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ARE YOU PREPARED TO DEFEND LIBERTY NOW?

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Thanks for waiting patiently for this issue of *LIBERATOR*. There have been many things that have happened since late September, notably a couple waves of illness that have swept over my family and pretty much wrecking the months of October & November, particularly Thanksgiving. Nonetheless, I am thankful to our Creator for all the

blessings bestowed upon myself and those I love, even in these uncertain times. A foot injury that I sustained in September has slowly but steadily healed, even though I walk in excess of an average 6 miles daily at work.

November 15, 2007, the Indiana-based Liberty Dollar organization [NORFED] was raided by federal jackbooted thugs in an attempt to shut down the movement of Americans to use an alternative, lawful alternative currency system. This development is disturbing because in essence the feds are claiming that they can dictate to us how we may buy, sell, trade, barter, or negotiate in PRIVATE financial transactions! This goes far beyond the federal government's claim to regulate interstate (banking) commerce, to say nothing of their (abdicated) responsibility to coin money! For more information, visit www.libertydollar.org/ld/legal/raid.htm

Of course, this is not the only disturbing news this quarter. If the repeated acts of violence to our Constitution (state & nation) were not enough, the Demoncat-controlled Congress is currently working on a bill to end free speech in America as we know it. Comments such as "They can take my gun, bullets first" would become a terrorist act, and a commission

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entirely composed of Insiders, selected by fellow Insiders, *would have the plenary power to decide what is "extremist", and who may be considered a "homegrown terrorist", without regard to due process or appeal!*

This is utterly unacceptable. If S. 1959 passes the Senate, then patriot news sources such as NewsMax, NewsWithViews.com, Alex Jones, Paul Craig Roberts, and many others will be muzzled forever. Publications such as the one you are reading right now would likely be subject, without due process, to the full measure of totalitarian police-state powers accrued in the last 6 years!

This would include secret arrest, possibly by BLACKWATER mercenaries; "rendition" to an undisclosed location by CIA assets; 'interrogation' by torture methods such as waterboarding until you 'crack', then if you are lucky a secret military tribunal to determine your 'guilt'; then a secret execution at death penalty facilities erected in 2003 at the U.S. detention camp at Guantanamo Bay [AP, June 2003]. This is not some wild-eyed conspiracy theory; this is what has been deliberately crafted since the late 1990's to unchain Executive power from its Constitutional limits.

Because of these recent news events, we are reprinting an article from last quarter's *LIBERATOR*, in case you missed that issue. We diverge in opinion from this article only in that torture does serve one purpose - for which it works very well - and that is for procuring FALSE CONFESSIONS for POLITICAL PURPOSES, and to CRUSH DISSENT.

Let's hope that more patriotic Americans wake up and *see this tyranny for what it is* before the control grid is fully completed!



TORTURE HAS A LONG HISTORY... OF NOT WORKING

By Heather Whipps
Special report to LiveScience.com
19 October 2007

<http://www.livescience.com/history/071019-torture-history.html>
[Emphasis ours – *LIBERATOR*.]

From the dingy dungeons of the Dark Ages to today's shadowy holding facilities, the use of torture as an interrogation tactic has evolved little and possibly yielded even less, in terms of intelligence.

Inflicting pain to get information is a practice with deep roots as well as modern relevance, in light of the recent statements by President George W. Bush claiming the U.S. government does not use torture on political prisoners, despite some evidence to the contrary.

But aside from the moral and legal implications, does torture ever produce reliable intelligence?

"That's the impossible question," said Darius Rejali, a political scientist at Reed College in Oregon.

As a rule, torture is not an effective method of extracting information from prisoners, most experts agree.

"If anything useful came out of these interrogations in Iraq, we would have heard about it," said Alfred McCoy, a University of Wisconsin-Madison historian and author of "A Question of Torture: CIA Interrogation, From the Cold War to the War on Terror" (Holt Paperbacks, 2006).

A history of violence

The question of torture has become more controversial of late due to a report in The New York Times on memos issued by the U.S. Justice Department in 2005, effectively authorizing intelligence

agencies to use interrogation methods defined as torture under international law.

Psychological techniques such as the water-boarding and sleep deprivation that American operatives are suspected of using recently have a history going back to behavior experiments from the 1950s, McCoy said.

"They were looking for a key to unlock the mind," McCoy said of the CIA-funded research, "and the real breakthrough was that sensory deprivation could produce a mental disorientation akin to psychosis."

A switch from more physical methods of torture to the psychological approaches emerged in the following decades in places such as Vietnam, Central America and Iran, McCoy said, without any definitive proof of their effectiveness. When the "War on Terror" was initiated after the Sept. 11 attacks on the United States, the CIA had another training ground for this kind of interrogation at its Guantanamo Bay detention center.

"Guantanamo Bay turned into a de-facto behavioral science lab," McCoy told LiveScience, where sensory deprivation and self-inflicted pain—allowing a detainee who had stood for hours to sit if he would only "cooperate"—regularly took place.

Though captives are less resentful when psychologically tortured, it doesn't make their statements [any more trustworthy](#), Rejali said.

"Torture during interrogations rarely yields better information than traditional human intelligence, partly because no one has figured out a precise, reliable way to break human beings or any adequate method to evaluate whether what prisoners say when they do talk is true," Rejali wrote in a 2004 article on Salon.com.

