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More Media Collusion

“It is important for the world to know, the American government may have pulled out of the Paris agreement, but *the American people* are committed to its goals, and there is nothing Washington can do to stop us,” former New York City mayor [and Council on Foreign Relations Member] Michael Bloomberg said at a global climate meeting in Bonn, Germany. [Emphasis added.]

— AP, 11-11-17

As we have often emphasized, the media aid revolutionaries in creating “pressure from below” by reporting their claims at face value and ignoring

any hidden agendas or subversive organization. The following excerpt from *Masters of Deception* explains the objective of the revolutionaries and their tactic:

Revolutionary strategists fully understand the power of public opinion, supported by a strong middle class, to block their schemes. That’s why their strategy focuses so heavily on manipulating public opinion, deceiving public opinion, confusing public opinion, dumbing down the public, and weakening and controlling the middle class.

To neutralize and misrepresent public opinion, revolutionary tactics call for the orchestration

of mass demonstrations, and the use of purportedly “independent” organizations to create “pressure from below” in support of legislation.

And whether intentionally or by complacency, the media do nothing to enlighten the American people as to the real aim of the deception — a drive for unaccountable power. The AP coverage of the recent UN climate

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Totalitarian agenda: At the 2017 UN Climate Conference, Calif. Governor Jerry Brown (R) (co-chair of “America’s Pledge”) audaciously touted his state’s support for the Paris Climate Agreement as the will of the American people. Just prior to the UN’s 1992 Rio Earth Summit that launched this series of UN climate meetings, Mikhail Gorbachev warned of “the prospect of catastrophic climate changes.” Revealing the Internationalists’ game plan, he stressed that the solutions would require “some kind of global government.”



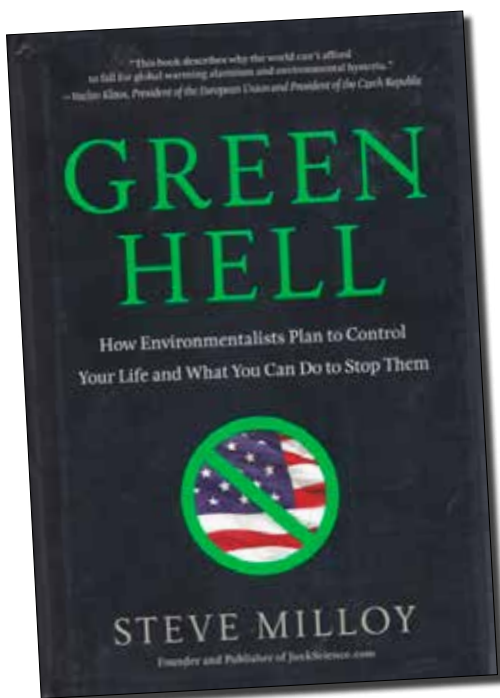
conference in Bonn provides another good illustration of how the popular media's reporting deceives Americans.

AP's report focused largely on the claims of an American group at the conference calling itself "America's Pledge," which, as you can see above, purports to represent "the American people." The co-chairs for "America's Pledge" are former New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg (CFR) and California Governor Jerry Brown:

The group calling itself "America's Pledge" said states, cities and *private groups* have been taking considerable steps to reduce emissions by promoting renewable energy use and climate-friendly transportation systems. "This is a pledge, and it's a pledge that you can cash, because it's real," Brown said. "We are doing real stuff in California." [Emphasis added.] — AP

The AP report continued to give the "America's Pledge" group credibility without suggesting any ulterior agenda:

In a report, however, the



["America's Pledge"] group said that "we cannot underscore strongly enough the critical nature of federal engagement to achieve the deep decarbonization goals the U.S. must undertake after 2025."

Daniel Firger, one of the report's contributors, said it was intended to show that *many in the U.S.* [seeking here to create the illusion that revolutionary organizations represent mainstream Americans] aren't prepared to wait for Trump to change his mind on climate change again or wait for the next administration to tackle the issue.

The leftwing *Huffington Post* website provides this description of Daniel Firger: "Daniel Firger is Associate Director of the Columbia Center for Climate Change Law, where he works to *develop* and promulgate *legal techniques* to address climate change, and helps train the *next generation of lawyers* to be *leaders in the field.*" [Emphasis added.]

