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News from The New Hampshire Underground

Moderation in the protection of liberty is no virtue; extremism in the defense of freedom is no vice.

--Barry Goldwater

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Dirty Elections in New Hampshire?

The following is a report from Bev Harris of BlackBoxVoting.org. Black Box Voting is a national nonprofit, nonpartisan elections watchdog group.

We are finding in New Hampshire: the best of the best in MOST situations, but considerable naivete and in some areas, and an alarming and willful negligence.

Among the "best of the best" of New Hampshire situations:

- (1) Beautiful, community oriented hand counted paper ballots in more than one hundred jurisdictions.
- (2) Very democratic and participatory township structure of government, combined with very high level of representation of local areas in the state legislature
- (3) Amazing level of responsiveness of public officials. Secretary of State Bill Gardner, for example, answers questions personally and tirelessly from just about everyone. Many, many high level officials perfectly willing to talk with and answer all questions from the public.
- (4) Beautiful, participatory 100% hand counted recounts.
- (5) Very good public records laws. If they have it in their possession, they let you see it THAT DAY. Along those lines, Paddy Shaffer did a hand written records request today which elicited some very good information. The dream team here is in the process of editing another request as I write this.

On the almost schizophrenically BAD side:

- (1) A reckless reliance on a sole source private contractor. Not particularly bothered that the company has private chain of custody during critical points, no policy or even apparent concern with having convicted felons involved in the voting system.
- (2) Use of a system with known defects without even taking any mitigation steps that other states took.
- (3) NO REQUIREMENT to even save the memory cards. The explanation is that they get a disk with the "program" on it. VotersUnite attorney Jon Bonifaz questioned the assistant attorney general on this closely today, because federal law requires records retention of 22 months on electronic media.

New Hampshire has a haphazard policy of allowing the memory cards to be kept, or not, with a chain of custody, or not, shipping back to LHS, or not, and it's perfectly okay with New Hampshire if the memory cards are erased altogether the day after the election. They profess

to believe that if they just have LHS ship them a disk containing some purported program -- BEFORE the election, when there aren't even any votes registered -- everything is okay. No one could tell us if this is the memory card program, or the GEMS database file, or the optical scan chip. They seem to have no idea what they are doing with this and I would call this willful ignorance, not naivete.

- (4) Lack of documentation and lack of diligence on keeping documentation or written procedures in key areas
- (5) Ballot chain of custody procedures with major holes and a few very creepy areas that will be the subject of a future article.

The upshot will be that New Hampshire could be the role model for the nation, but not until they purge themselves of a limited number of very significant problems.

The problem with chain of custody: You can have a strong, beautiful, stainless steel chain but if one link is broken, the rest doesn't matter.

New England Voting Machine Firm Executive has Criminal Record

They program every single voting machine in New Hampshire, Connecticut, almost all of Massachusetts, Vermont, and Maine. But did state officials in five New England states ever do a criminal background check on this company's executives? Do the laws of these five states even ALLOW them to hire convicted criminals for services paid for by the state? What about over 500 local towns and municipalities?

According to my sources, LHS Marketing and Sales Director Ken Hajjar grew up with owner John Silvestro in Lawrence, Massachusetts. They both moved to Londonderry, New Hampshire, where Ken Hajjar was arrested, indicted, and pleaded guilty to "sale / CND" and sentenced to 12 months in the Rockingham County Correctional facility, and fined \$2000. As things go for the politically connected, he was then given a deferred sentence and \$1000 of his fine was suspended.

Hajjar doesn't limit his involvement in the voting machine business to sales. According to an interview conducted by Dori Smith, as reported here: http://www.bradblog.com/?p=5320, Hajjar totes memory cards around in the trunk of his car and defends the boggling concept of swapping out memory cards during the middle of elections.

Hold onto your hats, there's more. Start with this YouTube video, if you haven't already seen it: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PiiaBqwqkXs

Don't miss this BradBlog story: http://www.bradblog.com/?p=5320 (excerpt)

[from Dori Smith & Bradblog] "Other LHS staff members we spoke with, including Mike Carlson and

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Area Residents Burn UN Flags

Area residents came together despite the cold to demonstrate their displeasure with the United Nations by burning UN flags. Objections to the United Nations ranged from not wanting global gun control, disdain for global taxes, objecting to non-representative global government and global governance in general, outrage at US historical landmarks and parks being given over to the United Nations, problems with global education and building standards. This was the 4th annual event of this kind in the Keene area. 22 people showed up for the 10 hour long protest, cookout, party.



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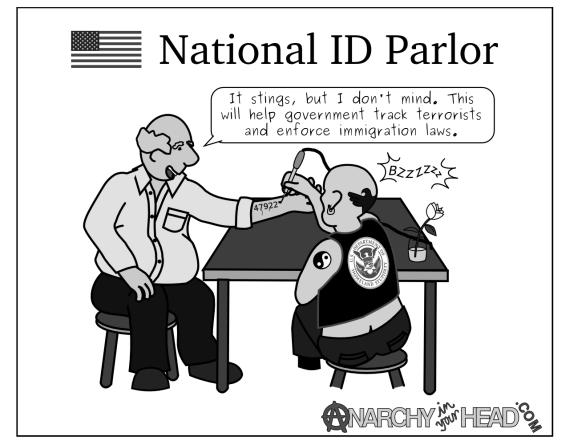


A Gift From Me to You

In the Name of Allah, the Most Beneficent, Most Merciful. Once again the holidays are upon us and in our frenzy of shopping for presents, decorating houses plus trees, working endless hours at our jobs along with taking care of our family, we tend to forget the meaning of Christmas as well as what it represents. My intention of writing this essay is not to belittle, hurt, or mock anyone's faith as always but to understand and appreciate not only your beliefs but to improve on my own. Christmas, according to Webster's Dictionary is a holiday celebrated from December 25th to January 6th, the birth of Jesus Christ (peace be upon him). This great religious figure is the cornerstone in faith of the Followers of the Bible and one of the Five Great Prophets of Islam (the other four being Noah, Abraham, Moses, and Muhammad, peace be upon them) which ties the two religions in a bind.

