained, were for armed agents of the Social Security’s Office of Inspector General, of which there are 295, according to the report. “The bullets, which add up to about 590 per agent, are for the upcoming fiscal year. Most will be expended on the firing range,” the article states.

“The target practice argument, however, is misleading,” rebutted Infowars.com editor Kurt Nimmo. “Full house’ hollow point ammunition is not generally used for target practice, less expensive ‘range quality’ practice ammo is, although it is entirely conceivable that an unchecked spendthrift government agency would use expensive hollow-point ammunition for this purpose.”
Media Forced to Report DHS Bullet Purchases (at the Same Time Denying It)

The fact that we are seeing mainstream media outlets ramp up the rhetoric and go to extraordinary lengths to twist the truth portends something is amiss.

The establishment media has gone from ridiculing and shrugging off Infowars.com and other alternative media analysts as conspiracy theorists, to being forced to report on and cover (up) not only the ammo solicitations, but a scenario of civil unrest many perceive to be within the realm of reality.

When you start seeing articles with titles like, “1.6 Billion Rounds Of Ammo For Homeland Security? It’s Time For A National Conversation,” from such mainstream publications as Forbes Magazine, it is cause for concern.

“This is a big deal,” says radio talk show host Alex Jones. “The fact that they’re debunking it shows they’re scared. It’s like Poland catching the Nazis lining up armed troops on their border and saying, ‘Hey, Germany is going attack us,’ and Germany’s like, ‘We’re not going to.’ And of course they did a month later. This is a freaking arms buildup against us. The fact they’re doing that shows how serious this is.”

The media helps downplay the number of rounds purchased, in addition to making scenarios depicting potential civil unrest seem foolish and paranoid. They’ll admit to only 174 thousand rounds, while ignoring the more menacing 1.2 billion rounds, or they’ll say, “Well, technically what Infowars and others have been saying is right, but it’s not a big deal,” and so forth and so on.

Recently, a bullet buy “debunking” article by DailyCaller.com tried to downplay the number of bullets by debunking a solicitation for a minor 21.6 million rounds, turning a blind eye to the 1.6 billion bullets we had already documented.

To directly answer the rumors: Did the Department of Homeland Security just request to purchase 21,600,000 rounds of handgun ammo? No, not by a long shot.

They purchased 240,000 rounds. That amount is equivalent to just one round per employee of the Department of Homeland Security. [DailyCaller.com / “Rumor control: Did the Dept. of Homeland Security recently request to purchase 21,600,000 rounds of handgun ammo?” / 02/26/2013]

Back in February 2013, an Associated Press article admitted the DHS purchase of 1.6 billion bullets was true and even acknowledged Infowars was right, albeit in a debunking fashion:

Online rumors about a big government munitions purchase are true, sort of.

The Homeland Security Department wants to buy more than 1.6 billion rounds of ammunition in the next four or five years. It says it needs them – roughly the equivalent of five bullets for every person in the United States – for law enforcement agents in training and on duty.

Published federal notices about the ammo buy have agitated conspiracy theorists since the fall. That’s when conservative radio host Alex Jones spoke of an “arms race against the American people” and said the government was “gearing up for total collapse, they’re gearing up for huge wars.”

The government’s explanation is much less sinister. Federal solicitations to buy the bullets are known as “strategic sourcing contracts,” which help the government get a low price for a big purchase, says Peggy Dixon, spokeswoman for the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in Glyno, Ga. The training center and others like it run by the Homeland Security Department use as many as 15 million rounds every year, mostly on shooting ranges and in training exercises. [HuffingtonPost.com / “Homeland Security Explains Plan To Purchase More Than 1.6 Billion Bullets: Buying In Bulk Is Cheaper / 02/14/2013]

It is also important to note that after attention was brought to the solicitations, several of the solicitations’ figures became classified, incurring blacked out sections when previously the data was public.

Also, when former Governor of Alaska Sarah Palin recently expressed her opinion that the government was “stockpiling bullets” in preparation “for civil unrest,” mainstream media vultures The Atlantic Wire and Politico descended on her, regurgitating superficial DHS excuses.

Writing on her Facebook page, Palin commented, “If we are going to wet our proverbial pants over 0.3% in annual spending cuts when we’re running up trillion dollar annual deficits, then we’re done. Put a fork in us. We’re finished. We’re going to default eventually and that’s why the feds are stockpiling bullets in case of civil unrest.”

Even former Reagan cabinet advisor and talk radio host Mark Levin has raised concerns over the absurd ammo purchases, saying it may serve a more sinister purpose, like preparation for an economic collapse or an “unraveling” of society:

I’ll tell you what I think they’re simulating: the collapse of our financial system, the collapse of our society and the potential for widespread violence, looting, killing in the streets, because that’s what happens when an economy collapses. I suspect that just in case our fiscal situation, our monetary situation, collapses, and following it the civil society collapses, that is the rule of law, they want to be prepared. I know why the government’s arming up: It’s not because there’s going to be an inscription; it’s because our society is unraveling.

Considering everything that’s led to this point – the push to have drones patrol U.S. skies, the rush to ram legislation through geared to disarm law-abiding gun owners unconstitutionally, the financial insolvency, the rising unemployment rate and growing number of people dependent on government subsidy, and the steady raising of taxes – it’s perfectly reasonable to entertain the prospect that the government is gearing up for something domestic and leaving the public in the dark, but for what? Economic calamity? Famine? War? A biological or chemical attack? Any of these could potentially yield civil unrest.

Given the fact that Americans routinely riot for the most inane things like new tennis shoes, the latest cell phones, sporting events and Black Friday, it stands to reason that America could see riots rivaling those witnessed across Europe in recent years.

Rest assured, we will continue being told the threat does not exist. But what do you expect when you live on Planet Hoax?
Obama’s Man Behind the Curtain:
Hoaxing the Drone Program

Following his tenure as President Obama’s official spokesman, Robert Gibbs made what the corporate media considered a startling confession about the government’s drone program.

“When I went through the process of becoming press secretary, one of the first things they told me was, you’re not even to acknowledge the drone program,” Gibbs admitted in late February. “You’re not even to discuss that it exists.”

“You’re being asked a question based on reporting of a program that exists, right? So you’re the official government spokesperson acting as if the entire program — pay no attention to the man behind the curtain.”

Gibbs said it is “inherently crazy” for the government to conduct a program while publicly denying its existence. In his philosophical tome, Mein Kampf, Hitler said it is fairly easy to spread a Big Lie because “there is always a certain force of credibility” in such fabrications and “the broad masses of a nation are always more easily corrupted in the deeper strata of their emotional nature than consciously or voluntarily.”

Gibbs and the establishment media overlooked or failed to comprehend what Obama’s skilled handlers were up to. They had engaged in a process called gaslighting — a psychological tactic offering false information with the intent of making the targeted victim doubt his or her own memory, perception and, in extreme cases, sanity.

Gaslighting is a term usually used in clinical and research literature to describe the psychological abuse techniques of sociopaths. It is also used on a far larger and more damaging scale when used by government to cover up or deny criminal behavior. Government gaslighting is similar to Orwell’s Doublespeak in that it is political.

The CIA is legendary not simply for its sociopathic behavior, but for its psychopathic behavior that resulted in the murder of more than six million people, mostly in the third world, according to former CIA Station Chief in Angola in 1976, John Stockwell, who issued the astonishing estimation in 1987.

In regard to the drone program wrongly attributed to Obama — who is, in actuality, little more than an accomplished teleprompter reader — but actually carried out by the CIA, Gibbs’ statement and the instructions he received are symptomatic of nearly all intelligence operations that contain elements of “plausible deniability.”

The CIA has routinely refused to confirm or deny the covert use of drones and a program of targeted assassinations. Meanwhile, Obama and his former CIA boss, Leon Panetta, have publicly admitted the CIA program exists, thus adding to the confusion surrounding the program. So murky is the truth about the program, the ACLU urged a federal appeals court to expedite a hearing on a Freedom of Information Act request it filed to get additional information. The organization argues that the CIA’s refusal to honor the FOIA request was not lawful because the CIA director and other government officials had publicly acknowledged the existence of the CIA’s drone program.

The federal appeals court judge allowed the CIA’s so-called “Glomar response” – neither confirm nor deny response to Freedom of Information Act request – to stand and thus add even more uncertainty to the targeted assassination program. In the past, however, the CIA’s Glomar refusal has failed to pan out, as it did when the CIA filed a FOIA to get the gruesome photos depicting the horrors of Abu Ghraib prison released.

Members of Congress, also confused about the program obscured by a haze of fact and fiction, sent a letter to Obama asking for clarification. More recently a number Democrats asked Obama to reveal classified documents spelling out the legal aspects of the program. A week prior to demand for clarification, Kentucky Senator Rand Paul held a 13-hour filibuster intended to focus attention on the illegality of targeted assassinations via drones.

A leaked Department of Justice white paper on the subject only added to the confusion. “Every American has the right to know the underlying legal rationale that ensures due process,” the letter, organized by Rep. Barbara Lee of California and Rep. John Conyers of Michigan, states.

“Authorizing the killing of American citizens and others has profound implications for our Constitution, the core values of our Nation, our national security and future international practice. The executive branch’s claim of authority to deprive citizens of life, and to do so without explaining the legal bases for doing so, sets a dangerous precedent and is a model of behavior that the United States would not want other nations to emulate,” the letter avers. The Obama administration did not respond.
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A company which received $2 million from the DHS has apologized and taken offline their “no more hesitation” shooting targets, which depict pregnant women, children and elderly gun owners in residential settings as “non-traditional threats,” following an online uproar. Law Enforcement Targets Inc. (LET), a Minneapolis-based company that has received almost $2 million in contracts from the Department of Homeland Security over the last three years, recently began selling cardboard cut-out targets designed to desensitize police to “non-traditional threats,” including pregnant women, mothers in school playgrounds, and little boys, as well as elderly gun owners in their homes.

The company’s relationship with the DHS, along with thousands of law enforcement agencies, led to fears that the targets could be connected with Homeland Security’s purchase of roughly 2 billion rounds of ammunition over the last year, which many fear is linked to preparations for mass social unrest. As we documented, the LET’s contracts with the DHS were for “training aids” and “paperboard.”

In the apology, posted on the company’s website as well as Facebook, LET acknowledged that the targets were requested by law enforcement agencies. The apology reads:

“We apologize for the offensive nature of our “No More Hesitation” products. These products have been taken offline due to the opinions expressed by so many, including members of the law enforcement community.