If there were a genuine scientific consensus that the earth was in serious danger due to manmade greenhouse gases, the enormous green network, *including its lawyers*, would not be necessary. No, something else is at work.

Consider, for example, "A Masterful Wake-up Call" on our website — a review of *Green Hell: How Environmentalists Plan to Control Your Life and What You Can Do to Stop Them* by Steve Milloy (Regnery, 2009). In that review, we wrote:

In *Green Hell*, Steve Milloy demonstrates with exceptional clarity that our way of life — our health, mobility, comfort, prosperity, a first-world standard of living, and most especially our freedom — is at risk due to well organized and well funded revolutionaries.

"Well funded" is an understatement. Milloy's book focused on several of the prominent, extremely well funded workhorses in the "green network." But he also pointed to the various layers in that network:

From the Earth Liberation Front, an FBI-labeled terrorist group, to "street theater" groups like Greenpeace and the Rainforest Action Network, to suit-and-tie "mainstream" activist organizations like the Natural Resources Defense Council and Environmental Defense Fund, to "old money" private foundations like the Rockefeller Foundation and the Pew Charitable Trusts, *the greens can muster an array of forces — protestors, lawyers, scientists, journalists, and others — to get things done.* [Emphasis added.]

President Trump's mere announcement that the United States would pull out of the Paris agreement has so far not unleashed low-cost energy production or exposed the subversive "green network." But it has had one impact:

"The good news around Trump's announcement to withdraw is that it has galvanized a groundswell of bottom-up support [read "pressure from below"] from all corners of the U.S. economy," Firger told The Associated Press.

Congress: Just Vote the Constitution!

The Continuing Resolution to fund all government departments and programs expires on December 8, as does the authorization to raise the national debt ceiling for expenditures during that period. As we projected last month, a *bipartisan* omnibus is likely and *should be vigorously opposed.*

As expected, the much heralded

House-passed *GOP omnibus* (H.R. 3354, the “**Make America Secure and Prosperous Appropriations Act**, Roll Call 528, 9-14-17) has gone nowhere in the Senate. Note, that the *GOP omnibus* threw regular order out the window by including four of the 12 appropriations bills the House had already passed.

If the House were really concerned about spending, then it would need to play hardball and insist that the Senate deal with each individual bill — no massive omnibus of excuses and compromises. Caving in and accepting a negotiated bipartisan compromise with socialists on everything simply guarantees that the big-spenders win.

Tax Reform

As you may have read, Congress is in the midst of a political storm over a major tax rewrite pushed by President Trump and the GOP congressional leadership. After passage of a House version, GOP House Speaker Paul Ryan argued: “Passing this bill is the single biggest thing we can do to grow the economy, to restore opportunity and help those middle income families who are struggling.”

No, the biggest thing Congress can do to help struggling Americans is to

roll back unconstitutional government. Such a rollback would produce an incredible rebirth of American growth and prosperity.

Unfortunately, we see no effort from politicians to end unconstitutional spending and federal usurpations or to promote the necessary public understanding to support those cuts. (Creating that understanding and constituent pressure is part of Freedom First Society’s mission.)

Moreover, if Congress should actually implement significant tax cuts, inspiring the economic growth and new tax revenue GOP proponents like to project, don’t expect the revenue to curb Congress’s appetite for more unconstitutional spending.

Recommended actions: 1) **Contact your congressman** and insist that only individual appropriations bills be supported (real regular order) and then only if there are significant roll backs of unconstitutional spending; 2) **Explain to prospects** how our Founding Fathers designed the **House of Representatives as the means** for an informed and moral people to keep government in check; and 3) **Use our scorecard** to create understanding of what’s really happening in Congress and why congressional backbone to return to the Constitution must

come from the pressure of informed constituents back home.

FFS Scorecard (115th Congress)

Since last month, we have scored votes (both House and Senate) on one new measure that was signed into law. The measure was a second installment (\$35 billion) of federal disaster aid, passed as *supplemental* appropriations without any effort to curb expenses elsewhere or any concern over adding to the deficit. The bipartisan spending measure received unanimous support from Democrats. The only opposition in the House and Senate came from a minority of Republicans.

Please see our complete analysis, which includes some insightful comments by Senator Rand Paul re the dangerous lack of concern over deficits in Congress and the willingness of Congress to break its own rules to keep spending.