According to the scholars of history, Yule the last winter day held 21st of December was celebrated by bonfires, singing and dancing due to long harsh winters in the Northern Hemisphere, being as the great night in which Great Mother Goddess gave birth to baby Sun God in the time of pagans. Romans of the time celebrated Saturnus (the harvest god) and Mithras (the ancient god of light) from which the idea of God the Son was born was a form of sun worship, a belief passed from Syria a century earlier from December 17th to the 24th. This early Roman pagan festival, Saturnalia, was a celebration of a wild gathering involving excessive drinking and promiscuity was under great scrutiny. The Church did not believe in December as being the month in which Christ was born, but as the number in Christians grew under Telesphorus, the second Bishop of Rome from 125 to 136AD, he declared this time as celebration of "The Nativity of our Lord and Savior". It was believed the month of Christ was in September but no one knew for sure and often times fell under different months as the belief of every Christian varied hence everybody had their own version as to the exact date of birth of Jesus (peace be upon him). In the year 274AD, solstice a time when Earth's axis tilts the most toward or away from the Sun, causing the Sun to be farthest north or south at noon fell on 25th December. Roman Emperor Aurelian stated the date as "Natalis Solis Invicti," the festival of the birth of the invincible sun. In 320 AD, Pope Julius I specified the 25th of December as the "official date" of the birth of Jesus Christ.

In 325AD, Constantine the Great, the first Christian Roman emperor ordered 25th as the day of feast, Easter and Sunday as the holy day of the week! In 354AD, Bishop Liberius of Rome made it official but all these efforts met with complete and utter failure until recently as most Christians failed to recognize the holiday. The situation in England grew worse when Oliver Cromwell banned Christmas festivities between 1649-1660 through so-called Blue Laws, ridiculing the many phases of Church and its variations. The hope of celebration was awoken again when colonies around the world were formed along with the idea of Father Christmas (Santa Claus) began to sprang and the legalization of the holiday started to take place in 1800s. In 1820 Washington Irving's book "The Keeping of Christmas at Brace-bridge Hall" brought the idea of Christmas back and around the same time frame in 1834, Britain's Queen Victoria brought her German husband, Prince Albert, into Windsor Castle, introducing the tradition of the



Christmas tree and carols. A week before Christmas in 1834, Charles Dickens published "A Christmas Carol", a book recognized by the government and churches after it gained popularity. In 1836, Alabama became the first state in the US to declare Christmas a legal holiday and as more books were written on the subject during the same period, more and more states began to "legalize" the holiday. Now we must ask ourselves, "What does Jesus (peace be upon him) and the Bible say about Christmas?"

The word 'Christmas' does not exist in the Bible, as a matter of fact; the Bible has closed lips on the entire feast of Christmas, with one exception, criticizing the decoration of a tree. The Bible itself states: "The customs of the people are worthless, they cut a tree out of the forest, and a craftsman shapes it with his chisel, they adore it with silver and gold, they fasten it with hammer and nails so it will not totter" (Jeremiah 10-3,4). According to Compton's Encyclopedia, 1998 Edition, "Tree worship was a common feature of religion among the Teutonic and Scandinavian peoples of northern Europe before their conversion to Christianity...German settlers brought the Christmas tree custom to the American colonies in the 17th century. By the 19th century its use was quite widespread". Although I can continue to write and present historical evidence which contradicts the very nature of Christmas and its festivities, suffice is to say that I have made my point.

This essay was a gift from me to you and to anyone with a sincere heart, wanting to learn about religion, God and the Truth would question their faith with certainty, sincerity and knowledge. The Prophet of Islam (peace be upon him) said, "The excess of knowledge is better than the excess of worship, and the best of your religion is piety and self restraint." They would not accept what they are taught blindly as the Qur'an states "There is no compulsion in religion, for the right way is clearly from the wrong way. Whoever therefore rejects the forces of evil and believes in God, he has taken hold of a support most unfailing, which shall never give way, for God is All Hearing and Knowing." (Qur'an 2:256) Are we celebrating a corporate holiday, a pagan holiday, or a holiday made popular by people, governments and churches? What significance does it hold, if the very nature of it is forbidden by the Bible and rejected by Jesus (peace be upon him)?

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The Keene Free Press has changed its name!
Since we've been distributing the paper outside the Monadnock region, we've decided to take on a more statewide name.
Starting in 2008, we'll be known as
The New Hampshire Free Press.

Is War Necessary?

By Harry Browne

January 16, 2004

I have managed to live on this planet for 70 years without ever striking another human being.

There have been a dozen or so times when someone wanted to fight me. I managed to talk my way out of a fight in most of those cases. In the few times I didn't succeed in avoiding a fight altogether, I managed to end the scuffle without hitting the other person and without suffering any noticeable damage to myself.

Granted, I've been fortunate. I grew up in a peaceful suburban area. Had I had the bad fortune to have been born in the inner city in a gang neighborhood, I might not have avoided violence so easily.

But that's an important point. Being fortunate in the circumstances of my birth and my growing-up, I didn't squander that good fortune by looking for trouble.

The U.S. by Birth

America was also fortunate in the circumstances of its

After one apparently necessary fight to extricate itself from British rule, it found itself in the best neighborhood possible. It is bounded by two friendly countries and two enormous oceans. No need here to look for trouble.

And yet, ruled by American instead of British politicians, the United States has found itself embroiled in one street fight after another.

In fact, in the 20th century there were less than 20 years in which America was at peace with the world. What with World Wars, the Cold War, police actions, gunboat diplomacy in Latin America, overthrowing governments in Iran and other places, suppressing the Philippine rebellion, interfering with the Mexican revolution, firing missiles at Afghanistan and the Sudan, invading Panama and Grenada, bombing Libya, and on and on and on. Americans have lived with the tension of conflict and violence almost their entire lives.

And we live in a good neighborhood!

The Swiss by Birth

Contrast our circumstances with those of Switzerland.