This product line was originally requested and designed by the law enforcement community to train police officers for unusually complex situations where split-second decisions could lead to unnecessary loss of life. Consistent with our company mission as a training supplier (not a training methods company), we will continue to seek input from law enforcement professionals to better serve their training objectives and qualification needs. We sincerely appreciate law enforcement professionals for the risks they take in providing safety and defending freedom.”

The company’s excuse that the targets were designed to help police prevent “unnecessary loss of life” is highly dubious given that the images were all of armed individuals termed “non-traditional threats,” designed to ensure that there would be “no more hesitation” from police officers encountering them.

As one respondent to the company explained, “Look, each of the supposed “threats” appeared to be in their own home settings. They were also all holding a weapon…..it is obvious these paper targets were never intended to be decoy (don’t shoot targets). It is apparent this was designed to assist in desensitizing the trainee.”

In addition, the company had previously struck a different tone when it told Reason’s Mike Riggs that the targets were designed to combat, “hesitation on the part of cops when deadly force is required on subjects with atypical age, frailty or condition.”

Although the targets have been taken off the company’s website, it’s unclear whether or not they have been removed from sale entirely.

Mike Lilly, a retired 32-year police officer, demanded that the targets be discontinued completely.

“Whomever convinced you this was a good idea needs psychological counseling. Proper training and readiness is NOT dependent on shooting pictures of pregnant women and children. Anyone who says otherwise is seriously mistaken or has another agenda It is noted that you say they were taken OFFLINE. Have they been DISCONTINUED AND RECALLED?” he stated.

Lilly’s concern was echoed by retired City of Houston police officer T.F. Stern, who asked why police officers were being trained “to feel nothing’s wrong in shooting a pregnant lady or an old man with a shotgun inside his own home.”
Another pro-Second Amendment story you would never see—and didn’t—on the major news networks.

Here’s another pro-Second Amendment story that you will never see on the major news networks—a Texas boy who watched his sister and mother being raped during a home invasion by two men who later abandoned a plan to murder the three victims was able to grab a handgun and send the two individuals fleeing.

“The incident began about 4:30 a.m. when two men entered the home and held three residents hostage. During the home invasion, police accused one man, described only as white, of sexually assaulting two women,” reports the Galveston County Daily News.

The suspects, subsequently named as 33-year-old Charles Allen Jacobson III and 56-year-old James Ellis Barnett, then bound the three victims and drove them to a nearby field. According to police, Jacobson gave Barnett a handgun and told him to kill the three hostages but Barnett refused.

The two suspects then drove the family back to their home on Anne Drive, Webster, in order to dispose of evidence. It was at this point that “the male juvenile victim was able to get free and arm himself with a handgun which the family had,” said Chief Ray Smiley.

“He then confronted the suspects, who fled the scene.”

Barnett drove away in Jacobson’s pickup truck while Jacobson attempted to hide in tall grass near a house under construction, but was soon apprehended by neighbors and police who chased him down. Barnett was later stopped and arrested after the vehicle was spotted outside a convenience store.

Jacobson faces two counts of aggravated sexual assault and two counts of aggravated kidnapping, while Barnett was charged with two counts of aggravated kidnapping and one count of aggravated robbery.

Despite its gravity, the story has received no national media attention whatsoever, featuring only in local media outlets.

We only discovered the story because Alex Jones was on a family vacation in Galveston and saw it in the local newspaper. Imagine how many stories similar to this one occur across the country every week and yet the vast majority of people never hear about it.

That’s because the establishment media habitually fails to highlight examples where a firearm is used in self-defense to prevent a crime.

According to a 1993 National Self-Defense Survey conducted by Gary Kleck, Ph.D., a professor in the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice at Florida State University in Tallahassee, Americans use guns to defend themselves against a confrontation with a criminal up to 2.5 million times a year. This means that every day in America some 6,800 people use guns to protect themselves.

Scholars Clayton E. Cramer and David Burnett have documented how “a great number of tragedies—murders, rapes, assaults, robberies—have been thwarted by self-defense gun uses.”

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Gun control advocates claim historical gun grabs by tyrannical regimes are a "myth" but this 1918 Communist propaganda poster from the Russian civil war serves as yet another reminder that tyrannical regimes throughout history have always sought to disarm their populations through gun control.

The poster shows Russian citizens turning in their rifles, handguns and even swords as a communist soldier looms over them with the words, "Comrades, turn in your weapons" appearing in front of a hammer and sickle inside a red star.

The text bears a chilling resemblance to Senator Dianne Feinstein's infamous "turn em all in" quote from 1995.

Following Alex Jones' explosive appearance on CNN's Piers Morgan Tonight last month, gun control advocates reacted to Jones' fiery historical defense of the right to bear arms by attempting to dismiss the fact that tyrannical regimes always disarmed their target populations as a myth or a hoax.

Numerous left-wing blogs successfully gamed Google's search engine results so that when people searched for terms such as 'Nazi gun control', they were met with a plethora of articles claiming the historical basis for this connection was a fabrication.

In reality, the Nazis did take existing gun control laws and make them more draconian in order to target their political adversaries. That is a manifestly provable historical fact.

The Nazi Weapons Law of November 11, 1938 prohibited Jews from "acquiring, possessing, and carrying firearms and ammunition, as well as truncheons or stabbing weapons," and ordered them to turn in all guns and ammunition to local police. As historian William Sheridan Allen noted, the Nazis also began house to house gun confiscations targeting "subversives" shortly after they came to power.

In addition, historians like Israel Guttman have outlined how the Warsaw Ghetto uprising against the Nazis was hampered by the fact that imprisoned Jews did not have access to adequate arsenals of firearms, although their resistance did lead Goebbels to note in his diary, "This just shows what you can expect from Jews if they lay hands on weapons."

Similarly, as J.E. Simkin and Aaron Zelman document in their book "Gun Control: Gateway to Tyranny," in October 1918, the Council of People's Commissars (the Communist government) ordered citizens to surrender all firearms, ammunition and sabers, having first mandated registration of all weapons six months earlier. Just like the Nazis, Communist Party members were exempt from the ban.

A 1920 decree then imposed a minimum six month prison sentence for any non-Communist possessing a weapon. After the civil war, possession became punishable with three months hard labor plus fines. After Stalin came to power, he made possession of unlawful firearms a crime punishable by death.

With Russians almost universally disarmed, Stalin was given free reign to carry out one of history's most brutal prolonged genocide, with tens of millions of people executed or starved to death in the three decades that followed, a model subsequently mimicked in China and Cambodia.

This poster should remind us that brutal dictatorships have almost always been preceded by widespread gun confiscation, and to allow leftists to claim otherwise in the pursuit of their contemporary political agenda is an insult to the historical record.

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The establishment media did not waste time after the Southern Poverty Law Center sent a letter to the Justice Department and the Department of Homeland Security demanding a crackdown on American citizens expressing opposition to an increasingly tyrannical federal government.

“There are, in increasingly frightening numbers, cells of angry men in the United States preparing for combat with the U.S. government. They are usually heavily armed, blinded by an intractable hatred, often motivated by religious zeal,” a Los Angeles Times op-ed claimed a couple days after the SPLC letter went out warning of another Oklahoma City terrorist bombing.

The rant published in the second-largest metropolitan newspaper in the country – second only in size to the grand lady of Mockingbird propaganda, the New York Times – doesn’t mince words:

“They’re not jihadists. They are white, right-wing Americans, nearly all with an obsessive attachment to guns, who may represent a greater danger to the lives of American civilians than international terrorists.”

Nothing terrifies urban liberals more than defenders of the Second Amendment – and particularly when they demonstrate with brandished firearms. “Patriot groups are motivated by a host of anti-government attitudes, but their primary focus is guns,” the Times argues. “They are convinced that the government is out to seize their weapons, even though most legislation is focused on keeping guns out of the hands of criminals or restricting the types of weapons that can be sold.”

The LA Times sheepishly decries the fact government is unable to do much “to reverse this tide of belligerent ignorance” on the part of “like-minded Neanderthals” who shelter and encourage “the Timothy McVeighs of the world.”

Instead of a direct police state crack down and mass internment of white people, the editorial staff of the Los Angeles Times suggests a new COINTELPRO-like program to monitor Americans upset by continual government usurpations and attacks on the libertarian principles enshrined in the Constitution.

“These groups should be closely monitored, with resources adequate to the task, even if it means shifting some homeland security money from the hunt for foreign terrorists,” they write. As we noted, the groups and individuals singled out by the SPLC include Alex Jones, We Are Change, Oath Keepers, the Constitution Party, the Tyranny Response Team and thousands of other Americans.

Left unmentioned here is the obvious fact the real enemy of government all along has not been a largely fantastical al-Qaeda and a comical Saudi hooked up to a dialysis machine in an Afghan cave, but a considerable and growing domestic patriot movement determined to prevent an incremental move toward authoritarianism and tyranny.

In 2011, we pointed out the government’s attempt to reconstitute its elaborately fashioned Arab and Islamic terror meme into a “white al-Qaeda” threat. “Prior to the events in Norway [Ander Breivik’s murderous terror attacks], the Department of Homeland Security released a propaganda video characterizing white middle class Americans as terrorists and members of white al-Qaeda, a term designed to conflate the image of the CIA-created Islamic terror group and ‘rightwing extremists’ in America,” we wrote.

The overriding absurdity of the LA Times editorial is the fact it is not merely white people who are determined to restore America’s constitutional heritage. It is people of all ethnic persuasions.

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However, the government is arresting those speaking out—and violently crushing peaceful assemblies which attempt to petition the government for redress. A federal judge found that the law allowing indefinite detention of Americans without due process has a “chilling effect” on free speech. And see this and this.

The threat of being labeled a terrorist for exercising our First Amendment rights certainly violates the First Amendment. The government is using laws to crush dissent, and it’s gotten so bad that even U.S. Supreme Court justices are saying that we are descending into tyranny.

For example, the following actions may get an American citizen living on U.S. soil labeled as a “suspected terrorist” today:

• Being young (if you live near a battle zone or are considered to have “hostile intent,” you are fair game)
• Using social media
• Reporting or doing journalism
• Speaking out against government policies
• Protesting anything (such as participating in the “Occupy” movement)
• Questioning war (even though war reduces our national security)
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• Asking questions about pollution (even at a public Congressional hearing)
• Paying cash at an Internet cafe
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• Holding gold
• Creating alternative currencies
• Stocking up on more than seven days of food (even though all Mormons are taught to stockpile food, and most Hawaiians store up on extra food)
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• “Impose strict religious tenets or laws on society (fundamentalists)”
• “Insert religion into the political sphere”
• “Those who seek to politicize religion”
• “Supported political movements for autonomy”
• Being “anti-abortion”
• Being “anti-Catholic”
• Being “anti-global”
• “Suspicious of centralized federal authority”
• “Fiercely nationalistic (as opposed to universal and international in orientation)”
• “A belief in the need to be prepared for an attack either by participating in … survivalism”
• Opposing genetically engineered food
• Opposing surveillance

Go to infowars.com/scorecard-how-many-rights-have-americans-really-lost/ for an extensive list sources to better understand the rationale and evidence to support the criteria for being labeled a suspected terrorist listed above and throughout the rest of the article.