Torture 'light' still unreliable

There's no such thing as "a little bit of torture," McCoy said of

the "light" tactics that are preferred today. Detainees are just as likely to tell their interrogators whatever they want to hear under psychological distress as they are under physical distress, he said, a statement backed up by Sen. John McCain, who himself was tortured as an officer during the Vietnam War.

Democracies, rather than dictatorships or oppressive regimes, are more likely to engage in this seemingly stealthy kind of torture because it is easier to hide from journalists and citizens, Rejali said.

"Torture is a sign that a government either does not enjoy the trust of the people it governs or cannot recruit informers for a surveillance system. In both cases, torture to obtain information is a sign of institutional decay and desperation," wrote Rejali, ***"and torture accelerates this process, destroying the bonds of loyalty, respect and trust that keep information flowing. As any remaining sources of intelligence dry up, governments have to torture even more."***

Psychological torture has persisted in theaters such as the Iraq War not because it necessarily works, **but because the CIA has such an institutional history of the practice,** McCoy said.

"The interrogators themselves tend to believe in its efficacy, and no matter what you do, you can't stop them once they start," he said, noting that the false sense of power one gets from inflicting torture only fuels more advanced brutality.

Medieval torture more organized

The Medieval or Dark Ages are widely held up as the standard-bearer in brutal and organized torture. Famous dreaded devices such as the rack, the spiked Iron Maiden coffin and a very unpleasant, pyramid-shaped seat called the Judas Cradle were used to coerce victims into providing some

desired information, often a false confession.

Despite the seemingly barbaric nature of Medieval torture, however, the methods used were actually part of an organized system of justice, as opposed to the clandestine nature of the interrogations allegedly being conducted by the CIA, Rejali said.

Medieval torture was neither sadistic nor savage compared to modern torture and was no more or less rational or driven by urgent security concerns, Rejali said.

"The only reason the question [of urgency] appears more interesting for us is because morally those are the only ways democratic societies are able to justify it to themselves," he said, adding that "the search for heretics was always a serious one, just as the search for terrorists is today."



IN RON PAUL COINS, FEDERAL AGENTS DON'T TRUST



Rep. Ron Paul, candidate and currency.

By Alec MacGillis
WashingtonPost.com

As if Ron Paul's supporters needed any more motivation to storm the battlements and wreak havoc on the Republican presidential primary, now comes this: the feds are trying to take away their money.

Federal agents on Wednesday raided the Evansville, Indiana headquarters of the National Organization for the Repeal of the Federal Reserve and Internal Revenue Code (NORFED), an

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organization of "sound money" advocates that for the past decade has been selling what it calls Liberty Dollars, a private currency it says is backed by silver and gold stored in Idaho, with a total of more than \$20 million in circulation, according to the group.

NORFED officials said yesterday that the raid occurred just as they were preparing to mail out the first batch of about 60,000 "Ron Paul Dollars," copper coins sold for \$1 and decorated with the craggy visage of Paul, the libertarian Texas congressman, Iraq war opponent and sound-money advocate who has sparked a surprisingly vigorous insurgent campaign for the GOP nomination. The group says that it in recent months it already shipped out about 10,000 in silver Ron Paul dollars that sold for \$20.

Bernard von NotHaus, NORFED's founder and executive director, said in an interview from his home in Miami Friday night that his employees in Evansville had received the copper dollars late last week and managed to mail out only about 3,500 of them so far. After a six-hour raid, he said, the agents left with the rest of the coins, which weighed about two tons total, as well as smaller amounts of silver Ron Paul dollars, gold Ron Paul dollars that sell for \$1,000 and platinum Ron Paul dollars that sell for \$2,000. There was a separate raid, NotHaus said, of Sunshine Mint in Coeur D'Alene, Idaho, a company that mints the organization's coins, where von NotHaus said agents seized the huge pallets of silver and gold worth more than \$1 million that the organization says back the paper certificates issued to its customers.

"They took everything, all of the computers, everything but the desks and chairs," said von NotHaus, who says he served 25 years as the mintmaster for the Royal Hawaiian Mint. "The federal government really is afraid."

The Indianapolis branch of the FBI declined to comment on the raid and referred calls to the U.S. Attorney's office for Western North Carolina in Charlotte. That office's spokeswoman, Suellen Pierce, also declined to comment. But bloggers at the libertarian Reason Foundation posted on-line a 35-page copy affidavit for a search warrant filed last week with the Western District in Asheville laying out the government's case against NORFED. Pierce said that the search warrant in the case had been accidentally made public by a court clerk and has since been sealed, under court rules.

In the affidavit, an FBI special agent states that he is investigating NORFED for federal violations including "uttering coins of gold, silver, or other metal," "making or possessing likeness of coins," mail fraud, wire fraud, money laundering and conspiracy. "The goal of NORFED is to undermine the United States government's financial systems by the issuance of a non-governmental competing currency for the purpose of repealing the Federal Reserve and Internal Revenue Code," he states.

The agent states that the investigation started two years ago. And the U.S. Mint a year ago issued a warning against using the Liberty Dollar, prompting a lawsuit by NORFED. But that has not kept Liberty Dollar fans from speculating on-line that the raid was prompted by Paul's strong campaign -- which recently raised more than \$4 million in a single day -- or by the precipitous recent decline in the value of the dollar.