The poor Swiss have the misfortune of living in the middle of one of the worst neighborhoods in the world. Centuries of imperial rivalries, ethnic hatreds, governments armed to the teeth and ready to go to war at the drop of the hat, and populations nursing grudges against each other — all these elements have kept Europe in turmoil for centuries.

Switzerland is like the inner-city family that hears gunfire outside its windows every night.

And yet Switzerland hasn't been involved in a single war for two centuries. The Swiss managed to avoid being sucked into the World Wars, the Cold War, or any of the other conflicts that have beset Europe.

The Swiss haven't been fortunate in their geographical circumstances. But they've dealt with those circumstances intelligently. It wasn't by the grace of dictators that they've avoided war; it has been a national policy to do so.

The Swiss have always made sure it was in the selfinterest of warring nations to leave Switzerland out of their quarrels. They've devised ingenious defenses to demonstrate that, while Switzerland is unconquerable, the cost of conquest would be intolerable to the conqueror. And they've made themselves an indispensable trading partner to any country that otherwise might see some profit in invading Switzerland.

It may seem that war is inevitable for many countries — such as the warring factions in the Balkans or some countries in Asia or Africa. But Switzerland has proven that it isn't inevitable for anyone — not even for a country as poorly situated as Switzerland is.

Why then is America continually at war over one thing or another?

The "Last Resort"

Whenever the U.S. goes to war somewhere, the politicians tell us that diplomacy was tried and failed and that war was the very, very, very last resort.

But the truth is that the politicians didn't try much at all to avoid war. And the diplomacy was bound to fail, because it involved our politicians making insensitive demands on a foreign country — demands we had no authority to make, demands that were known in advance to be unacceptable to the foreigners.

In the few cases that America has been attacked, it's been because our politicians were trying to dictate to other countries — countries that represented no threat to us at all. The foreigners attacked either to try to gain an advantage against the stronger U.S. when our government had made war seem inevitable (as at Pearl Harbor), or because attacking seemed the only way to strike back at a country that was throwing its weight around in other people's business (as in 9/11).

Our Neighborhood

How easy it would have been for Americans to have lived the past two centuries in peace. We have never been attacked by a country that hadn't first been bullied by our politicians.

Maybe others aren't so fortunately situated, but we

No one can seriously believe that terrorists have struck America because they hate our freedom, our democracy, or our prosperity. If that were true, they would have warmed up first by attacking Switzerland an easier target.

And if someone asks how you would handle the terrorists without war, now that Pandora's Box has been opened, here's a simple answer:

I'm not certain what I'd do, but I know one thing for sure: With \$2 trillion a year at my disposal, I could hire the best minds in the world to find a solution that didn't involve using the cave-man tactics of trying to beat people to death.

But no one in power is interested in finding alternatives to war. They arm to the teeth and then tell us we will obtain "peace through strength."

Well, America has been overwhelmingly strong for a century, and we're still waiting to see the peace. As Charles Beard put it, we've had "perpetual war for perpetual peace." Perhaps part of the problem is that we have an overwhelming national offense, but practically no national defense.

Is It Necessary?

I have never hit anyone, and not doing so has caused me no humiliation; nor has it made me a target for bullies. If America made peace the object, it need be neither humiliated nor picked upon.

Is war necessary?

For Americans, no.

Is war inevitable?

For Americans, yes — so long as we give politicians the power to meddle in our lives and in the lives of foreigners.

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Complete the puzzle by putting a number in each square until each line,

each column, and each 3X3 block has the numbers 1-9 exactly once.



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Elections

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Tom Burge, provided similar comments. They said they would open machines up during an election and swap memory cards as needed. This is illegal under Connecticut law and Deputy Secretary Mara told us she has since informed LHS that such actions were in violation of Connecticut election laws.

"In 2006, as Hajjar argued in favor of their policy to change cards during elections, I asked him about about the laws which govern chain of custody issues. His response: "I mean, I don't pay attention to every little law. It's just, it's up to the Registrars. All we are is a support organization on Election Day".

He said he had three memory cards in the trunk of his car and, in the event they had to be used, the chain of custody issues wouldn't matter since, "once you run the [pre-election] test deck through, you're golden"."

Black Box Voting has sent out 10 freedom of information requests, called "right to know requests" in New Hampshire, and public records requests elsewhere.

Hajjar's conviction was in 1987, but we have asked also for complaints filed on a threat allegedly made in recent years to a New Hampshire woman, and any other reports for Hajjar or LHS owner John Silvestro.

Until recently, LHS employees were listed on the company Web site. Now the pages identifying who programs New England voting machines have been taken down.

We want to know.

We want to know exactly what the secretaries of state/commonwealth know about LHS Associates.

Did they know of Hajjar's criminal background? If so, why's he toting voting machine cards around in the trunk of his car in case they are "needed" in live elections, and if not, why not?

Link to Kenneth Hajjar criminal record: http://www.bbvdocs.org/LHS/hajjar.png

VOTING MACHINES - SKILLFULLY MANIPULATED - LEAVE NO EVIDENCE

The famous "Hursti Hack" of the memory card in the voting system version used in New Hampshire preloaded the card with minus and plus votes, passed the "zero test" at the beginning of the day, and after 6 no and 2 yes votes were fed through it, pronounced election totals of 7 yes and 1 no. Yes, these are the cards Hajjar totes in trunk.

Good news for the citizens of Connecticut. According to Brad Friedman, Hajjar was booted out of the state after he posted "You're full of shit" on BradBlog, a liberal political site that does kick-ass voting machine stories.

Whether Hajjar works in Connecticut or not, he works at LHS, and it is inside the Methuen, Massachusetts-based factory that the memory cards are programmed for Connecticut and the rest of New England.

Ballot Boxes Found Slit; NH Stops Putting Ballots in Vault

No worries, say New Hampshire officials when cuts up to eight inches long are spotted in newly delivered ballot boxes. "The only seal that counts is the one on top."

Except the seal on top can be peeled off without leaving a trace, then reaffixed.