Of course, Muslims are more or less subject to a separate system of justice in America. And First Amendment rights are especially chilled when power has become so concentrated that the same agency which spies on all Americans also decides who should be assassinated.

Second Amendment

The Second Amendment states, “A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the
security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed."

Gun control and gun rights advocates obviously have very different views about whether guns are a force for violence or for good.

But even a top liberal Constitutional law expert reluctantly admits that the right to own a gun is as important a Constitutional right as freedom of speech or religion:

“Like many academics, I was happy to blissfully ignore the Second Amendment. It did not fit neatly into my socially liberal agenda. It is hard to read the Second Amendment and not honestly conclude that the Framers intended gun ownership to be an individual right. It is true that the amendment begins with a reference to militias: ‘A well regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed.’ Accordingly, it is argued, this amendment protects the right of the militia to bear arms, not the individual.”

Yet, if true, the Second Amendment would be effectively declared a defunct provision. The National Guard is not a true militia in the sense of the Second Amendment and, since the District and others believe governments can ban guns entirely, the Second Amendment would be read out of existence.

More important, the mere reference to a purpose of the Second Amendment does not alter the fact that an individual right is created. The right of the people to keep and bear arms is stated in the same way as the right to free speech or free press. The statement of a purpose was intended to reaffirm the power of the states and the people against the central government.

At the time, many feared the federal government and its national army. Gun ownership was viewed as a deterrent against abuse by the government, which would be less likely to mess with a well-armed populace.

Considering the Framers and their own traditions of hunting and self-defense, it is clear that they would have viewed such ownership as an individual right — consistent with the plain meaning of the amendment.

None of this is easy for someone raised to believe that the Second Amendment was the dividing line between the enlightenment and the dark ages of American culture. Yet, it is time to honestly reconsider this amendment and admit that … here’s the really hard part … the NRA may have been right. This does not mean that Charlton Heston is the new Rosa Parks or that no restrictions can be placed on gun ownership. But it does appear that gun ownership was made a protected right by the Framers and, while we might not celebrate it, it is time that we recognize it.”

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Third Amendment

The Third Amendment prohibits the government from forcing people to house soldiers: “No Soldier shall, in time of peace be quartered in any house, without the consent of the Owner, nor in time of war, but in a manner to be prescribed by law.”

Hey … we’re still honoring one of the Amendments! Score one for We the People!

Fourth Amendment

The Fourth Amendment prevents unlawful search and seizure: “The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no Warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by Oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized.”

But the government is flying drones over the American homeland to spy on us.

Senator Rand Paul correctly notes, “The domestic use of drones to spy on Americans clearly violates the Fourth Amendment and limits our rights to personal privacy.” Paul introduced a bill to “protect individual privacy against unwarranted governmental intrusion through the use of unmanned aerial vehicles commonly called drones.”

Emptywheel notes in a post titled “The OTHER Assault on the Fourth Amendment in the NDAA? Drones at Your Airport?” “As the map above makes clear—taken from this 2010 report—DOD [the Department of Defense] plans to have drones all over the country by 2015.”

Many police departments are also using drones to spy on us. As the Hill reported:

“At least 13 state and local police agencies around the country have used drones in the field or in training, according to the Association for Unmanned Vehicle Systems International, an industry trade group. The Federal Aviation Administration has predicted that by the end of the decade, 30,000 commercial and government drones could be flying over U.S. Skies.”

‘Drones should only be used if subject to a powerful framework that regulates their use in order to avoid abuse and invasions of privacy,’ Chris Calabrese, a legislative counsel for the American Civil Liberties Union, said during a congressional forum in Texas last month.

He argued police should only fly drones over private property if they have a warrant, information collected with drones should be promptly destroyed when it’s no longer needed and domestic drones should not
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Fourth Amendment’s prohibition against unreasonable search and seizure.) But the NSA now collects all data in an unencrypted form, so that no probable cause is needed to view any citizen’s information. He says that it is actually cheaper and easier to store the data in an encrypted format: so the government’s current system is being done for political – not practical – purposes. He says that if anyone gets on the government’s "enemies list", then the stored information will be used to target them. Specifically, he notes that if the government decides it doesn’t like someone, it analyzes all of the data it has collected on that person and his or her associates over the last 10 years to build a case against him.

Wired reports:
"Transit authorities in cities across the country are quietly installing microphone-enabled surveillance systems on public buses that would give them the ability to record and store private conversations.

The systems are being installed in San Francisco, Baltimore, and other cities with funding from the Department of Homeland Security in some cases.

The systems use cables or WiFi to pair audio conversations with camera images in order to produce synchronous recordings. Audio and video can be monitored in real-time, but are also stored onboard in blackbox-like devices, generally for 30 days, for later retrieval. Four to six cameras with mics are generally installed throughout a bus, including one near the driver and one on the exterior of the bus.

Privacy and security expert Ashkan Soltani told the Daily that the audio could easily be coupled with facial recognition systems or audio recognition technology to identify passengers caught on the recordings.

RT notes:
"Street lights that can spy installed in some American cities

America welcomes a new brand of smart street lighting systems: energy-efficient, long-lasting, complete with LED screens to show ads. They can also spy on citizens in a way George Orwell would not have imagined in his worst nightmare.

With a price tag of $3,000+ apiece, according to an ABC report, the street lights are now being rolled out in Detroit, Chicago and Pittsburgh, and may soon mushroom all across the country.

Part of the Intellistreets systems made by the company Illuminating Concepts, they have a number of ‘ homeland security applications’ attached.

Each has a microprocessor ‘essentially similar to an iPhone,’ capable of wireless communication. Each can capture images and count people for the police through a digital camera, record conversations of passers-by and even give voice commands thanks to a built-in speaker.

Ron Harwood, president and founder of Illuminating Concepts, says he eyed the creation of such a system after the 9/11 terrorist attacks and the Hurricane Katrina disaster. He is ‘working with Homeland Security’ to deliver his dream of making people ‘more informed and safer.’

Fox news notes that the government is insisting that “black boxes” be installed in cars to track your location.

The TSA has moved way past airports, trains and sports stadiums, and is deploying mobile scanners to spy on people all over the place. This means that traveling within the United States is no longer a private affair. (And they’re probably bluffing, but the Department of Homeland Security claims they will soon be able to know your adrenaline level, what you ate for breakfast and what you’re thinking...from 164 feet away.)

And Verizon has applied for a patent that would allow your television to track what you are doing, who you are with, what objects you’re holding, and what type of mood you’re in. Given Verizon and other major carriers responded to at least 1.3 million law enforcement requests for cell phone locations and other data in 2011, such information would not be kept private. (And some folks could be spying on you through your TV using existing technology.)

Of course, widespread spying on Americans began before 9/11. So the whole “post-9/11 reality” argument falls flat.

And the spying isn’t being done to keep us safe...
This captivating shirt features the notorious image of Obama in the famous loker make-up. It has the phrase “Tyrant” along with “Infowars.com” at the top. The back includes the Second Amendment as a gun image with the phrase “Come And Take It” and Infowars.com.

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but to crush dissent and to smear people who uncover unflattering things about the government…and to help the too big to fail businesses compete against smaller businesses.

In addition, the ACLU published a map in 2006 showing that nearly two-thirds of the American public – 197.4 million people – live within a "constitution-free zone" within 100 miles of land and coastal borders.

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The bottom line is that the extraordinary authorities that the government possesses at the border are spilling into regular American streets.”

Computer World reports today:

“Border agents don’t need probable cause and they don’t need a stinking warrant since they don’t need to prove any reasonable suspicion first. Nor, sadly, do two out of three people have First Amendment protection; it is as if DHS has voided those Constitutional amendments and protections they provide to nearly 200 million Americans.

Don’t be silly by thinking this means only if you are physically trying to cross the international border. As we saw when discussing the DEA using license plate readers and data-mining to track Americans movements, the U.S. ‘border’ stretches out 100 miles beyond the true border. Godfather Politics added, ‘But wait, it gets even better! If you live anywhere in Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Hawaii, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Hampshire, New Jersey or Rhode Island, DHS says the search zones encompass the entire state.’

Immigrations and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and Customs and Border Protection (CBP) have a ‘longstanding constitutional and statutory authority permitting suspicionless and warrantless searches of merchandise at the border and its functional equivalent.’

This applies to electronic devices, according to the recent CLCR ‘Border Searches of Electronic Devices’ executive summary:

‘Fourth Amendment: The overall authority to conduct border searches without suspicion or warrant is clear and longstanding, and courts have not treated searches of electronic devices any differently than searches of other objects. We conclude that CBP’s and ICE’s current border search policies comply with the Fourth Amendment. We also conclude that imposing a requirement that officers have reasonable suspicion in order to conduct a border search of an electronic device would be operationally harmful without comitant civil rights/civil liberties benefits. However, we do think that recording more information about why searches are performed would help managers and leadership supervise the use of border search authority, and this is what we recommended; CBP has agreed and has implemented this change beginning in FY2012.

First Amendment: Some critics argue that a heightened level of suspicion should be required before officers search laptop computers in order to avoid chilling First Amendment rights. However, we conclude that the laptop border searches allowed under the ICE and CBP Directives do not violate travelers’ First Amendment rights.’

The ACLU said, Wait one darn minute! Hello, what happened to the Constitution? Where is the rest of CLCR report on the ‘policy of combing through and sometimes confiscating travelers’ laptops, cell phones, and other electronic devices—even when there is no suspicion of wrongdoing?’ DHS maintains it is not violating our constitutional rights, so the ACLU said:

‘If it’s true that our rights are safe and that DHS is doing all the things it needs to do to safeguard them, then why won’t it show us the results of its assessment? And why would it be legitimate to keep a report about the impact of a policy on the public’s rights hidden from the very public being affected?’

As Christian Post wrote, ‘Your constitutional rights have been repealed in ten states. No, this isn’t a joke. It is not exaggeration or hyperbole. If you are in ten states in the United States, some of your rights guaranteed by the Bill of Rights have been made null and void.’