A Ron Paul campaign spokeswoman, Kerri Price, said yesterday that while Paul also supports abolishing the Federal Reserve, the campaign "does not have any affiliation with Liberty Dollars at all." von NotHaus confirmed this, saying that he knows Paul because they "move in the same circles" but that he had

expressly not talked with Paul about his plans for the special coins so as not to violate federal election rules.

But the coins have been another rallying point for Paul's supporters, who have asked Paul to pose for photographs with the coins on the campaign trail. Jim Forsythe, a Paul organizer in New Hampshire who ordered 150 of the copper Ron Paul dollars, said yesterday that the seizure of the coins would likely fuel more support for Paul, who scores close to double-digits in some New Hampshire polls. "People are pretty upset about this," he said. "The dollar is going down the tubes and this is something that can protect the value of their money and the Federal Reserve is threatened by that. It'll definitely fire people up."

Von NotHaus, meanwhile, is urging Liberty Dollar supporters to express their outrage by donating to Paul, saying on the group's Web site that "in light of this assault on our financial freedom, it is clear that we need Ron Paul to lead this country more than ever." He said that all of his bank accounts have been frozen and that he expects that a federal indictment will soon be in the offing, saying that "once the federal government starts an investigation like this and takes it to a grand jury, they can indict a ham sandwich." Should he be charged, he said, "I'll turn it into my golden opportunity to validate the Liberty Dollar as a legal lawful currency and save the country from a monetary collapse."

What he's most concerned about for now, though, is the thought of all his customers waiting for their Ron Paul dollars. "People aren't going to get their orders, and they aren't going to get them for a while," he said.

That is good news, of course, for those already holding the coins. On eBay, the silver Ron Paul dollars that were purchased for \$20 were selling for more than \$170 last night.



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THE ROBBER STATE STRIKES

By William Norman Grigg
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(as posted at Pro Libertate)

There are occasions – and they are coming with increasing frequency – on which the Regime ruling us is laid bare to confront us in the stark majesty of its unalloyed evil.

For many of us, such incidents resonate with those awful hours on April 19, 1993, when the Regime's enforcers immolated scores of innocent people in a religious sanctuary at Mt. Carmel in Texas. We think also of such atrocities as the 78-day terror bombing of Yugoslavia in 1999, a campaign meant to force an Orthodox Christian population (ruled, as most are, by a socialist government) to surrender territory they consider sacred to Islamo-Marxist terrorists. And of course, the ongoing criminal occupation of Iraq testifies powerfully of the true nature of the Regime as the world's most powerful and murderous criminal enterprise.

Yesterday, the essential nature of the Regime was on display in Evansville, Indiana when agents of the FBI and the Secret Service attacked (I refuse to employ the gelded euphemism "raided") the office of the Liberty Dollar, a company that manufactures beautiful precious metal bullion coins.

In an act of undisguised armed robbery, the Feds stole the company's inventories of gold, silver, and platinum, as well as two tons of recently delivered Liberty Dollars – in gold, silver, and copper, depending on the face value – bearing the likeness of heroic Republican Presidential aspirant Ron Paul (whose campaign, incidentally, had nothing to do with that tribute).

The Secret Service was involved in this crime because the

Regime considers the private manufacture of precious metal coins to be "counterfeiting" -- and their use in private, voluntary, fully-informed transactions to be a species of "fraud."

Roughly a year ago, I published an account of a conversation with Becky Bailey of the US mint. (<http://freedominourtime.blogspot.com/search?q=Pitagora>) Ms. Bailey had condemned the Liberty Dollar as a criminal enterprise, since what the Feds are pleased to call the "law" forbids the use of gold and silver as legal tender.

In a telephone interview, I asked Bailey to answer the following hypothetical question: If an individual went to a local diner and offered a Liberty Dollar in exchange for a meal, and the proprietor agreed to provide the service on those terms, "is that transaction a crime?"

"Yes," she replied. "I'm not an attorney, but our legal team has looked this over carefully, and they're convinced that exchanging gold and silver medallions for goods or services as if they were real currency -- including in barter -- is a violation of 18 USC section 486."

I pointed out that the U.S. Constitution authorizes only the use of those metals as legal tender. That being the case, I asked, "How can it be a federal crime to use the only legal tender recognized by the Constitution in private transactions?" Ms. Bailey bridled at that question, asking if I wanted "to debate the legal and constitutional issues"; I replied that I wasn't interested in a debate, but simply asking her to explain a clear factual contradiction. She maintained that the constitutional language regarding the use of gold and silver had been rendered moot when the federal government went off the gold standard.

Tyranny is the condition that prevails whenever the

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government claims the power to render the law "moot."

Those assigned to peddle lies on behalf of the Regime regarding the Liberty Dollar robbery -- FBI Agent Wendy Osborne of the Bureau's Indianapolis Office, and Suellen Pierce of the US Attorney's Office for the Western District of North Carolina -- aren't answering questions. This, too, is to be expected: Spokes-drones for a totalitarian collective can't speak until they are programmed with the appropriate talking points.

The criminals who plundered Liberty Dollar of its precious assets likewise froze the company's bank accounts, and made off with the company's files and computers. This suggests to me that the Feds may go after the organization -- and possibly its customers -- as a "criminal conspiracy."