Black Box Voting has been doing a chain of custody exam for the New Hampshire Primary's recount. On

Wednesday night, Election Defense Alliance's Sally Castleman mentioned a troubling observation: After following the ballots back to the ballot vault following Wednesday's recount, she had the opportunity to enter the ballot vault, and noticed what looked like cuts, or slits, in the side of many ballot boxes. New Hampshire officials assured us that these cuts, which slice through the tape and seals do not permit access to the uncounted ballots, pointing to a label on the boxtop which they call

But the "seal" can be removed, like a Post-it, and reaffixed. So it's not a seal all!

We wanted to know if the ballot boxes were slit while in the vault, in the transport van, or came from the towns with slits in them.

I confirmed this morning that many if not most of the boxes scheduled to be counted today had slits in them. I went out when a vanload of ballots arrived, and saw that they were slit at the time they arrived by van. Susan Pynchon and I drove to two nearby towns and watched as they handed over their ballot boxes to "Butch and Hoppy", the two men who drive around in the state in a van picking the ballots up. We observed as they loaded boxes of ballots into the van with no slits at all in them. We videotaped each of these up close. They arrived at the destination without slits. The label on the top was affixed, but in some cases was crumpled, or also damaged.

Of course, the label affixed to the top can be removed and reattached without telltale signs.

No Vault Tonight

A significant departure from the normal chain of custody path occurred tonight. They decided not to use the vault to store the ballots.

Bev Harris is the Founder and Director of Black Box Voting Bev Harris, featured in the HBO documentary film Hacking Democracy, began writing on the subject of electronic voting in 2002 after she discovered that U.S. Senator Chuck Hagel had ownership in and had been CEO of the company that built the machines which counted his own votes. Vanity Fair magazine credits Bev Harris with founding the movement to reform electronic voting. Time Magazine calls her book, Black Box Voting, "the bible" of electronic voting. The Boston Globe has referred to her as "the godmother" of the election reform movement.



"Sealed" Ballot Box

Those who cast the votes decide nothing.

Those who count the votes decide

everything.

- Josef V. Stalin



Martin Luther King Jr. Quotes

When you are right you cannot be too radical; when you are wrong, you cannot be too conservative.

Returning violence for violence multiplies violence, adding deeper darkness to a night already devoid of stars... Hate cannot drive out hate: only love can do that.

Nonviolence is the answer to the crucial political and moral questions of our time; the need for mankind to overcome oppression and violence without resorting to oppression and violence. Mankind must evolve for all human conflict a method which rejects revenge, aggression, and retaliation. The foundation of such a method is love.

Cowardice asks the question - is it safe?
Expediency asks the question - is it politic?
Vanity asks the question - is it popular?
But conscience asks the question - is it right?
And there comes a time when one must take a position that is neither safe, nor politic, nor popular; but one must take it because it is right.

Freedom is never voluntarily given by the oppressor; it must be demanded by the oppressed.

I've seen too much hate to want to hate, myself, and every time I see it, I say to myself, hate is too great a burden to bear. Somehow we must be able to stand up against our most bitter opponents and say: "We shall match your capacity to inflict suffering by our capacity to endure suffering. We will meet your physical force with soul force. Do to us what you will and we will still love you.... But be assured that we'll wear you down by our capacity to suffer, and one day we will win our freedom. We will not only win freedom for ourselves; we will appeal to your heart and conscience that we will win you in the process, and our victory will be a double victory.

Wisdom born of experience should tell us that war is obsolete. There may have been a time when war served as a negative good by preventing the spread and growth of an evil force... If we assume that life is worth living, if we assume that mankind has the right to survive, then we must find an alternative to war.

We must come to see that peace is not merely a distant goal we seek, but it is a means by which we arrive at that goal. We must pursue peaceful ends through peaceful means.

Free State Project Explained

By Kat Kanning

Listening to Ian Bernard answering questions about the Free State Project on Cynthia Georgina's WKBK radio show, I realized how much confusion there is about the project. I thought I'd give a stab at describing what the project is. Perhaps I can explain what it isn't, also.

There are many facets to the Free State Project: the FSP as an idea, the FSP as an organization, the people who make up the FSP. The Free State Project as an idea: What could happen if you got a whole bunch of people interested in small government together? The FSP as an organization tries to facilitate that idea: they do advertising to recruit people to move to New Hampshire. The people who make up the FSP decide what it means to them to make the government smaller: some want to work within the political system to reduce taxes, regulations, etc. Some work outside the system through disseminating ideas, persuasion, civil disobedience,

The FSP as an idea started with Jason Sorens out of studies of secessionist movements. published the idea in 2001 in the Libertarian Enterprise. Soon, a website was set up to encourage people to sign the pledge: "I hereby state my solemn intent to move to the state of New Hampshire. Once there, I will exert the fullest practical effort toward the creation of a society in which the maximum role of civil government is the protection of life, liberty, and property." That's the current pledge - New Hampshire hadn't been chosen as the state then. Sorens and others selected 10 states with low population where they believed that 20,000 activists would have the greatest effectiveness. From those states: NH, VT, DE, MT, ID, ND, SD, WY, AK, ME, members selected by vote NH as the best state to promote individual freedom and small government. The idea grew into the FSP organization.

The FSP as an organization took care of the vote, solicits donations, buys ads, sends speakers to various liberty oriented events, and organizes two events per year inside NH - The Liberty Forum and PorcFest. Basically all activity of the FSP organization is geared toward recruiting liberty-minded people to move to NH. The two events the FSP sponsors tend to reflect two types of people who sign up for the FSP - the in-system people who want to make change politically, and the outside the system people. Both events encourage people to move by showing them NH and how much is happening with the people who have moved so far. The FSP does not fund or direct any of the activism that happens in NH with its members. Many members have nothing more to do with the FSP organization once they move - they've fulfilled their pledge to move. Some people continue to recruit and otherwise help the organization once they've moved to NH. The FSP does not fund any individual's move to NH. They did set up a "Welcome Wagon" to facilitate people's moves. Someone getting ready to move could contact the Welcome Wagon to get advice on where to move, how to find a job, and even to get help unloading the moving vans. There is no part of the organization which decides where people should move within NH. Among the people who have moved, there is "lobbying" that goes on to encourage people to move to their area. Keene, Manchester, Seabrook and Grafton have big lobbies at the moment. But that is not part of the FSP organization. The money the FSP raises goes mainly to ads, Liberty Forum and PorcFest, and to administrative fees for things such as the website. You can look over their financial statements here:

http://freestateproject.org/org/finances. The FSP is run by a board of directors, usually elected by the Organizers, which is a group of activists doing things to promote the project. The Board decides on major expenditures of money and the general direction of the recruiting process. The Board has zero control over what activists do once they move to NH. The Board doesn't decide who joins the Free State Project, although they have kicked at least one person out, which wouldn't prevent that person from moving to NH. Because the FSP is mainly an idea, they have very little control over what is done with that idea. At the moment, I'd say the leadership of the FSP organization would like to see mainly political activism happening, but there is little they can do to enforce that desire. Leading libertarians has been described as akin to herding cats.