The ACLU filed a Freedom of Information Act request for the entire DHS report about suspicionless and warrantless ‘border’ searches of electronic devices. ACLU attorney Catherine Crump said ‘We hope to establish that the Department of Homeland Security can’t simply assert that its practices are legitimate without showing us the evidence, and to make it clear that the government’s own analyses of how our fundamental rights apply to new technologies should be openly accessible to the public for review and debate.’

Meanwhile, the EFF has tips to protect yourself and your devices against border searches. If you think you know all about it, then you might try testing your knowledge with a defending privacy at the U.S. border quiz.”

Wired pointed out in 2008 that the courts have
The American government is collecting and storing virtually every phone call, purchases, email, text message, Internet searches, social media communications, health information, employment history, travel and student records, and virtually all other information of every American routinely upheld such constitution-free zones:

"Federal agents at the border do not need any reason to search through travelers' laptops, cell phones or digital cameras for evidence of crimes, a federal appeals court ruled Monday, extending the government's power to look through belongings like suitcases at the border to electronics.

The ninth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals sided with the government, finding that the so-called border exception to the Fourth Amendment's prohibition on unreasonable searches applied not just to suitcases and papers, but also to electronics.

Travelers should be aware that anything on their mobile devices can be searched by government agents, who may also seize the devices and keep them for weeks or months. When in doubt, think about whether online storage or encryption might be tools you should use to prevent the feds from rummaging through your journal, your company's confidential business plans or naked pictures of you and your-of-age partner in adult fun."

**Fifth Amendment**

The Fifth Amendment addresses due process of law, eminent domain, double jeopardy and grand jury: "No person shall be held to answer for a capital, or otherwise infamous crime, unless on a presentment or indictment of a Grand Jury, except in cases arising in the land or naval forces, or in the Militia, when in actual service in time of War or public danger; nor shall any person be subject for the same offense to be twice put in jeopardy of life or limb; nor shall be compelled in any criminal case to be a witness against himself, nor be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation."

But the American government has shredded the Fifth Amendment by subjecting us to indefinite detention and taking away our due process rights.

The government claims the right to assassinate or indefinitely detain any American citizen on U.S. citizen without any due process.

As such, the government is certainly depriving people of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law.

There are additional corruptions of Fifth Amendment rights – such as property being taken for private purposes.

The percentage of prosecutions in which a defendant is denied a grand jury is difficult to gauge, as there is so much secrecy surrounding many terrorism trials.

Protection against being tried twice for the same crime after being found innocent ("double jeopardy") seems to be intact.

**Sixth Amendment**

The Sixth Amendment guarantees the right to hear the criminal charges levied against us and to be able to confront the witnesses who have testified against us, as well as speedy criminal trials, and a public defender for those who cannot hire an attorney. "In all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial, by an impartial jury of the State and district wherein the crime shall have been committed, which district shall have been previously ascertained by law, and to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation; to be confronted with the witnesses against him; to have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his favor, and to have the Assistance of Counsel for his defense."

Subjacting people to indefinite detention or assassination obviously violates the sixth Amendment right to a jury trial. In both cases, the defendant is “disposed of” without ever receiving a trial...and often without ever hearing the charges against them.

More and more commonly, the government prosecutes cases based upon “secret evidence” that they don't show to the defendant...or sometimes even the judge hearing the case.

The government uses "secret evidence" to spy on Americans, prosecute leaking or terrorism charges (even against U.S. soldiers) and even assassinate people.

Secret witnesses are being used in some cases. And sometimes lawyers are not even allowed to read their own briefs.

Indeed, even the laws themselves are now starting to be kept secret. And it's about to get a lot worse.

True – when defendants are afforded a jury trial – they are provided with assistance of counsel. However, the austerity caused by redistribution of wealth to the super-elite is causing severe budget cuts to the courts and the public defenders' offices nationwide.

Moreover, there are two systems of justice in America...one for the big banks and other fatcats, and one for everyone else. The government made it official policy not to prosecute fraud, even though fraud is the main business model adopted by Wall Street. Indeed, the biggest financial crime in world history, the largest insider trading scandal of all time, illegal raiding of customer accounts and blatant financing of drug cartels and terrorists have all been committed recently without any real criminal prosecution or jail time.

On the other hand, government prosecutors are using the legal system to crush dissent and to silence whistleblowers.

And some of the nation's most powerful judges have lost their independence...and are in bed with the powers-that-be.

**Seventh Amendment**

The Seventh Amendment guarantees trial by jury in federal court for civil cases. "In Suits at common law, where the value in controversy shall exceed twenty dollars, the right of trial by jury shall be preserved, and no fact tried by a jury shall be re-examined in any Court of the United States, than according to the rules of the common law."

As far as we know, this right is still being respected. However – as noted above – the austerity caused by redistribution of wealth to the super-elite is causing severe budget cuts to the courts, resulting in the wheels of justice slowing down considerably.
Unfortunately, we are continuing to indiscriminately kill civilians using drone strikes, and we are continuing to torture innocent people. This is not a question of being a “Muslim-sympathizer”. It’s all about being practical in protecting our national security.

It might feel good to have guns a blazing. But unfortunately, instead of doing what will protect us, we keep shooting ourselves in the foot.

Eighth Amendment

The Eighth Amendment prohibits cruel and unusual punishment. “Excessive bail shall not be required, nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel and unusual punishments inflicted.”

Indefinite detention and assassination are obviously cruel and unusual punishment.

The widespread system of torture carried out in the last 10 years – with the help of other countries – violates the 8th Amendment. Many want to bring it back … or at least justify its past use.

While Justice Scalia disingenuously argues that torture does not constitute cruel and unusual punishment because it is meant to produce information – not punish – he’s wrong. It’s not only cruel and unusual … it is technically a form of terrorism.

And government whistleblowers are being cruelly and unusually punished with unduly harsh sentences meant to intimidate anyone else from speaking out.

Ninth Amendment

The Ninth Amendment provides that people have other rights, even if they aren’t specifically listed in the Constitution that reads, “The enumeration in the Constitution, of certain rights, shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people.”

We can debate what our inherent rights as human beings are. I believe they include the right to a level playing field, and access to safe food and water. You may disagree.

But everyone agrees that the government should not actively encourage fraud and manipulation. However, the government – through its malignant, symbiotic relation with big corporations – is interfering with our aspirations for economic freedom, safe food and water (instead of arsenic-laden, genetically engineered junk), freedom from undue health hazards such as irradiation due to government support of archaic nuclear power designs, and a level playing field (as opposed to our crony capitalist system in which the little guy has no shot due to redistribution of wealth from the middle class to the super-elite, and government support of white collar criminals).

By working hand-in-glove with giant corporations to defraud us into paying for a lower quality of life, the government is trampling our basic rights as human beings.

Tenth Amendment

The Tenth Amendment provides that powers not specifically given to the Federal government are reserved to the states or individual: “The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people.”

Two of the central principles of America’s Founding Fathers are: one, the government is created as well as empowered with the consent of the people and, two, separation of powers.

Today, most Americans believe that the government is threatening – rather than protecting – freedom… and that it is no longer acting with the “consent of the governed.”

And the federal government is trampling the separation of powers by stepping on the toes of the states and the people. For example, former head S&L prosecutor Bill Black – now a professor of law and economics – notes, “The Federal Reserve Bank of New York and the resident examiners and regional staff of the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency [both] competed to weaken federal regulation and aggressively used the preemption doctrine to try to prevent state investigations of and actions against fraudulent mortgage lenders.”

Indeed, the federal government is doing everything it can to stick its nose into every aspect of our lives… and act like Big Brother.

Conclusion: While a few of the liberties enshrined in the Bill of Rights still exist, the overall scorecard of the government’s respect for our freedom: a failing grade.
The Big Dogs on Wall Street Are Nervous

Why are some of the biggest names in the corporate world unloading stock like there is no tomorrow, and why are some of the most prominent investors on Wall Street loudly warning about the possibility of a market crash? Should we be alarmed that the big dogs on Wall Street are starting to get very nervous?

Previously, I got very excited about a report that indicated that corporate insiders were selling nine times more of their own shares than they were buying. Well, according to a brand new Bloomberg article, insider sales of stock have outnumbered insider purchases of stock by a ratio of 12 to 1 over the past three months. That is highly unusual. And right now some of the most respected investors in the financial world are ringing the alarm bells. Dennis Gartman says that it is time to “rush to the sidelines,” Seth Klarman is warning about “the un-abating risks of collapse,” and Doug Kass is proclaiming that “we’re headed for a sharp fall.” So does all of this mean that a market crash is definitely on the way? No, but when you combine all of this with the weak economic data constantly coming out of the U.S. and Europe, it certainly does not paint a pretty picture.

According to Bloomberg, it has been two years since we have seen insider sales of stock at this level. And when insider sales of stock are this high, that usually means that the market is about to decline:

Corporate executives are taking advantage of near-record U.S. stock prices by selling shares in their companies at the fastest pace in two years.

There were about 12 stock-sale announcements over the past three months for every purchase by insiders at Standard & Poor’s 500 Index (SPX) companies, the highest ratio since January 2011, according to data compiled by Bloomberg and Pavilion Global Markets. Whenever the ratio exceeded 11 in the past, the benchmark index declined 5.9 percent on average in the next six months, according to Pavilion, a Montreal-based trading firm.

But it isn’t just the number of stock sales that is alarming. Some of these insider transactions are absolutely huge. Just check out these numbers:

Among the biggest transactions last week were a $65.2 million sale by Google Inc.’s 39-year-old Chief Executive Officer Larry Page, a $40.1 million disposal by News Corp.’s 81-year-old Chairman and CEO Rupert Murdoch and a $34.2 million sale from American Express Co. chief Kenneth Chenault, who is 61. Nolan Archibald, the 69-year-old chairman of Stanley Black & Decker Inc. who plans to leave his post next month, unloaded $29.7 million in shares last week and Amphenol Corp. Chairman Martin Hans Loeffler, 68, sold $27.5 million, according to data compiled by Bloomberg.

Google Chairman Eric Schmidt, 57, announced plans to sell as many as 3.2 million shares in the operator of the world’s most-popular search engine. The planned share sales, worth about $2.5 billion, represented about 42 percent of Schmidt’s holdings.

So why are all of these very prominent executives cashing out all of a sudden?

That is a very good question.

Meanwhile, some of the most respected names on Wall Street are warning that it is time to get out of the market.

For example, investor Dennis Gartman recently wrote that the game is “changing” and that it is time to “rush to the sidelines:”

“When tectonic plates in the earth’s crust shift earthquakes happen and when the tectonic plates shift beneath our feet in the capital markets margin calls take place. The tectonic plates have shifted and attention...very careful and very substantive attention...must be paid.