This is a "conspiracy," once again, to sell people precious metals at a price they agree to pay, for use in private barter transactions between fully informed, law-abiding citizens.

Last time the Regime stretched forth its hand to steal privately owned gold, it did so on the pretext of the national emergency created by the Great Depression.

<http://www.the-privateteer.com/1933-gold-confiscation.html>

What the Regime is attempting to do here, in the absence of a similar crisis, is to criminalize the use of real money at a time when the State-issued pseudo-currency is in full meltdown.

UPDATE

A warrant, as Lew Rockwell has pointed out, is a note the government writes to itself giving itself permission to steal your property. With that in mind, the search and seizure warrants used to provide a patina of "legality" to the Feds' Liberty Dollar heist make for interesting reading.

www.libertydollar.org/ld/legal/raid.htm

In keeping with recent trends in Federal larceny, this was described as a "civil forfeiture", which means that the property stolen by the burglars with badges has been found guilty, and will only be released if the victims can prove that it wasn't involved in a crime. This includes everybody who bought Ron Paul Liberty Dollars, or who conducted other business with the company that was interrupted in mid-transaction when the Regime sicced its Goon Squad on the company.

According to the seizure warrant, "American Liberty Dollar and/or Hawaii Dala currency and/or precious metals of gold, silver, copper, or platinum or other substance and United States currency are forfeitable to the United States ... because it is property involved in, or traceable to, money laundering, or because it is, or is traceable to, gross receipts and proceeds obtained, directly or indirectly, as a result of mail fraud...."

It isn't necessary to prove that anybody at Liberty Dollar, or any of their customers, committed an act of "money laundering" or "mail fraud." The allegations -- with were pulled out of the tax-fattened fundament of an individual identified as Special Agent Andrew F. Romagnuolo of the FBI -- are sufficient to "justify" the theft as a forfeiture.

Mr. Romagnuolo's office number is 828.253.1643. If you call him, please be impolite.

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THE FRIGHTENING AND ILLEGAL PRESENCE OF HEAVILY ARMED PRIVATE FORCES IN NEW ORLEANS ONLY PROVED WHAT EVERYONE ALREADY FEARED: THE EAGERNESS OF THE GOVERNMENT TO DEPLOY MERCENARIES AGAINST AMERICANS. REFER TO THE 2006 SPECIAL ISSUE OF THE LIBERATOR REGARDING U.S. MILITARY 'COMBAT OPERATIONS' (...THEIR WORDS!) IN NOLA.

BLACKWATER DOWN

By Jeremy Scahill, [The Nation](#).
September 21, 2005

www.thenation.com/doc/20051010/scahill

The men from Blackwater USA arrived in New Orleans right after Katrina hit. The company known for its private security work guarding senior US diplomats in Iraq beat the federal government and most aid organizations to the scene in another devastated Gulf. About 150 heavily armed Blackwater troops dressed in full battle gear spread out into the chaos of New Orleans. Officially, the company boasted of its forces "join[ing] the hurricane relief effort." But its men on the ground told a different story.

Some patrolled the streets in SUVs with tinted windows and the Blackwater logo splashed on the back; others sped around the French Quarter in an unmarked car with no license plates. They congregated on the corner of St. James and Bourbon in front of a bar called 711, where Blackwater was establishing a makeshift headquarters. From the balcony above the bar, several Blackwater guys cleared out what had apparently been someone's apartment. They threw mattresses, clothes, shoes and other household items from the balcony to the street

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below. They draped an American flag from the balcony's railing. More than a dozen troops from the 82nd Airborne Division stood in formation on the street watching the action.

Armed men shuffled in and out of the building as a handful told stories of their past experiences in Iraq. "I worked the security detail of both Bremer and Negroponte," said one of the Blackwater guys, referring to the former head of the US occupation, L. Paul Bremer, and former US Ambassador to Iraq John Negroponte. Another complained, while talking on his cell phone, that he was getting only \$350 a day plus his per diem. "When they told me New Orleans, I said, 'What country is that in?'" he said. He wore his company ID around his neck in a case with the phrase Operation Iraqi Freedom printed on it.

In an hour-long conversation I had with four Blackwater men, they characterized their work in New Orleans as "securing neighborhoods" and "confronting criminals." They all carried automatic assault weapons and had guns strapped to their legs. Their flak jackets were covered with pouches for extra ammunition.

When asked what authority they were operating under, one guy said, "We're on contract with the Department of Homeland Security." Then, pointing to one of his comrades, he said, "He was even deputized by the governor of the state of Louisiana. **We can make arrests and use lethal force if we deem it necessary.**" The man then held up the gold Louisiana law enforcement badge he wore around his neck. Blackwater spokesperson Anne Duke also said the company has a letter from Louisiana officials authorizing its forces to carry loaded weapons.

"This vigilantism demonstrates the utter breakdown of the government," says Michael Ratner, president of the Center for Constitutional Rights. "These

private security forces have behaved brutally, with impunity, in Iraq. To have them now on the streets of New Orleans is frightening and possibly illegal."

Blackwater is not alone. As business leaders and government officials talk openly of changing the demographics of what was one of the most culturally vibrant of America's cities, mercenaries from companies like DynCorp, Intercon, American Security Group, Blackhawk, Wackenhut and an Israeli company called Instinctive Shooting International (ISI) are fanning out to guard private businesses and homes, as well as government projects and institutions. Within two weeks of the hurricane, the number of private security companies registered in Louisiana jumped from 185 to 235. Some, like Blackwater, are under federal contract. Others have been hired by the wealthy elite, like F. Patrick Quinn III, who brought in private security to guard his \$3 million private estate and his luxury hotels, which are under consideration for a lucrative federal contract to house FEMA workers.