A person who moves to NH with the FSP could easily have 20 strangers show up to help unload the moving van. When that person gets here, he is faced with the decision: OK, what do I do now? There are many possibilities. Some people are just here to vote and that is the extent of their activism. Some people join up with various liberty-oriented groups that already existed in NH, such as Coalition of New Hampshire Taxpayers, or Gun Owners of New Hampshire. Some start their own organizations, such as the Liberty Scholarship Fund. Some just plug along outside any organization. I would say the majority of people who've moved to NH with the FSP are working on the Ron Paul campaign at the moment. Some of us are vehemently opposed to politics in principle and work outside the system. Some outside the system activity has been civil disobedience, the Keene Free Press, movie making, radio shows, The Liberty Scholarship Fund, highway litter cleanup, and protests on various subjects such as eminent domain, property rights, taxes, torture. People who have moved with the FSP describe themselves as Libertarians, Republicans, Democrats, anarchists, voluntaryists – it's not one homogeneous group. I would guess the majority call themselves libertarian, with Republican being second. People don't show up in NH and get their marching orders from anyone (which would be very un-libertarian) – each has to make the decision for himself what he thinks will be most effective at creating the society that he wants to live in. We don't even agree on what that society would look like - some want a little less government, some want none. How the activism happens: someone has an idea – puts it out there and sees if anyone agrees/joins in. There is no big funding of any of the activism going on among freestaters that I know of. We use online forums to get the word out about what's happening along with various in person get-togethers which occur regularly. Anyone is welcome to drop in on these events to ask questions/see what we're doing/join in.

What kind of people leave friends/family to move across the country for an idea? There have been many families, lots of single men, a high concentration of computer whizzes. Many of us are homeschoolers. Many are gun owners. There are pilots, students, lawyers, handymen. What you're not likely to find among us: anyone on welfare. We all have one idea: the government is too big. If you'd like to read some stories about people's experiences moving to NH, you can read them here:

http://www.freestateproject.org/community/moved/.

Get-togethers

Social Sundays: 3:00 Sundays, Keene, Colony Mill Taproom Tuesdays: 6:30pm Tuesdays, Manchester, Murphy's Taproom

Concord Porcupines: noon, every second Saturday of the month, Red Apple Buffet, Concord

Forums

http://newhampshireunderground.com/forum http://www.nhliberty.org/forum http://www.nhpoliticalaction.com/ http://nhteaparty.org/

Some stances that freestaters may take (some but not all freestaters):

Taxes are too high.

Government shouldn't be involved in the schools. Eminent domain for private development is wrong. Gun rights are essential to liberty.

The drug war should be ended.

http://forum.freestateproject.org/

The country should be returned to constitutional restraints.

Business owners should decide how to run their businesses.

The war in Iraq should end.

Government shouldn't regulate people's private lives.

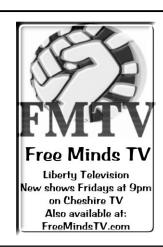
People should be able to do what they want as long as they harm no one else.

Free State Project Frequently Asked Questions: http://www.freestateproject.org/org/faq

The Liberty Scholarship Fund

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Universal Child Care Means Ending Parents' Rights

By Phyllis Schlafly January 16, 2008

When Hillary Clinton showed television viewers the Christmas presents she wants to give us if she is elected, her most important was Universal Pre-K, following closely after Universal Health Care. Hillary was reminding us of her status as the grand dame of the ideology expressed in her favorite African slogan, "It takes a village to raise a child."

Indeed, there seem to be many busybodies who believe the village, i.e., government functionaries, should make major decisions about the upbringing of children, including what they are taught and how they are medicated. They may approach this incrementally, but their goal is always "universal."

We thought it was outrageous when the Ninth Circuit proclaimed in the Palmdale case in 2005 that the fundamental right of parents over the upbringing of their children "does not extend beyond the threshold of the school door." Now the Hillary-style liberals are also acting as though parents' rights over their own children do not extend beyond the threshold of the local health clinic.

Massachusetts has just started to require that all children in Medicaid (460,000 kids) must be subjected annually to mental health screening in order to detect signs of possible mental illness, autism, or depression. One of the criteria on the questionnaire used to identify mental health problems is that the child is "seeming to have less fun."

It's not hard to predict that many children will be unfairly saddled with a false label, assigned to unnecessary and expensive treatment, and prescribed costly drugs whose effect may range from worthless to harmful. These costs to the taxpayers will be expanded by the inevitable fattening of the pocketbooks of psychiatrists and psychologists.

Last year, there was considerable parental opposition to bills that were introduced into several state legislatures to require mental health screening of all children in public schools. Apparently Plan B is for the state to force the plan on Medicaid recipients, who are less likely to resist.

New Jersey just added four new vaccines to those already required of children who attend public schools, and has become the first state to require the flu vaccine. Children attending preschool or licensed daycare centers must receive the flu shot annually.

New Jersey regulations also require the pneumococcal vaccine for preschoolers, the meningitis vaccine for sixth graders, and a booster shot for the diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis they already receive. Despite the protests of many parents, including the New Jersey Alliance for Informed Choice in Vaccination, these regulations will go into effect in September 2008.