Simply put, the game has changed and where we were playing a ‘game’ fueled by the monetary authorities and fueled by the urge on the part of participants to see and believe in rising ‘animal spirits’ as Lord Keynes referred to them we played bullishness of equities and of the EUR and of ‘risk assets.’ Now, with the game changing, our tools have to change and so too our perspective.

‘Where we were buyers of equities previously we must disdain them henceforth. Where we were sellers of Yen and U.S. dollars we must buy them now. Where we had been long of gold in Yen terms, we must shift that and turn bullish of gold in EUR terms. Where we might have been ‘technically’ bullish of the EUR we must now be technically and fundamentally bearish of it. The game board has been flipped over; the game has changed...change with it or perish. We cannot be more blunt than that.’”

That is a very ominous warning, but he is far from alone. Legendary investor Seth Klarman is warning that the collapse of the financial markets could happen at literally any time:

“Investing today may well be harder...
reality hitting home, and by policymaker failure/loss the rest of 2013 and 2014, driven by real economy for a 25 percent to 50 percent collapse in equities over and leverage extreme needed to create the conditions spike up which creates the kind of positioning extreme all-time high would I think lead to the final parabolic vehicle for wealth creation!). A weekly close at a new all-time high would I think lead to the final parabolic spike up which creates the kind of positioning extreme and leverage extreme needed to create the conditions for a 25 percent to 50 percent collapse in equities over the rest of 2013 and 2014, driven by real economy reality hitting home, and by policymaker failure/loss of faith in ‘their system.’”

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that Wall Street was this “euphoric” was right before the market crash in 2008.

So what should we be watching for?
As I have mentioned before, it is very important to watch the financial markets in Europe right now.
If they crash, the financial markets in the U.S. will probably crash too.
And the financial markets in Europe definitely have had a rough week. Just check out what happened on Thursday. The following is from a report by CNBC's Bob Pisani:

“Italy, Germany, France, Spain, U.K., Greece, and Portugal all on track to log worst day since Feb. 4. European PMI numbers were disappointing, with all major countries except Germany reporting numbers below 50, indicating contraction.

What does this mean? It means Europe remains mired in recession: “The euro zone is on course to contract for a fourth consecutive quarter,” Markit, who provides the PMI data, said. A new insight is that France is now joining the weakness shown in periphery countries.

You're giving me agita: Italy was the worst market, down 2.5 percent. The CEO of banking company, Intesa Sanpaolo, said Italy's recession has been so bad it could cause a fifth of Italian companies to fail, noting that topline for those bottom fifth have been shrinking 35 to 45 percent. Italian elections are this weekend.

It wasn't any better in Asia. The Shanghai Index had its worst day in over a year, closing down nearly three percent.”

And the economic numbers coming out of the U.S. also continue to be quite depressing.

In February, the Department of Labor announced that there were 362,000 initial claims for unemployment benefits during the week ending February 16. That was a sharp rise from a week earlier.

But I am not really concerned about that number yet. When it rises above 400,000 and it stays there, then it will be time to officially become alarmed.

So what is the bottom line?
There are trouble signs on the horizon for the financial markets. Nobody should panic right now, but things certainly do not look very promising for the remainder of the year.
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SOVIET UNION 1929-1953
TARGET: ANTI-COMMUNISTS
#MURDERED 20 MILLION
DATE OF GUN CONTROL LAW 1929
SOURCE DOCUMENT: ART. 182 PENAL CODE

NAZI GERMANY 1926-1938
TARGET: JEWS, GYPSIES, ANTI NAZIS
#MURDERED 13 MILLION
DATE OF GUN CONTROL LAW 1928-1938
SOURCE DOCUMENT: LAW ON FIREARMS & AMMUNITION APRIL 12 WEAPONS LAW, MARCH 18

CHINA 1935-1957
TARGET: ANTI-COMMUNISTS, PRO-PEOPLES RED REFORM GROUP
#MURDERED 13 MILLION
DATE OF GUN CONTROL LAW 1935-1957
SOURCE DOCUMENT: ARTS. 186-7 PENAL CODE ART. 9, SECURITY LAW, OCT. 22

GUATEMALA 1960-1981
TARGET: MAYA INDIANS
#MURDERED 100,000
DATE OF GUN CONTROL LAW 1871-1964
SOURCE DOCUMENT: DEGREE 36, NOV. 25 DEGREE 285, OCT. 27

UGANDA 1955-1970
TARGET: CHRISTIANS, POLITICAL ENEMIES
#MURDERED 300,000
DATE OF GUN CONTROL LAW 1955-1970
SOURCE DOCUMENT: FIREARMS ORDINANCE

CAMBODIA 1975-1979
TARGET: EDUCATED PERSONS
#MURDERED 1 MILLION
DATE OF GUN CONTROL LAW 1955-1970
SOURCE DOCUMENT: ARTS. 322-8 PENAL CODE

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NATURAL PRODUCTS FOR THE MIND, BODY, AND SOUL
The world is rapidly running out of clean water. Some of the largest lakes and rivers on the globe are being depleted at a very frightening pace, and many of the most important underground aquifers that we depend on to irrigate our crops will soon be gone. At this point, approximately 40 percent of the entire population of the planet has little or no access to clean water, and it is being projected that by 2025 two-thirds of humanity will live in “water-stressed” areas. But most Americans are not too concerned about all of this because they assume that North America has more fresh water than anyone else does. And actually they would be right about that, but the truth is that even North America is rapidly running out of water and it is going to change all of our lives. Today, the most important underground water source in America, the Ogallala Aquifer, is rapidly running dry. The most important lake in the western United States, Lake Mead, is rapidly running dry. The most important river in the western United States, the Colorado River, is rapidly running dry. Putting our heads in the sand and pretending that we are not on the verge of an absolutely horrific water crisis is not going to make it go away. Without water, you cannot grow crops, you cannot raise livestock and you cannot support modern cities. As this global water crisis gets worse, it is going to affect every single man, woman and child on the planet. I encourage you to keep reading and learn more.

The U.S. intelligence community understands what is happening. According to one shocking government report that was released last year, the global need for water will exceed the global supply of water by 40 percent by the year 2030...

This sobering message emerges from the first U.S. Intelligence Community Assessment of Global Water Security. The document predicts that by 2030 humanity’s “annual global water requirements” will exceed “current sustainable water supplies” by forty percent.

Oh, but our scientists will find a solution to our problems long before then, won’t they?

But what if they don’t?
Most Americans tend to think of a “water crisis” as something that happens in very dry places such as Africa or the Middle East, but the truth is that almost the entire western half of the United States is historically a very dry place. The western U.S. has been hit very hard by drought in recent years, and many communities are on the verge of having to make some very hard decisions. For example, just look at what is happening to Lake Mead. Scientists are projecting that Lake Mead has a 50 percent chance of running dry by the year 2025. If that happens, it will mean the end of Las Vegas as we know it. But the problems will not be limited just to Las Vegas. The truth is that if Lake Mead runs dry, it will be a major disaster for that entire region of the country. This was explained in a recent article by Alex Daley...

Way before people run out of drinking water, something else happens: When Lake Mead falls below 1,050 feet, the Hoover Dam’s turbines shut down – less than four years from now, if the current trend holds – and in Vegas the lights start going out.

Ominously, these water woes are not confined to Las Vegas. Under contracts signed by President Obama in December 2011, Nevada gets only 23.37 percent of the electricity generated by the Hoover Dam. The other top recipients: Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (28.53 percent); state of Arizona (18.95 percent); city of Los Angeles (15.42 percent); and Southern California Edison (5.54 percent).

You can always build more power plants, but you can’t build more rivers, and the mighty Colorado carries the lifeblood of the Southwest. It services the water needs of an area the size of France, in which live 40 million people. In its natural state, the river poured 15.7 million acre-feet of water into the Gulf of California each year. Today, twelve years of drought have reduced the flow to about 12 million acre-feet, and human demand siphons off every bit of it; at its mouth, the riverbed is nothing but dust.

Nor is the decline in the water supply important only to the citizens of Las Vegas, Phoenix, and Los Angeles. It’s critical to the whole country. The Colorado is the sole source of water for southeastern California’s Imperial Valley, which has been made into one of the most productive agricultural areas in the US despite receiving an average of three inches of rain per year.

Are you starting to get an idea of just how serious this all is?

But it is not just our lakes and our rivers that are going dry.

We are also depleting our groundwater at a very frightening pace as a recent Science Daily article discussed...

Three results of the new study are particularly striking: First, during the most recent drought in California’s Central Valley, from 2006 to 2009, farmers in the south depleted enough groundwater to fill the nation’s largest human-made reservoir, Lake Mead near Las Vegas — a level of groundwater depletion that is unsustainable at current recharge rates.

Second, a third of the groundwater depletion in the High Plains occurs in just 4% of the land area. And third, the researchers project that if current trends continue some parts of the southern High Plains that currently support irrigated agriculture, mostly in the Texas Panhandle and western Kansas, will be unable to do so within a few decades.

In the United States we have massive underground aquifers that have allowed our nation to be the breadbasket of the world. But once the water from those aquifers is gone, it is gone for good. That is why what is happening to the Ogallala Aquifer is so alarming. The Ogallala Aquifer is one of the largest sources of fresh water in the world, and U.S. farmers use water from it to irrigate more than 15 million acres of crops each year. The Ogallala Aquifer covers more than 100,000 square miles and it sits underneath the states of Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, Wyoming and South Dakota. Most Americans have never even heard of it, but it is absolutely crucial to our way of life. Sadly, it is being drained at a rate that is almost unimaginable.

We are also depleting our groundwater at a very frightening pace as a recent Science Daily article discussed...

The Ogallala Aquifer is being drained at a rate of approximately 800 gallons per minute.

According to the U.S. Geological Survey, “a volume equivalent to two-thirds of the water in Lake Erie” has been permanently drained from the Ogallala Aquifer since 1940.

Decades ago, the Ogallala Aquifer had an average depth of approximately 240 feet, but today the average depth is just 80 feet. In some areas of Texas, the water is gone completely.

Scientists are warning that nothing can be done...
to stop the depletion of the Ogallala Aquifer. The ominous words of David Brauer of the Ogallala Research Service should alarm us all…

“Our goal now is to engineer a soft landing. That’s all we can do.”