A possibly deadly incident involving Quinn's hired guns underscores the dangers of private [military] forces policing American streets. On his second night in New Orleans, Quinn's security chief, Michael Montgomery, who said he worked for an Alabama company called Bodyguard and Tactical Security (BATS), was with a heavily armed security detail en route to pick up one of Quinn's associates and escort him through the chaotic city. Montgomery told me they came under fire from "black gangbangers" on an overpass near the poor Ninth Ward neighborhood. "At the time, I was on the phone with my business partner," he recalls. "I dropped the phone and returned fire."

Montgomery says he and his men were armed with AR-15s and Glocks and that they unleashed a

barrage of bullets in the general direction of the alleged shooters on the overpass. "After that, all I heard was moaning and screaming, and the shooting stopped. That was it. Enough said."

Then, Montgomery says, "the Army showed up, yelling at us and thinking we were the enemy. We explained to them that we were security. I told them what had happened and they didn't even care. They just left." Five minutes later, Montgomery says, Louisiana state troopers arrived on the scene, inquired about the incident and then asked him for directions on "how they could get out of the city." Montgomery says that no one ever asked him for any details of the incident and no report was ever made. "One thing about security," Montgomery says, "is that we all coordinate with each other--one family." That co-ordination doesn't include the offices of the Secretaries of State in Louisiana and Alabama, which have no record of a BATS company.

A few miles away from the French Quarter, another wealthy New Orleans businessman, James Reiss, who serves in Mayor Ray Nagin's administration as chairman of the city's Regional Transit Authority, brought in some heavy guns to guard the elite gated community of Audubon Place: Israeli mercenaries dressed in black and armed with M-16s. Two Israelis patrolling the gates outside Audubon told me they had served as professional soldiers in the Israeli military, and one boasted of having participated in the invasion of Lebanon. "We have been fighting the Palestinians all day, every day, our whole lives," one of them tells me. "Here in New Orleans, we are not guarding from terrorists." Then, tapping on his machine gun, he says, "Most Americans, when they see these things, that's enough to scare them."

The men work for ISI, which describes its employees as "veterans

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of the Israeli special task forces from the following Israeli government bodies: Israel Defense Force (IDF), Israel National Police Counter Terrorism units, Instructors of Israel National Police Counter Terrorism units, General Security Service (GSS or 'Shin Beit'), Other restricted intelligence agencies." The company was formed in 1993. Its website profile says: "Our up-to-date services meet the challenging needs for Homeland Security preparedness and overseas combat procedures and readiness. **ISI is currently an approved vendor by the US Government to supply Homeland Security services.**"

Unlike ISI or BATS, Blackwater is operating under a federal contract to provide 164 armed guards for FEMA reconstruction projects in Louisiana. That contract was announced just days after Homeland Security Department spokesperson Russ Knocke told the Washington Post he knew of no federal plans to hire Blackwater or other private security firms. "We believe we've got the right mix of personnel in law enforcement for the federal government to meet the demands of public safety," he said. *Before the contract was announced, the Blackwater men told me, they were already on contract with DHS and that they were sleeping in camps organized by the federal agency.*

One might ask, given the enormous presence in New Orleans of National Guard, US Army, US Border Patrol, local police from around the country and practically every other government agency with badges, why private security companies are needed, particularly to guard federal projects. "It strikes me...that that may not be the best use of money," said Illinois Senator Barack Obama.

Blackwater's success in procuring federal contracts could well be explained by major-league contributions and family connections to the GOP. According

to election records, Blackwater's CEO and co-founder, billionaire Erik Prince, has given tens of thousands to Republicans, including more than \$80,000 to the Republican National Committee the month before Bush's victory in 2000. This past June, he gave \$2,100 to Senator Rick Santorum's re-election campaign. He has also given to House majority leader Tom DeLay and a slew of other Republican candidates, including Bush/Cheney in 2004. As a young man, Prince interned with President George H.W. Bush, though he complained at the time that he "saw a lot of things I didn't agree with--homosexual groups being invited in, the budget agreement, the Clean Air Act, those kind of bills. I think the Administration has been indifferent to a lot of conservative concerns."

Prince, a staunch right-wing Christian, comes from a powerful Michigan Republican family, and his father, Edgar, was a close friend of former Republican presidential candidate ~ Gary Bauer. In 1988 the elder Prince helped Bauer start the Family Research Council. Erik Prince's sister, Betsy, once chaired the Michigan Republican Party and is married to Dick DeVos, whose father, billionaire Richard DeVos, is co-founder of the major Republican benefactor Amway. Dick DeVos is also a big-time contributor to the Republican Party and will likely be the GOP candidate for Michigan governor in 2006. Another Blackwater founder, president Gary Jackson, is also a major contributor to Republican campaigns.