Parents believe that this New Jersey requirement is a major encroachment on parents' rights to make medical and other decisions for their own children. Parents also cite the potential dangers of vaccines for some children.

Many of the flu shots and some of the meningitis vaccines contain the mercury-based preservative thimerosal. This is the first time that any state has mandated a vaccine containing mercury since the federal government adopted the policy in 1999 of encouraging vaccines to be mercury-free "as soon as possible."

The Food and Drug Administration advises pregnant

women to avoid eating even small amounts of fish with high mercury content. But New Jersey is now demanding that six-month-old babies be given potential mercury vaccines if they spend even one day a week in daycare.

Another toxic substance, formaldehyde, is also present in the diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis and flu vaccines.

New Jersey allows exemptions from vaccines for medical or religious reasons, but some parents claim that the process of claiming an exemption is made as difficult as possible.

In Prince George's County, Maryland, officials used the heavy hand of government to force vaccinations. Claiming that 2,300 out of 131,000 public school students had not received their hepatitis B and chickenpox vaccines, the state began what the Association of American Physicians and Surgeons called a "heavy-handed vaccine roundup."

State's Attorney Glenn F. Ivey intimidated parents with what he called "legal action." He arranged to have letters sent to all parents who were "out of compliance" demanding that they must attend a court hearing where they would receive a verbal reprimand and their children would be vaccinated, presumably forcibly.

The letter directly threatened parents: "Unexcused absences by your child may subject you to a criminal charge." Few parents knew they could apply for medical or religious exemptions, and many believed they faced jail or heavy fines of \$50 a day.

A decent respect for parents' rights over medical treatment imposed on their own children should require that states allow vaccine exemptions for philosophical and conscientious reasons, in addition to medical and religious reasons. A few states do but, unfortunately, not New Jersey or Maryland.

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Who Really Hates Our Freedom

By Marc Stevens AdventuresInLegalLand.com

While flipping through some TV channels, I was unfortunate enough to catch a few moments of a smirking politician rambling on about freedom and liberty. What a tragic comedy. The fact politicians still have a market to spew their crap is a testament to the lack of thought of the average viewer of such pretended "news" programs.

A few minutes of thought and any literate person of any degree of intelligence would dismiss politicians as con men. However, has any "journalist" on television, radio or in print ever confronted a politician by asking him exactly what he means by freedom? Can you imagine the look on a bureaucrat's face if he was asked to define freedom or liberty?

I'm going to demonstrate how easy it is to prove government is incompatible with freedom or the protection of freedom.

I'll define the word freedom. And so I'm not accused of being biased, I'll use only "legal" definitions: "Liberty; absence of restraint." Ballentine's Law Dictionary, page 499. Look at the last word, "restraint." Liberty is "Absence of servitude and restraint." Ballentine's Law Dictionary, page 734. And "free" means: "Without restraint or coercion..." Ballentine's Law Dictionary, page 498.

Now let's define what governments do, viz., they govern:

"To direct and control; to regulate; to influence; to restrain; to manage." Ballentine's Law Dictionary, page

530.

It's correct to say freedom is "Liberty; [an] absence of" government. If there's government, there's "restraint" and therefore, no freedom. By definition, and in practice, government is anti-freedom. Keep in mind any slave had the freedom to do what his master ordered or allowed him to do; he was none the less a slave.

I know, statists (with not a shred of evidence of course) will shout government is there for protection and they're the only men and women who can. That's nonsense, as everyone with even the slightest knowledge of government should already know. There is no duty to protect anyone. And any lawyer claiming otherwise is either lying or was asleep during that part of law school. Like I say; if you doubt me, then sue the police or the "state" for failing to protect you. A team of "state" lawyers will file a motion for a failure to state a claim.

Statists argue there has to be political "laws" i.e., "restraint." Fine, then explain exactly how politicians protect freedom. Accepting such nonsense for sake of argument, statists argue themselves right out of business because it cannot be said, with a straight face, that "states" are protecting freedom and liberty because freedom and liberty do not exist when there is "restraint [and] coercion." The "restraint [and] coercion" is another reason there is no duty to protect anyone.

Statists also support the use of violence to provide and pay for a service. Statists believe it's OK to kill people to make them pay for a service that's never provided. If you doubt this, then refuse to pay taxes. A good one to not pay, if you want to demonstrate a politician's intent to kill, is the vehicle license tax. Go ahead and drive around without a tax plate on your car. See what happens when you peacefully continue to drive when the local revenue cutter puts his emergency lights on.

When NORMAL men and women provide services, even the service of protecting freedom, they do not exercise "restraint or coercion" in providing their services to their customers, thereby destroying freedom. They would not only offer their services on a mutually voluntary basis, they would not restrain us of our freedom in order to protect it i.e., they would not take away that which they want to protect.

By definition the protection of freedom cannot involve "restraint or coercion". And yet, this describes exactly how men and women doing business as a government operate. They coerce us to pay them for protection they have no obligation or intention of providing and they restrain us in millions of ways; restraint that clearly has nothing to do with protection. These smirking politicians destroy the very freedom they lie about protecting.

It reminds me of the law of diminishing returns. Wouldn't it be accurate that if we're supposed to be paying government to protect our freedoms, then shouldn't the cost go down at the same rate our freedoms are destroyed? The less to protect, the lower the cost.

Look at the sales pitch these parasites spew: "we must take your freedom away in order to protect it." How do you protect what doesn't exist? Why is this nonsense accepted? Again, because politicians will have you killed if you don't.

So what "freedom" was this guy talking about? If you're restraining and coercing, which is what governments do, then you're certainly not protecting freedom because the "restraint [and] coercion" destroyed it

They "hate us because of our freedom"? What a crock. I'll tell you who really hates freedom: anyone who uses and advocates the use of restraint and coercion. In other words, anyone, regardless of their "nationality" and, or religious beliefs, who refuses to interact with you on a voluntary basis hates freedom.

Let those smirking politicians spin that.

Protesters ask former Baptist minister, "Who Would Jesus Bomb?"