5 According to a recent National Geographic article, the average depletion rate of the Ogallala Aquifer is picking up speed…

Even more worrisome, the draining of the High Plains water account has picked up speed. The average annual depletion rate between 2000 and 2007 was more than twice that during the previous fifty years. The depletion is most severe in the southern portion of the aquifer, especially in Texas, where the water table beneath sizable areas has dropped 100-150 feet; in smaller pockets, it has dropped more than 150 feet.

6 According to the U.S. National Academy of Sciences, the U.S. interior west is now the driest that it has been in 500 years.

7 Wildfires have burned millions of acres of vegetation in the central part of the United States in recent years. For example, wildfires burned an astounding 3.6 million acres in the state of Texas alone during 2011. This helps set the stage for huge dust storms in the future.

8 Unfortunately, scientists tell us that it would be normal for extremely dry conditions to persist in parts of western North America for decades. The following is from an article in the Vancouver Sun…

But University of Regina paleoclimatologist Jeannine-Marie St. Jacques says that decade-long drought is nowhere near as bad as it can get.

St. Jacques and her colleagues have been studying tree ring data and, at the American Association for the Advancement of Science conference in Vancouver over the weekend, she explained the reality of droughts.

“That’s exactly what we saw in the Dirty Thirties, but imagine the Dirty Thirties going on for 30 years. That’s what scares those of us who are in the community studying this data pool.”

9 Experts tell us that U.S. water bills are likely to soar in the coming years. It is being projected that repairing and expanding our decaying drinking water infrastructure will cost more than one trillion dollars over the next 25 years, and as a result our water bills will approximately triple over that time period.

10 Right now, the United States uses approximately 148 trillion gallons of fresh water a year, and there is no way that is sustainable in the long run.

11 According to a U.S. government report, 36 states are already facing water shortages or will be facing water shortages within the next few years.

12 Lake Mead supplies about 85 percent of the water to Las Vegas, and since 1998 the level of water in Lake Mead has dropped by about 5.6 trillion gallons.

13 It has been estimated that the state of California only has a 20 year supply of fresh water left.

14 It has been estimated that the state of New Mexico only has a 10 year supply of fresh water left.

15 Approximately 40 percent of all rivers in the U.S. and approximately 46 percent of all lakes in the U.S. have become so polluted that they are no longer fit for human use. …In China, 80 percent of the major rivers have become so horribly polluted that they do not support any aquatic life at all at this point.

Approximately 40 percent of all rivers in the U.S. and approximately 46 percent of all lakes in the United States have become so polluted that they are no longer fit for human use. The 1,450 mile long Colorado River is a good example of what we have done to our precious water supplies. It is probably the most important body of water in the southwestern United States, and it is rapidly dying.

The following is an excerpt from an outstanding article by Jonathan Waterman about how the once mighty Colorado River is rapidly drying up...

Fifty miles from the sea, 1.5 miles south of the Mexican border, I saw a river evaporate into a scum of phosphates and discarded water bottles. This dirty water sent me home with feet so badly infected that I couldn’t walk for a week. And a delta once renowned for its wildlife and wetlands is now all but part of the surrounding and parched Sonoran Desert. According to Mexican scientists whom I met with, the river has not flowed to the sea since 1998. If the Endangered Species Act had any teeth in Mexico, we might have a chance to save the giant sea bass (totoaba), clams, the Sea of Cortez shrimp fishery that depends upon freshwater returns, and dozens of bird species.

So let this stand as an open invitation to the former Secretary of the Interior and all water buffaloes who insist upon telling us that there is no scarcity of water here or in the Mexican Delta. Leave the sprinklered green lawns outside the Aspen conferences, come with me, and I’ll show you a Colorado River running dry from its headwaters to the sea. It is polluted and compromised by industry and agriculture. It is over-allocated, drought stricken, and soon to suffer greatly from population growth. If other leaders in our administration continue the whitewash, the scarcity of knowledge and lack of conservation measures will cripple a western civilization built upon water.

But of course North America is in far better shape when it comes to fresh water than the rest of the world is. In fact, in many areas of the world today water has already become the most important issue.

The following are some incredible facts about the global water crisis that is getting even worse with each passing day.

1. Total global water use has quadrupled over the past 100 years, and it is now increasing faster than it ever has been before.

2. Today, there are 1.6 billion people that live in areas of the globe that are considered to be "water-stressed," and it is being projected that two-thirds of the entire population of the globe will be experiencing “water-stressed” conditions by the year 2025.

3. According to USAID, one-third of the people on earth will be facing “severe” or “chronic” water shortages by the year 2025.

4. Once upon a time, the Aral Sea was the 4th largest freshwater lake in the entire world. At this point, it less than 10 percent the size that it used to be, and it is being projected that it will dry up completely by the year 2020.

5. If you can believe it, the flow of water along the Jordan River is down to only 2 percent of its historic rate.

6. It is being projected that the demand for water in China will exceed the supply by 25 percent by the year 2030.

7. According to the United Nations, the world is going to need at least 30 percent more fresh water by the year 2030.

8. Sadly, it is estimated that approximately 40 percent of the children living in Africa and India have had their growth stunted due to unclean water and malnutrition.

9. Of the 60 million people added to the cities of the world each year, the vast majority of them live in deeply impoverished areas that have no sanitation facilities whatsoever.

10. It has been estimated that 75 percent of all surface water in India has been heavily contaminated by human or agricultural waste. 

11. Sadly, according to one UN study on sanitation, far more people in India have access to a cell phone than to a toilet.

12. Every 8 seconds, somewhere in the world a child dies from drinking dirty water.

13. Due to a lack of water, Saudi Arabia has given up on trying to grow wheat and will be 100 percent dependent on wheat imports by the year 2016.

14. Each year in northern China, the water table drops by an average of about one meter due to severe drought and over-pumping, and the size of the desert increases by an area equivalent to the state of Rhode Island.

15. In China, 80 percent of the major rivers have become so horribly polluted that they do not support any aquatic life at all at this point.

So is there any hope that the coming global water crisis can be averted? If not, what can we do to prepare?
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Internet Plan B

Scientist Danny Hillis calls for ‘hygienic’ Internet in times of emergency

Inventor and scientist Danny Hillis warns that the Internet has “expanded it way beyond its limits,” and is set for a “disaster,” calling for an “Internet Plan B” that would operate in times of emergency.

Hillis is the founder of Thinking Machines Corporation, which developed the Connection Machine, a series of supercomputers designed by Hillis while he was working at MIT.

Speaking to Wired’s Michael V. Copeland at the TED 2013 conference currently taking place in Long Beach, Hillis argues that because so many interconnected systems are now reliant on the world wide web, “We’re setting ourselves up for disaster, like we did with the financial system.”

Pointing to examples like the Stuxnet virus, U.S. military data being routed through China, and the threat of a massive denial of service attack targeting the entire web, Hillis advocates building a second backbone that would kick in like a back-up generator “when the Internet is in trouble.”

What Hillis imagines is a second network that could come online in case of emergency. It would use different protocols from the existing Internet, and would be kept separate as much as possible (“Hygiene would be required,” Hillis says.) So when the Internet goes down, police stations, hospitals and airports could still function.

In the face of the billions of dollars that companies and governments face to lose if their swath of the Internet is taken over by bad guys, to say nothing of the chaos that would occur with a wholesale shutdown of the Internet, the few hundred million dollars it would cost to build Hillis’ Plan B seems like money well spent.

As we have documented for the best part of a decade, Internet Plan B, or Internet 2, would be a perfect excuse for authorities to replace the current Wild West-style Internet system with a newly regulated, censored structure under which everyone would require permission and approval to operate a website.

Of course, this would be a routine procedure for monied corporations, prominent individuals and offshoots of the establishment itself, but could serve to strangle independent voices that have helped mold the Internet into what it represents today – the final bastion of true free speech.

Citing threats posed to cybersecurity, governments could agree to kill off the old world wide web in favor of a highly controlled Internet which would bar terrorists, criminals, subversives and anyone deemed a security risk by the state from getting online – a no fly list for cyberspace.

Internet ID cards or licenses would be issued to individuals who have proven themselves to be well behaved citizens – those who have not used the web for illegal downloads, hacking, or God forbid – criticizing officialdom. The Great Firewall of China would be implemented globally – killing off all those annoying alternative media websites and blogs and allowing the mainstream media to reclaim its audience share.

The problem with Hillis’ argument is that many of the threats he cites as a justification for creating a new government-controlled ‘hygienic’ Internet 2 were created by the same military-industrial complex that would benefit from the new system.

As we have documented, the last five major computer viruses – Stuxnet, Flame, SP, SPE and IP – were all most likely the work of U.S. and Israeli intelligence services.

Hillis and his peers should be more sophisticated about denigrating the old Internet and calling for a new “emergency” Internet 2 given that this would represent a perfect opportunity for those who have not hidden their agenda to destroy free speech on the world wide web in moving us closer to a draconian, onerous Chinese-style Internet.
New York's Secure Ammunition and Firearms Enforcement Act that passed in January will effectively outlaw most firearms in the state. The law mandates a seven round maximum capacity for ammunition magazines and there are currently no manufacturers producing seven round magazines. According to the Democrat and Chronicle, no manufacturer plans to start making them.

"There was never a need for a (seven-round magazine)," Paul Martin, owner of Pro-Gun Services in Victor, New York, told the Democrat and Chronicle. "Not many manufacturers are going to bother to make something just for the state of New York."

The Democrat and Chronicle contacted a number of manufacturers to see if they plan to make seven round clips. Remington, Smith and Wesson, Pro Mag Industries and Brownells did not respond. Glock had no comment. Of the small number who responded, none gave a definitive answer.

“We will not be marketing anything specific to New York,” Karl Hoffman, an account executive for the magazine manufacturer Metalform told the Democrat and Chronicle.

"Can you realistically expect a company that's huge to gear up and say, 'Let's make something for those poor suckers in New York because they've got a bad law?" said Fred Calcagno, owner of American Sportsman gun shop.

“That number, 7, was not arbitrary,” an NRA member posted on the Smith & Wesson forum. “They chose it because it was more than most revolvers hold, but fewer rounds than most semi-automats. They can now claim they aren't restricting sportsmen or target shooters because they were magnanimous enough to allow guns that carry more than wheel guns... which aren't evil military style weapons.”

"Add to that there are nearly zero seven round mags available for most handguns and rifles and you have a de facto to ban on hundreds of weapons not specifically addressed by the legislation."

The NRA member is right — Cuomo and the gun-grabbers in New York did not simply pull the number seven out of a hat. They knew imposing this limit on clips would effectively outlaw a large number of firearms and create a new class of criminals.

"Perhaps that is the reason they passed this law — as a back-door method of instituting a sweeping ban on semi-automatic handguns," Anna Rittgers wrote in January.