After the killing of four Blackwater mercenaries in Fallujah in March 2004, Erik Prince hired the Alexander Strategy Group, a PR firm with close ties to GOPers like DeLay. By mid-November the company was reporting 600 percent growth. In February 2005 the company hired Ambassador Cofer Black, former coordinator for counterterrorism at the State Department and former director of

the CIA's Counterterrorism Center, as vice chairman. Just as the hurricane was hitting, Blackwater's parent company, the Prince Group, named Joseph Schmitz, who had just resigned as the Pentagon's Inspector General, as the group's chief operating officer and general counsel.

While juicing up the firm's political connections, Prince has been advocating **greater use of private security in international operations**, arguing at a symposium at the National Defense Industrial Association earlier this year that firms like his are more efficient than the military. In May Blackwater's Jackson testified before Congress in an effort to gain lucrative Homeland Security contracts to train 2,000 new Border Patrol agents, saying Blackwater understands "the value to the government of one-stop shopping." With President Bush using the Katrina disaster to try to repeal Posse Comitatus (the ban on using US troops in domestic law enforcement)[Repealed on October 17, 2006 by the Warner Defense Act], *and Blackwater and other security firms clearly initiating a push to install their paramilitaries on US soil, the war is coming home in yet another ominous way.* As one Blackwater mercenary said, "This is a trend. You're going to see a lot more guys like us in these situations."

Ed. Note: Does anyone get it yet?



LIBERTY DOLLAR RAID LIKELY A DATA MINING OPERATION

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After reviewing all of the available documents, video, talk radio, and internet coverage given

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to the subject of the Liberty Dollar Raid last month, it seems that aside from the possibility that NORFED was raided to prevent Americans from using an inflation-proof, non-taxable form of currency (property), the real purpose of the raid as evidenced in media reports and the federal warrants and affidavits is to engage in data mining for the purpose of determining who supports the Liberty Dollar (such as your truly), and who is willing to make financial commitments to the use and promotion of the Liberty Dollar.

In public statements made by the U.S. Mint and by various officials in the Justice and Treasury departments, it becomes clear to the careful observer that the federal government has either deliberately misstated their opinion on the Liberty Dollar for years prior to the November raid; or, they have seriously undermined their own case with incorrect legal citations, as a mask to cover their true intention of seizing customer data.

Either explanation does not sit well with me. If it was for the purpose of seizing customer data, as I am currently thinking, then this demonstrates that the federal government is proceeding with TIA – Total Information Awareness – a plan to identify every potential or actual resister to more sinister plans as yet unrevealed to the public.

The other possibility is that the federal government entrapped Bernard Von NotHaus and members of the Liberty Dollar organization as part of a plan to seize the precious metals holdings of certain Americans.

A third possibility exists, and that is a combination of both scenarios: data mining to identify patriots and in particular to seize the holdings of patriots who are financially preparing for a likely crisis in FRN 'Dollar' confidence.

This reminds me of something that Congressman Ron Paul wrote in his book, *Freedom Under Siege*,

wherein he speaks of what may happen if the feds try to confiscate people's guns & gold:

"...(Lysander) Spooner had an interesting explanation about why the Founding Fathers included the Second Amendment in the Constitution. He never once considered that the authors of the Constitution meant that only the militia were allowed to possess weapons, as today's liberals argue. He even considered it foolish to claim private gun ownership was for the purpose of defending one's life and property from robbers and murderers. "That", he states, "is so obvious one need not state it." According to Spooner, the real reason for individual gun ownership was for the purpose of protecting against the evil use of government power - as the revolutionaries experienced at the hands of King George. In other words, when all else fails, the gun owned by the individual is to be used to protect against tyranny of the state; something obviously denied the citizens of an oppressive state such as Poland or the Soviet Union. Even though political conditions have deteriorated throughout the twentieth century, American citizens still retain rights superior to most nations of the world. With concerted political action and an awakened citizenry we still have the vehicle to change conditions - something that may not be available to us for an indefinite period of time. As long as the individual retains the right to own guns and gold, we should assume that working through the political process is worthwhile. **The confiscation of gold and guns in the United States would ignite an explosion of physical resistance which would**

permanently change the character of the United States. It will come to this if the majority of our leaders do not soon restore individual rights, restore a free-market economy, and force our government to live within its means."

I believe that Mr. Paul not only wrote with eloquence, but with prescience. Let's hope that it's not too late!

To read Ron Paul's book, see: <http://www.dailypaul.com/freedom-under-siege/Freedom-Under-Siege-complete.pdf>



WHO ARE THESE KOOKS?

by Chuck Baldwin
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According to the Associated Press, "Republican presidential hopeful Ron Paul's supporters raised over \$6 million Sunday to boost the 10-term congressman's campaign for the White House."

The AP report also said, "The [Paul] campaign's previous fundraiser brought in \$4.2 million." According to the Paul campaign website, "In a 24-hour period on December 16, the campaign raised \$6.026 million dollars, surpassing the one-day record of \$5.7 million held by John Kerry.

"During the day, over 58,000 people contributed to Dr. Paul's campaign, including 24,940 first-time donors. Over 118,000 Americans have donated to the campaign in the fourth quarter.

"The \$6 million one-day total means the campaign has raised over \$18 million this quarter, far exceeding its goal of \$12 million."

Now, if one listens to most of the political pundits in the major media, Ron Paul is some kind of "kook," and his supporters are also a bunch of "kooks." So, the question must

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be asked, Just who are these kooks that are supporting him, and why are they giving Ron Paul all this money?