Recommended actions: **Study** the scored votes for the 115th Congress and **share your approval or disapproval** with your representative. But don’t stop there! **Share your rep’s scorecard with other constituents** (print hard copy reports, use the Facebook share button, or simply share links with your comments).

Save Our Constitution!

by Andrew Carver

Once more, from our campaign battlefield there is not-so-good, but also some better, news.

The not-so-good news is that our side has lost the Wisconsin skirmish against **AJR21**’s call for an Article V convention. This resolution is likely to be counted as a Balanced-Budget Amendment (BBA) convention-application, even though it does not really follow the BBA Task Force’s model legislation. Therefore, we must consider the BBA tally as back where it started the year — a total of 28 states with standing convention-calls.

How do we get that number to go



No Federal rollback on GOP table: House Speaker Paul Ryan claimed the “Tax Cuts and Jobs Act” was “the single biggest thing we can do” to help struggling Americans.



down, permanently? There is only one way: We must go on the offensive and work for BBA-call rescissions.

In that regard, there is perhaps some better news: *The Nation*, a radical left-wing periodical, has recently [November 2] published an extensive article calling for an Article V convention: “The US Constitution Is Over 2 Centuries Old and Showing Its Age.”

Why is *that* helpful for our purposes? It’s because this article provides a sobering wake-up call for the many Republican legislators whom we need to awaken from their emotionally comforting yet delusional dreams about an Article V convention.

For what will their reaction be when we show them irrefutably, from this radical-left publication, that those wishing to impose a Marxist “paradise” on us consider a

“runaway convention” an outcome both beneficial and practical? What we need these legislators to do about it is to rescind their state’s foolhardy application(s) for an Article V convention.

(An aside: Despite *The Nation*’s radical leftwing history, its publisher, Karen vanden Heuvel, is a member of the Establishment’s Council on Foreign Relations.)

As a reminder: Next month, many state legislatures will swing back into action. Please stay abreast of the developments by use of our webpages listing Measures targeted by this campaign; and, if you wish to be an informed soldier in the battle for the truth, and you have an email address, let me know you’d like to be on the email list for our Con-con campaign action-alerts! Email me at andrew.carver@freedomfirstsociety.org.

Action Summary

Note: Some requests below are ongoing from previous *Action Reports*.

1. **Share** recent FFS posts with prospects. **Follow up.**
2. **Share** congressional scorecards for the current 115th Congress online with prospects.
3. **Use** our DVD, “The Price of Liberty is Eternal Vigilance,” to recruit.
4. **Share** the case against a Con-con with prospects. Look for opportunities to **recruit** new soldiers into the battle to Save Our Constitution!
5. **Contact legislators** in your state in opposition to *any* Con-con calls, current or future. In states that have passed BBA Con-con calls, work to **rescind** all of your state’s Con-con calls.

In Closing ...

As the end of 2017 approaches, we want to take just a few lines here to express our sincere appreciation to all of our faithful Freedom First Society members who have worked so diligently to preserve freedom by helping to build FFS.

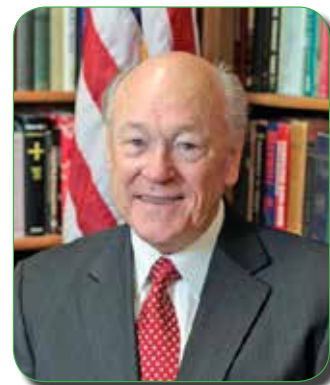
For more reasons than we have space to enumerate, this has been a particularly difficult year in the freedom fight. Suffice it to say, a large portion of the conservative-minded American public became caught up in a “one man will solve all problems” political euphoria. And, sadly, many of this group are still wandering in this media-created “never, never land.” As a result, they have shown little or no interest in our common sense approach to exposing an Insider agenda to enslave mankind, and of working a plan to preserve freedom by adherence to an inspired, yet seriously endangered, U.S. Constitution.

The fight to preserve agency and freedom for mankind is, and has always been, God’s battle. It is our great privilege to be allowed to participate in it. So, along with our heartfelt thanks to each and every faithful FFS member who has kept his or her eye focused on our mission, we wish to express our gratitude and love to that Divine Providence who entrusted us with our precious freedoms in the first place.

Finally, as we remember Him this Christmas season, we send to each and every one of you our affectionate regards and our sincere wish for a blessed and very Merry Christmas!



Yours for freedom,
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