"The practical result will be the state prohibiting law abiding gun owners from using their handguns in self defense, as it will become illegal to use even the most common firearms. There is no 'grandfather clause,' so legal gun owners who comply with New York State's existing ten round magazine limit will have to sell or dispose of thousands of those magazines within a year to comply with the new law. Those that fail to comply — who possess magazines that can hold eight or more bullets — will be guilty of a misdemeanor."
INFOWARS SXSW RECAP

Infowars sent street teams to hand out 10,000s of free magazines, flyers and posters, but the police soon told us in doing so we were breaking the law.

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topping by Austin’s 2013 SXSW Interactive Festival to give the trendy tech world a taste of the printable firearm revolution, Austin-based 3D printing innovator Defense Distributed’s front-man Cody Wilson gave an eloquent speech preaching the gospel of gun printing.

Although the technology has been available for years, the public is apparently just beginning to realize the seemingly limitless potential of 3D printing.

The application is used to manufacture or replicate anything from fishing lures, clocks and lawn gnomes, to cell phone cases, medical equipment and prosthetic limbs, while more industrial-sized printers are capable of producing materials for cars and even houses.

However, Defense Distributed envisions a use for the equipment that is drastically more controversial: printing firearms.

And they’re not stopping there. Their ultimate goal is to create an online platform where anyone in the world can go to download the files needed to print their very own, fully-functional gun, known as the “wiki weapon.”

That’s why the weapon printing pioneer was offered a speaking spot at the 2013 SXSW Interactive Festival (you can listen to it at: soundcloud.com/officialsxsw/gun-printing-with-defense).

During the conference, Wilson explained the process of creating and choosing the gun files his group posts – files that have been field-tested and proven effective are uploaded to their website DefCad.org along with reviews, tips and videos.

He elaborated on the group’s decision to shift the project into a more
political realm, using the obstacles they themselves encountered as examples of the difficulties that lie ahead for anti-web censorship and free-information crusaders, and also discussed why they’ve taken to naming some of their printable gun part files after notorious gun-grabbing politicians like California Senator Dianne Feinstein and New York Governor Andrew Cuomo:

“This AK magazine we lovingly named after Sen. Dianne Feinstein, who we more or less see as a domestic enemy of the Constitution of the United States of America. It’s a revelation maybe... that we think, not only could we be flexible, could we be successfully defensive with this project in the sense that we could pivot and evade and wrap around laws or move around laws quickly, especially if those laws define guns or gun characteristics or legislate guns in cosmetic ways. We thought we could move very quickly with 3D printing, but we didn’t realize we could actually go on the offensive with this project.

“And maybe we’re not. Maybe this is just my assumption, but in being able to name a piece of software, not just a physical magazine... if we named it after Feinstein, [then] it would always be named after Feinstein. Regardless of her history in politics... this was a piece of software that would always bear that name, and that was consequential. A hundred years from now, you might be editing on a Feinstein version of ‘X’ magazine. That’s power.”

Popular schematics available for download on their website include the demonized 30-round AR magazine (nicknamed the ‘Cuomo mag’), and, added in March, a sturdy AR lower receiver, whose resiliency was demonstrated in a YouTube video in which the group fired off more than 650 rounds using a rifle outfitted with the printed lower.

Another ambitious project the group plans on unveiling soon is an unblockable, open-source search engine specifically catered to 3D printing: DefCad.com.

The Bad: Written by Melissa Melton

When the Billionaire chairman of Microsoft and founder of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation's name is mentioned anywhere in the mainstream media, it is typically followed by sycophantic groveling. Forbes has openly hailed Bill Gates as “the world’s most generous person,” while The Telegraph reminded readers, “Gates is also mortal, although some of his admirers may find that hard to believe,” in a story lauding Gates for doing “God’s work.”

Nevermind that these acts in the supposed interest of “health” are paid for by a foundation that owns half a million shares of Monsanto stock, the world’s largest genetically modified food and pesticide producer, with significant share holdings in McDonald’s, Coca-Cola and Procter & Gamble. Gates, whose father was the head of abortion provider Planned Parenthood, has admitted in interviews and at speaking engagements that improved health slows population growth and “if we do a really good job with vaccines,” we can lower the population by 10 to 15 percent. At the Aspen Idea Festival, Gates rhetorically asked, “Is spending a million dollars on that last three months of life for that patient, would it be better not to lay off those ten teachers?” He followed his advocacy of death panels by saying, “But that’s called a death panel, uh, and you’re not supposed to have that discussion.”

Notice Gates never qualified his comment with “because it’s wrong to choose who lives or dies” or “it’s not our place to decide if one person’s life is worth more than another’s.”

But that is essentially what Gates does. Through his foundation and his Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunization (GAVI) organization, Gates plans to “vaccinate the world” and eradicate polio by 2018. While he could spend a few hundred thousand to provide developing countries like India and Africa clean drinking water, Gates has instead put hundreds of millions of dollars toward his vaccination goal, the one he refers to as “God’s work.”

Although statistics show the number of polio cases have dropped in the developing world, a huge spike in non-polio acute flaccid paralysis (NPAFP) cases has swept across children in India in the past few years. Although the nation was first declared polio-free in 2011, that same year there were 47,500 cases of non-polio paralysis in India, cases that were traceable to locales where GAVI’s polio vaccines were frequently administered.

Research has now shown that polio vaccines have actually caused more polio cases than the wild poliovirus in India. The country’s National Polio Surveillance Project has detailed that children with NPAFP are actually “at more than twice the risk of dying than those with wild polio infection.”

Counterproductive doesn’t begin to cover it. Is this travesty worth it if polio is truly eradicated? Some, like Gates, would argue that it is. However, scientists synthesized polio over a decade ago; thus, the virus can resurface at any time. Many fear future outbreaks. Indian pediatric medical experts have gone on record to denounce Gates’ pledge to continue “God’s work” in their country as “unethical” because the impossibility of truly eradicating polio — while simultaneously causing serious, widespread damage to children’s lives — is no secret.

Over 50 children in the African nation of Chad have also recently become paralyzed after receiving Gates foundation-linked, African-specific meningitis vaccines. Unfortunately, cases like this are always systematically underreported.

To continue such a costly campaign is to continue to put children’s lives at terrible risk. It’s trading lives for lives. God certainly wouldn’t approve of that kind of “work.” Someone really should ask Gates about that.

On March 6, I came in to work to find a message waiting for me. The man himself would be appearing for a sold-out, tightly controlled speaking engagement to computer science majors on the University of Texas at Austin...
could get speech footage that way.

One barrier down, but how would I actually get in? I’m not a student, I have no ID. Hovering around outside the building with ten minutes to go, I attempted to formulate a quick plan. Somewhere behind me, I overheard a woman’s voice thick with emotion as she told someone next to her how she burst into tears when she saw Gates exit his car earlier. In front of me, a group of older men and women discussed special seating for faculty. They were all wearing green wristbands. This was my chance.

I followed on their heels as they made their way through the building. At the auditorium door, the flock of professors flashed their wrists and I did the same. No one carded or questioned me.

Once inside, I released the breath I’d been holding and scanned the place. Security stood guard at entrances and near the stage. In an aisle on the left, a microphone stood. I grabbed the closest seat to it I could find and furiously texted Ortiz on whether or not he had found parking and was set up yet.

Before Gates emerged, the beaming department head began his introduction by informing the crowd it was the most historic day in the entire history of the department. He also reminded us there would be no recording equipment allowed and all cell phones must be turned off. People walked the aisles, checking to make sure this rule was being followed. The video camera in my purse would have to wait. The campus president got up next and took it a step further, fully extolling the grandeur of Bill Gates to the point I wondered if he might also burst into tears. It dawned on me that Gates probably gets treated like this everywhere he goes with people lined up and signed up on a ticket to the Bill Gates lecture. Heh. It also informed me no recording of any kind would be allowed inside.

That meant fellow reporter David Ortiz would have to wait outside. Parking was a total nightmare. Ortiz dropped me at the curb and we made plans to meet up afterward. Due to such high demand, a livestream of the speech would be fed to an adjacent auditorium. If Ortiz could find a place to park, he could get speech footage that way.

I just kept repeating my question over and over in my head, not wanting to mess up. Finally it was my turn. I quietly cleared my throat.

“I’m Melissa Melton with Infowars, what do you say to critics who claim your global vaccination program is nothing more than a eugenics program?”

“Eug-what?” Gates asked, as if, incredibly, he was unfamiliar with the term ‘eugenics.’

(Eugenics \yü-je-niks\ (n). The study of or belief in the possibility of hereditary improvement of the human race by controlled, selective breeding. Elite eugenicists target specific populations to purposefully lower birth rate, for soft kill and ultimately, for extermination.)

“Eugenics,” I repeated. “Over 48,000 children in India have been paralyzed due to polio vaccines linked to your foundation.” People all over the auditorium shifted, turning in their seats to shoot me hate-filled, “how dare you” looks.

“No, no,” Gates began. “I mean, nothing has saved more lives than vaccination.” In his nearly two-minute answer that followed, Gates failed to address those tens of thousands of Indian children whose lives are now destroyed thanks to Gates doing “God’s work.” He can’t provide any proof those children would have gotten polio if not for his vaccine initiatives. They certainly have something now.

The crowd enthusiastically applauded his answer as expected, as if he really answered anything. After all, who cares about a bunch of wrecked children in the third world, a story that barely made western headlines after all, when Gates just gave UT a 30-million-dollar building?

Perhaps Gates needed to be reminded by someone that he isn’t God just because he has lots of money. Why is a college dropout determining what kinds of medicines children in developing countries need anyway?

Looking further into Gates, he’s spending even more money researching vaccines in ways that should scare the hell out of people. Vaccinating fetuses. Edible vaccines. Vaccine skin patches. Nanoparticle cloth that releases vaccines as a person wears it. Contraceptive oral bait that sterilizes rats. Mosquitoes that deliver vaccines with they bite people without their knowledge or consent. And thousands of other bizarre, morally questionable and troubling proposals.

Some would call this an obsession. People who look at Gates and can’t see past all his money call it charity.

If I went into someone’s house and permanently brain damaged and...
paralyzed their child, I would go to prison for child abuse and rightfully so. Gates can hide behind his billions of dollars and all these foundation initiatives, brain damage and paralyze thousands of children, and it’s merely called charity. He’s not doing “God’s work”; he’s literally playing god.

Who asked him to do this? How is it his place?

We shouldn’t push one elderly woman in front of a bus to save the life of another. We cannot start putting a price on life, on individual lives, rating the nominal value of one person over another. Perhaps elite billionaires can conceive of life in those terrible terms, but no such thing should ever exist.