By Mike Ferner December 31, 2007

Des Moines - With 40 percent of Iowa's Republican caucus voters expected to come from the ranks of conservative Christians, peace activists occupied Mike Huckabee's campaign headquarters in Iowa's capital city today with signs asking the former Baptist minister, "Who Would Jesus Bomb?"

Eight members of the Iowa Occupation Project and Voices for Creative Nonviolence arrived at Huckabee's Locust St. campaign office early Monday afternoon, waiting for the former Arkansas governor's reply to a letter delivered two months ago that sought his pledge to completely withdraw from Iraq within 100 days of assuming office; halt all military actions against Iraq and Iran; fund the rebuilding of Iraq as well as health, education and infrastructure needs in the U.S.; and the highest quality health care, education and jobs training benefits for veterans of our country's Armed Services.

Brian Terrell, director of the Catholic Peace Ministry in Des Moines, said approximately 35 reporters, including a number of international journalists, were at Huckabee's office during the protest.

Terrell said in addition to the "Who Would Jesus Bomb?" banner, the eight protesters held signs that read, "End Iraq War" and "No War with Iran," sang the refrain from "Auld Lang Syne," chanted "Who Would Jesus Bomb?" and then read names of Iraqis and U.S. soldiers killed in the war.

Sgt. Vincent Valdez of the Des Moines Police Department said officers responded to an early afternoon complaint from the Huckabee Campaign office and arrested Robert Braam, Mona Shaw and Kathy Kelly, on charges of trespassing. He said the three were among a group holding signs, singing and reading aloud, basically making a disturbance. Valdez said the officers had no trouble making the arrests and the three were taken to the Polk County jail.

In a news release issued earlier by the Des Moines Catholic Worker, Kelly, co-director of VCNV, was quoted as saying, "We're very respectful of the Iowa caucus process and the long history behind it but we feel quite strongly that the issues of this war must be inserted into the process of narrowing down the candidates for the presidential election."

Huckabee spokesperson, Eric Woolson, could not be reached for comment after several attempts.

You have heard that it was said, "Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth."

But I tell you, do not resist an evil person. If someone strikes you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also. And if someone wants to sue you and take your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. If someone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles.

But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.

Immigration Nation

Whither (or wither) goeth us?

By Brian Wright

It's becoming apparent I seriously lack all the answers. So starting today I'm reaching out to my more opinionated pals and palettes on different sides of the spectrum... strike ideas off 'em, reach a common-sense middle ground.

I've known Red Rodman through the years, my trueblue, red-state, heartbeat-of-Amerika drinking buddy from back at Ford Assembly, Wixom, Michigan. Laid off in '97, he spends most mornings working his carpet-cleaning business and most afternoons pumping aluminum at the Wixom Bar.

Like its rival The Copper Mug down the road in Walled Lake, the Wixom has seen some upgrades. Nothing detracts from the shot-and-a-beer atmosphere, but fights have declined to one per week. Yuppies walk the town streets fearlessly in the blossoming bosom of strip malls and trophy-home clusters.

"Yo, Red, how's it hangin'? You haven't changed a bit, at least not location-wise." I note the pack of Camels at his elbow, "Did you know 'nine out of ten men who've tried Camels prefer women?' So what you gonna do when they say you can't smoke in here?"

"Damned do gooders! But, hey, what's goin' on with you? The Flip said you'd gone off to New Hampshire, as the Freedom Rider, some such."

"Well," I say, "yes, it's the Free State Project. We killed a smoking ban there last year. I'm back from the freedom-movement front for a while to take care of Mama Bear."

"Good for you, B. Still ride?"

"Sadly, no. Someday, again. Heck, every other vehicle in the Free State is a Harley. Fact is, I'm too busy. I'm doing a Web business now trying to sell my 'pinions."

"What's that about assholes and opinions? Everybody's got one. So why would they want yours?"

"Good question." I pause a moment, then, "Most of what I write applies the kindergarten principle: 'don't hit people, don't take their stuff, and keep your promises.' But sometimes I run into an issue I wonder if a five-year-old can handle it... like immigration."

"What's tough about that?" Red comes back. "All you do is round up anyone without credentials and ship 'em back. Those Minutemen guys—you ever wonder why the illegals are such a big issue all of a sudden?—have the right idea."

"You serious?! Aside from the paperwork, what about the logistics? How do you find and move 12 million unwilling people back across a border? This isn't the Soviet system; there aren't enough boxcars. It would be a humanitarian nightmare, not to mention expensive."

I continue, "Man, these are people, just like you and me. They're trying to to their best for their families, struggling to get by. Who set up that border, anyway: do you think somehow you're less valuable a human being on one side of it than on the other?"

"How expensive?" Red asks.

"Hundreds of billions for sure, and you'd pay twice as much for lawn care and dining out."

"No thanks, can't afford those as it is."

"You know," I'm thinking out loud, "If we give up the bogus War on Terror and the insane War on Drugs, the government would have a cool trillion to play with, like right now. That could buy a lot of 'pushing people around to make sure they have their papers.' How would that be?"

"You serious?!" Red retorts. "Where do you think those goons in Washington got all that money! I figure a \$10,000 refund per taxpayer, and I want mine in cash,

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"But Red, what about your desire for keeping America pure and WASPish? A lot of the illegals don't even speak English."

"What do I care? I live in Michigan."

"That seems a bit parochial, don't you think?"

But as I realize he probably doesn't know what parochial means, it dawns on me we've changed sides and I'm thinking we need some restraint on the influx of large numbers of relatively unskilled or uneducated people, especially if they don't want to assimilate. Virtually all the legal immigrant populations do want to assimilate.

"Hey, B, you all right?"

"Yeah, sure. I just was wondering what happens if, say, Islamic/Arabic culture and language come to predominate in Europe and Catholic/Hispanic culture and language come to predominate in America. It's not unrealistic according to some predictions. That might not be such a good thing; my Spanish, not to mention my Catholicism, is a bit rusty."

"Now who's being parochial?" Red says.

"Cute."