First, let's take a look at this "kook" who is receiving all this money. Ron Paul was born the third son of Howard and Margaret Paul, and was brought up with a work ethic in which one worked six days a week and went to church on Sunday. His first job was at age 5 helping his uncle wash bottles. He worked all the way through his youth mowing lawns, delivering newspapers, working in a drug store, delivering furniture and laundry, etc.

In high school, Ron was a track star, winning state as a junior in the 220-yard dash and running 2nd in the 440. His time in the 100-yard dash was 9.8. That's pretty good. I was never able to break 10-flat in the 100. Although, I bet I could have beaten him in the 50-yard dash. He also wrestled in high school. Coincidentally, so did I. But here Ron leaves me: he was president of the student council and an honor student. I never accomplished that. I was just glad to get promoted to the next grade. Even as a senior statesman, Ron Paul keeps himself in terrific shape. Have you seen him lately? He still maintains a rigorous exercise regimen.

Ron's two brothers are both ministers, and he became a medical doctor. He graduated from Duke University School of Medicine. When the Cuban Missile Crisis arose, Ron became a flight surgeon in the U.S. Air Force. He also served in the Air National Guard.

As an OB/GYN physician, Dr. Paul has delivered more than 4,000 babies, and he and his wife, Carol, have been married for more than 50 years. They have 5 children, 18 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild. Ron Paul is currently in his 10th term as a congressman from Texas.

As a congressman, Ron Paul has never taken a government-paid junket. He is not accepting a

government pension. He returns a portion of his office budget every year to the taxpayers. As a member of Congress, he has never voted a raise for himself. Do you know any other member of Congress that can make such a claim? Of course you don't, because Ron Paul is truly one-of-a-kind.

Former President Ronald Reagan said this about Ron Paul, "Ron Paul is one of the outstanding leaders fighting for a stronger national defense. As a former Air Force officer, he knows well the needs of our armed forces, and he always puts them first. We need to keep him fighting for our country."

Perhaps this helps explain why many of the "kooks" supporting Ron Paul are active-duty military personnel. In fact, Ron Paul has received more campaign contributions from active-duty military personnel than any other Presidential candidate from either party.

But who are the other "kooks" supporting Ron Paul? What kind of people give more than \$18 million in a quarter-year to a Presidential candidate that is almost universally ignored by the mainstream press? What kind of people give record contributions to a Presidential candidate that is lampooned by his fellow Republican Presidential contenders?

For example, Mike Huckabee recently said he could support any of the other Republican Presidential contenders (including Rudy Giuliani), except Ron Paul. That means, Mike Huckabee would rather support a pro-abortion, pro-gay marriage, pro-gun control liberal such as Giuliani than support the pro-life, pro-traditional marriage, pro-Second Amendment candidacy of Ron Paul. Why is that?

Furthermore, why are the entire major media and establishment Republican machine either ignoring or lampooning a distinguished Air Force veteran, medical doctor, and

ten-term Congressman? What is it about Ron Paul that the elite are so afraid of?

Here is something else: while Ron Paul's contributions have exploded, Mike Huckabee is all but broke! How can that be? How can a political "front-runner" be out of money, while a man who "doesn't have a chance" is breaking fundraising records?

So, who are these "kooks" who are sending Ron Paul so much money? And just why are they sending him so much money? I will tell you who they are, because I am one of them. They are rank-and-file, tax-paying citizens who are sick and tired of out-of-control federal spending and deficits. They have had it with an arrogant federal government that runs roughshod over both the Constitution and the liberties of the American people. They are people who have had enough of the IRS, the BATFE, and a thousand other federal agencies that have "erected a multitude of New Offices, and sent hither swarms of Officers to harass our people, and eat out their substance." (Declaration of Independence)

They are people who see through the phony, disingenuous federal politicians who only want to fleece the American citizenry for the purpose of building their own personal fortunes. They have had it with the Military-Industrial complex that desires to build international empires at the expense of the blood and sacrifice of the American people. They have had it with David Rockefeller and his Council on Foreign Relations. They have had it with the arrogance of George W. Bush and Nancy Pelosi.

They are sick and tired of paying outlandish taxes for a public education system that produces high school graduates who cannot read and write. They are sick and tired of working for 30 years to pay off a mortgage, only then to be forced to pay extortion money (a.k.a. property taxes) for the rest of their

lives to the feudal state. They are sick and tired of the government telling them what they can and cannot do with their own property. They are sick and tired of watching people with food stamps buy T-bone steaks and expensive Nike tennis shoes while they are forced to buy fatty hamburger and cheap sneakers.

They are sick and tired of watching their manufacturing jobs go to China and India. They have had it with money-hungry businessmen who hire illegal Mexicans at slave labor wages. They have had it with labor unions promoting politicians who support NAFTA, CAFTA, and the FTAA. They are sick and tired of being bled dry at the gas pump.

They have had it with this phony "war on terrorism" that sends trillions of dollars to nations throughout the Middle East, but refuses to close our own borders to illegal immigration. They have had it with the "war on drugs" and the "war on terror" being used as excuses to trample people's freedoms. They have it with Vicente Fox and Felipe Calderon. They have had it with Bush's North American Union. They have had it with Joel Osteen and Rick Warren. In short, they have just had it!