When we devalue one human life in that way, it devalues us all.

After the speech, an Indian woman who had attended approached me outside to inquire about what I asked Gates, why and what’s going on in India. I ran through the details of how children all over the world are being hurt by Gates’ global vaccination goals. It would have taken several more hours to educate her about his continuance of the Rockefeller Foundation’s coercive birth and population control aims and the ultimate eugenics goals behind them.

Her response? “But hasn’t he helped more people than he’s hurt?”

Well, I guess it’s just A-OK then.

**The Deception:**

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Austin’s biggest festival, held in the cool opening days of March, attracted large crowds and countless bands, filmmakers, digital pioneers, celebrities and their fans every year from around the globe. It’s very nature is mired in self-promotion and a cultural cross-pollination filled with the busy plugging of group names to look up, websites to visit and products to try.

Yet it was in the opening days of SXSW that Infowars encountered a blatant repression of free speech. It was enough to trigger a flash protest by Alex Jones, who called upon supporters to meet him downtown and defend First Amendment rights.

Our Infowars Magazine was in its seventh issue, and still catching on in the city, with tens of thousands of issues distributed for free on newsstands at restaurants, coffee shops and small businesses throughout the city each month, and many more mailed to subscribers across the country.

With the huge congregation of people amassing downtown, Infowars decided to hire a street team to hand out tens of thousands of free copies of the magazine during the event.

But police soon told them they were breaking the law for passing out the magazines.

A member of our street team, who does not want to be named, was ticketed by police at 5:01 p.m. on Friday, March 8. Her information was taken down and she was issued a “warning” for violating a city ordinance. [*see citation image w/ name & personal data blacked out on page 8]*

Meanwhile, an officer for Austin Code Enforcement told other members of the campaign they wouldn’t be allowed to park at metered spots because the vehicle was covered in multiple Infowars.com bumper stickers. According to witnesses, police threatened to arrest people who didn’t comply with the order.

A code enforcement employee, spoke with Alex Jones, and claimed that the restrictions were based on the premise of “advertising.” He later confessed that a complaint had been lodged by the SXSW conference organizers specifically against Infowars, despite the fact that the street team had been standing on public sidewalks, and were in no way interfering with the official festival events taking place inside dozens of venues throughout the downtown area.

As it turned out, the order was not based upon any law held by the city, and many police officers refused to issue citations to the various groups of people handing out materials. There was simply no law against handing out printed materials in Austin.

Infowars reporters showed up with cameras ahead of Alex’s protest to find out what had happened, how cops on the street were dealing with the issue and what other people were experiencing.

One reporter spoke to a couple of guys vigorously putting up posters around the convention center, headquarters for the SXSW conference. Had anyone told them not to post? Absolutely not, they said, pointing out the fact that everyone in sight was feverishly putting up as many promo placards as they
could on everything in sight-- walls, street lights, sign posts and windows. These two were taping posters around trashcans.

Meanwhile, another guy with t-shirts promoting a ‘real revolution’ told me he hadn’t been given a ticket, but was warned by police not to hang around anyone one corner for too long, but instead to ‘keep moving.’

Our reporters then spoke to police officers, who indicated that they were plenty busy keeping order during the festival, but were not ticketing people for handing out literature or promoting their bands.

On another block, we found a group of people wearing sandwich boards that read “Free Hugs.” Their team tried to embrace everyone who crossed their path as they tipped them off about the next live show their band “Quiet Company” was playing. Some of their people had also been ticketed by police, supposedly for violating a “pamphleteering” city ordinance.

KEYE TV, the local CBS affiliate, interviewed the band’s manager, Paul Osbon, who told them that he was receiving mixed information from police. According to Osbon, immediately after one officer cited him, “Another officer luckily came up behind him and said ‘hand me those tickets’ and destroyed them, and said this is a warning and y’all go, which I thought was kinda weird.” With different answers from different officers, what was really going on?

The local media outlet reported this in a story titled, “Pamphlet Ordinance Not Enforced During SXSW.” It gave the impression that police simply decided not to enforce the ordinance in lieu of the special event.

However, when Infowars reporters called the Austin Police Department, and then later the city clerk office, who deal with code enforcement, spokespersons said they were not familiar with any such ordinance and knew of no restrictions on handing out printed materials.

A search of Austin codes, listed on austintexas.gov and housed at amlegal.com, yields no restrictions “pamphleteering” and only restricted “handbills” posted in the historic sign district under § 25-10-121 HISTORIC SIGN DISTRICT REGULATIONS, when no permission was otherwise granted. The only other related code appears to be § 14-9-11 RESTRICTION ON STREET SALES IN CERTAIN AREAS, which regulates the sale of merchandise via a city license. This code, however, makes a specific exemption for the sale of printed materials, reading in subsection B that “This section does not apply to: (1) the sale or display of a newspaper, pamphlet, or periodical on a sidewalk if the newspaper, pamphlet, or periodicals and any display or dispenser is within an area extending not more than three feet from the curbline or the lot line.”

And that ordinance relates to merchandise for sale. The Infowars Magazine was being given away for free. Clearly, “pamphleteering” was never against the law at all, whether police chose to cite for it or not.

The First Amendment protects free speech and the handing out of printed materials explicitly, while the spirit of the American Revolution was sparked in part by Thomas Paine’s Common Sense, a pamphlet calling for independence from Britain that was widely distributed in the colonies in January of 1776. So “pamphleteering” is utterly American at its core, and certainly legal in its most basic form.

From moments after the street team was issued a “warning” citation and attempts were made to intimidate distribution, Alex Jones was on the phone dispatching reporters to document the events. Within an hour or so, he had issued a series of videos via his iPhone calling for protest and decrying the violation of free speech taking place under a “high tech book burning.”

By 5 p.m. Saturday, Alex Jones took to the streets to blast back at the attempts to stop his crew from handing out the printed magazines. Several of them spoke out about their experience.

“I had my car parked there with some banners on the side and that was ‘illegal.’ So they told me they were going to give me a ticket, that I was going to get in trouble just because I had my banners there and had some magazines in front of the car. So it is true,” Max Cabrera, part of media promotions at Infowars.com told crowds during the protest.

He added, “And this cop, he was handing out warning [citations] to everybody, even people who were giving away ‘free hugs’ - yeah, they got tickets as well. Then this other guy was harassing us and telling us that we cannot give away anymore magazines because we are not sponsors of SXSW.”

Alex Jones responded to his crew member’s testimony of the course of events. “Did you hear that? Now, SXSW people, because they didn’t get the cops to harass us - because the cops are now behaving like they should under the Constitution - they’re now having people come and harass us saying ‘You can’t, on city streets, hand a magazine out, because you’re not SXSW.”

“They now say that they own Austin. Does the Chronicle [whose editor founded SXSW] own Austin?” Jones rhetorically asked the crowd who booed the harassment and attempt to chill free speech in the city.

While at the protest, Alex Jones also found that many police officers, some of whom approached him during the peaceful rally, did not agree with attempts to restrict people handing out materials and were refusing to enforce any such regulations, which again, had no basis in law anyway.

Instead, cop after cop took photos alongside Alex and shook his hand or asked for autographs, as it became apparent that the spirit of free speech was still in the people of the city, including with its police force.

It had, instead, been the effort of a few coordinating with the festival’s organizers who wanted to selectively silence a few of the people “pamphleteering” and, through color of law, stop them from trying to reach new people with their message.

Infowars was apparently at the top of that list. Recently, the Austin Chronicle had published letters to the editor calling for the Infowars Magazine to be banned from distribution throughout Austin, where it is available in many of the same locations where the Chronicle is also freely available.

KEYE reported that APD called an emergency meeting that Saturday and decided to back off from ticketing people for dealing in printed materials. APD told reporters they planned to “review the city ordinance” after the festival.

But what ordinance had they even claimed? We never got a clear answer. Neither police nor city officials were able to cite any specific ordinance in the city’s code at the time of publishing, though further comment has been sought.

Alex ended the rally with a general cry for persistence in the pursuit of reviving liberty.

“Nothing stops people that aren’t’ backing down. Because nothing stops people that are willing to die. Nothing stops 1776. Nothing stops it. You got that scum? Nothing.” Jones passionately shouted through his bullhorn while rallying the crowd, later chanting that “Ideas are bulletproof” and “Liberty or Death.”
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ACROSS

1. “Big Pharma Exposed” author (last name)
6. “Mass Murder Pills” author (last name)
12. Spanish fleet
14. High-ranking Japanese soldier
15. Newbie cop
16. Maxim
17. Thrice minus twice
18. “DARPA: The ___ Skynet” (Williams)
20. Assert
21. Seen with a con?
22. Fine Belgium chocolate maker
24. Loss in confusion?
25. Intelligence
27. Cynically callous
30. Summer drink container
35. Opposite of closed
37. ROY G BIV color
38. Telescope or cosmology
42. Anti-angel
43. African spotted cats
45. Chlorofluorocarbons: abbr.
49. Swedish spare?
50. ___ Mahal
53. “The Road to ___”
55. “No ___!”
56. “Stay...”
57. Great Crime sufferer
59. Turn ___
61. “Bench of the Accused” country
62. Ay–Dee
63. “Haunted by Hitler” author (first name)
64. “Captured by Carbon” author (last name)

DOWN

1. See 64-Across (first name)
2. Dorner’s hunter
3. Standard Oil, previously
4. Create
6. Feb–Apr
8. Puts to sleep
9. Habeas corpus provision
10. Desert spring?
11. “DHS: Gun Owners are Terrorists” author (last name)
13. Houstonian ice hockey team
14. Answers
16. ME
22. Biblical judge of Hebrews
23. ___ Spumante
25. Opposite of came
26. Emailer, e.g.
27. “Diagnosis: Gun Control” author (first name)
28. Copy
29. Mountain drink?
31. Summer drinks
32. Marrs or Tucker
33. Then
34. “Secession: Are We Free To Go?” author (first name)
36. Monsanto matls.
39. Wet stamp sponge
40. Decorate
41. El ___
44. Wealthy, corrupt East India Co. servant
45. “R.I.P . USA” author (middle name)
46. Police, e.g.
47. Beyond late?
48. Gravestone
49. Swedish spare?
50. ___ Mahal
52. “Why Obama Wants Your Guns...And the Rest of Your Freedoms” author (last name)
54. Obsessively accurate
56. Comply
58. Indiana: abbr.
60. Communist color
63. “Haunted by Hitler” author (first name)
64. “Captured by Carbon” author (last name)
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