"Red," I say, "my two cents as of this five minutes is the government does a lousy job at anything, so policing the borders and setting up another bureaucratic system of papers and cards won't even work. We just have to do common-sense things to encourage English and assimilation; no government "benefits" for the undocumented. Citizen-based programs and competent police work can identify any terrorist threats. Cooperate with the Hispanic community; they want the same basic stuff we want, they're people."

Red noodles on this a minute, says "It sounds pretty cheap. I like it. Maybe add some incentives to get the donor country out of the misery and oppression business. Legalizing drugs, at least weed, would help; some honest land reform and a little people's capitalism wouldn't hurt either."

"Geez, Red, I can see you've been eating your smartenin' pills. Let me buy you a cold one."

He laughs, "Twist my arm."

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Illegal aliens have always been a problem in the United States. Ask any Indian.

- Robert Orben

Padilla Trial Highlights Bush Administration's Manipulation of Justice

By Paul Craig Roberts

"The George W. Bush administration responded to the 9/11 attack on the World Trade Center and Pentagon with an assault on US civil liberty that Bush and the DOJ justified in the name of "the war on terror." The government gave assurances that the draconian measures only apply to "terrorists." "Terrorist," however, was not defined. The government claimed the discretionary power to decide who is a "terrorist" without having to present evidence or charges in a court of law.

The Bush administration's policy comprises an endrun around any notion of procedural due process of law. Administration assurances that harsh treatment is reserved only for "terrorists" is meaningless when the threshold process for determining who is and who is not a "terrorist" depends on executive discretion that is not subject to review. Substantive rights are useless without the procedural rights to enforce them.

Jose Padilla, a US citizen, was accused of intending to set off a radioactive "dirty bomb" in an American city. He was denied due process and the protection of habeas corpus. He was held for years under harsh conditions that brought about "essentially the destruction of a human being's mind," according to Dr. Angela Hegarty, a psychiatrist who spent 22 hours examining Padilla.

Eventually, the courts intervened. In December 2003 an appellate court ruled that Padilla could not be denied habeas corpus protection. To forestall another Supreme Court ruling against the Bush administration, the administration withdrew Padilla's status as "enemy combatant" and filed criminal charges that bore no relationship to the administration's original allegations that Padilla intended to explode a "dirty bomb."

The only case the DOJ was able to manufacture against Padilla was that he was a "terrorist-wannabe." Padilla was thus indicted on the Benthamite grounds that he might commit a terrorist act in the future.

By the time Padilla went to trial, he had been demonized for years in the media as the "dirty bomb" terrorist. In the Washington Post, August 17, 2007, Peter Whoriskey described the Padilla jury as a patriotic jury that appeared in court with one row of jurors dressed in red, one in white, and one in blue. As Lawrence Stratton and I write in the new edition of The Tyranny of Good Intentions: "It was a jury primed to be psychologically and emotionally manipulated by federal prosecutors. No member of this jury was going to return home to accusations of letting off the "dirty bomber."

The main "evidence" introduced against Padilla was an unrelated 10-year old video of Osama bin Laden, which served to arouse in jurors fear, anger, and disturbing memories of September 11.

The prosecutors also claimed to have a form that Padilla is alleged to have completed in 2000, prior to September 11, 2001, to attend an al Qaeda training camp in Afghanistan. At that time Al Qaeda and the Taliban were fighting against a remnant of the Northern Alliance containing elements of the old Soviet regime to unify Afghanistan as an Islamic state. Although it is far fetched that al Qaeda sent out applications to attend its training camps, any such application by Padilla predated the 9/11 attack and was related only to domestic affairs in Afghanistan. Any such application has no relevance to any act of terrorism.

Padilla was convicted on all counts. In handing down a 17-year sentence, US District Judge Marcia Cooke denied the prosecutors' request for a life sentence

and observed: "There is no evidence that these defendants personally maimed, kidnapped or killed anyone in the United States or elsewhere."

Under Blackstonian law, the basis of the US Constitution, the Padilla case has no crime and no intent to commit a crime. Judge Cooke vaguely recognized this, but US law has been pushed off its Blackstonian basis and is being reconstructed on a Benthamite basis.

Benthamite law is the great ally of tyranny. It permits people to be arrested on the suspicion that they might commit a crime in the future, to be tortured, and to be held indefinitely. In other words, suspicion leads to imprisonment without the check of warrant, judge, trial or jury.

This is the law that the Padilla case has given us. Padilla, an American citizen, was denied habeas corpus, tortured, and convicted of the Benthamite crime of being suspected of possibly committing a real crime in the future. The fact that judge and jury went along with the Benthamite proceeding shows that Benthamite justice can operate within the old Blackstonian process.

The Justice Department that manufactured the case against Padilla is the same DOJ that wrote memos justifying torture and findings that the President of the US need not obey federal statutes such as FISA or abide by the Geneva Conventions and the US Constitution. It is the same DOJ whose attorney general told Congress that the Constitution does not provide habeas corpus protection to every US citizen.

This same DOJ is the product of an administration the highest officers of which have been documented to have lied about Iraq 935 times in the two years following 9/11.

If the Bush administration will lie about matters of war and death and fabricate evidence to justify war, why won't the administration lie and fabricate evidence in order to convict accused "terrorists" like Padilla and whomever else they please?

Harvey Silverglate has noted that the legal changes we have experienced since 9/11/2001 have destroyed the common law basis of US law. In terrorist cases, prosecutors do not need to fabricate evidence, because they can make crimes out of innocuous and even constitutionally protected activity. A case in point is the federal indictment of a Saudi graduate student at the University of Idaho who operated some Websites, a constitutionally-protected activity, where participants in discussion groups advocated jihad. Applying a provision of the US PATRIOT Act, federal prosecutors indicted Omar Al-Hussayen for providing 'expert advice or assistance" to terrorist organizations (see Silverglate, The Boston Globe, June 28, 2004). What prosecutors are doing goes beyond fabricating evidence. They are using amorphous terrorism statutes to criminalize ordinary aspects of everyday life. Another way of putting it is that prosecutors take ordinary events and stretch them to fit an expansive interpretation of a terrorism statute. A large amount of effort is committed to prosecuting activities that do not fit any common sense meaning of crime."

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