They also know that a vote for any other Presidential candidate is a vote for more of the same. Democrat or Republican: it is more of the same. Ron Paul, and Ron Paul alone, will bring a revolution of freedom and independence to America. Believe me, the Ron Paul revolution is bigger than Ron Paul. This is the beginning of a movement.

No matter what ultimately happens to Ron Paul's candidacy, the fight to return America to its roots of freedom and independence has started. The fire is lit. There is no putting it out. There will be other Ron Pauls, other campaigns, other spokesmen, other fundraising. The people supporting Ron Paul will not be silenced; they will not be

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ignored; they will not be intimidated. In truth, Ron Paul's campaign may just be the beginning of the end of the elitist, globalist, stranglehold over America.

As one who is also fed up with the globalist goons that dominate the two major parties, I join the Ron Paul revolution and vow to fight for the rest of my life for the freedom and independence of these United States. This means I will never again support a business-as-usual, millionaires-club, globalist toady from either party ever again! I will only support candidates who are fully committed to restoring constitutional government. If that makes me a kook, so be it.

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SENATE BILL 1959: ARE YOU A TERRORIST?

If you're an American reading this, then under expansive definitions being used by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and several states in their counterterrorism training, you just might be a domestic terrorist.

The FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force in Phoenix, Ariz., distributed a brochure to local law enforcement agencies a few years ago which defines terrorism as individuals or groups within the U.S. who engage in criminal activity to promote

political or social changes. This is correct, as far as it goes, but the brochure then gives a listing of “suspicious” activities, telling law enforcement officers: “If you encounter any of the following, call the Joint Terrorism Task Force.”

This brochure was circulated widely among patriots as an example of how our own government is casting freedom-lovers as the domestic enemy, and has been permanently archived at KeepAndBearArms.com

This and other examples of various agencies and organizations attempting to redefine patriots and gun-owners are posted on the IMC website at:

www.IndianaMilitia.org/intel.html

Do you fall under any of those categories? I certainly do; more than one, in fact. So I’m no doubt listed somewhere as an enemy.

The state of Alabama Department of Homeland Security got scrutinized for an [interactive terrorism awareness training](#) section of its Web site, which said much the same things. The bureaucrats removed the entire training after it wound up on digg.com, a popular Web site where users can promote news to the site’s front page. It is archived at http://web.archive.org/web/20060110071648/www.homelandsecurity.alabama.gov/tap/anti-gov_grps.htm

In Alabama, it seems, promoting gun rights means you are a domestic terrorist.

Alabama’s site was based on a similar one from the state of Pennsylvania, <http://pa-aware.org>, which in addition to all of the above, says that promoting jury nullification (fija.org), or ‘free states’, or the belief that all governments must ultimately become corrupted by power also makes you a domestic terrorist worth watching.

If you have ever read [Unintended Consequences](#), you may also be a ‘terrorist’. The BATF

and FBI routinely imply those who own or read the book are terrorists.

The state of Virginia also states that property rights activists are ‘terrorists’.

It is actually the re-definition of all of the diverse elements of the whole patriot movement in America as ‘the enemy’. Organizations like the ADL and SPLC have chiefly been the originators of boilerplate language such as “extremist” to describe freedom-lovers, and now they are making ‘extremist’ synonymous with ‘terrorist’. Now comes new legislation that has already passed the House, and now sits in committee in the Senate: S.1959

The following was posted at DailyPaul.com at

<http://www.dailypaul.com/node/5466>

“All Ron Paul supporters should be alert to Senate Bill 1959 – ‘Violent Radicalization and Homegrown Terrorism Prevention Act of 2007’

Go to this link and type in ‘S 1959’: <http://thomas.loc.gov/>

You may have heard the fuss about it as HR 1955. Well, it passed the house, and now YOU may be considered a terrorist the next time you THINK about using force to protect your civil liberties.

Do you care about 2nd amendment gun rights? Do you care about a political issue or religion or social change? Do you care about the Bill of Rights?

Here is language directly from S 1959:

“The term ‘violent radicalization’ means the process of adopting or promoting an extremist belief system for the purpose of facilitating ideologically based violence to advance political, religious, or social change.” Take out the word “violence” and you’re looking at a law that threatens belief systems, ideology, politics, religion, and social change.

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This bill is an offensive threat to our civil liberties.

Of course, this legislation takes on a whole new context when viewed against the backdrop of the rhetoric of groups like the SPLC. It is clear that this bill, and the manner in which this language is crafted, is part of a long-standing design to subject political dissenters to the full measure of the unconstitutional post-911 police-state legislation signed by G.W. Bush.

Imagine Charlton Heston being labeled a terrorist for raising a musket above his head and loudly proclaiming “...FROM MY COLD DEAD HANDS!!”

Under this proposed bill, old Chuck would have gone to Gitmo.

You too could be kidnapped by a government “rendition” squad and sent to Guantanamo **for merely having on your jeep that bumper sticker** sold at gun shows that reads “*When they come to take our guns, they can have mine, BULLETS FIRST*”.

Of course, should such a law be passed – and they must pass it in order to successfully establish the CFR-planned “North American Union” and the abolition of our Constitution – you would not be alone in visiting Gitmo, because this bill is not merely aimed at members of the militia. Like all the other un-American legislation passed in the last several years, it would be used against **anyone** who stands up and complains about the new Amerika.

...Let’s make sure it doesn’t pass.

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