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FOREWORD



by William S. Hahn,
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Work to Create Sufficient Understanding

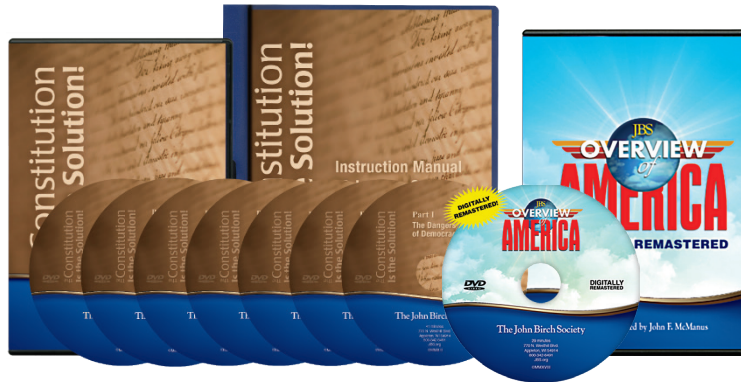
"All we need to win this struggle with the Communists is to create sufficient understanding of what they are doing. Yet the evidence surrounds us on every side." JBS founder Robert Welch wrote this in the November 1966 *Bulletin* to remind members of the importance of keeping our eye on the ball and staying active to create that sufficient understanding.

In this sufficient understanding, we must include our solutions and how others can be part of them. We must offer action with education in order to avoid frustrating others because, as the saying goes, "Action without education leads to fanaticism. Education without action leads to frustration." This quote, listed in the June 1969 issue of *American Opinion*, is attributed to JBS National Director of Public Relations Reed Benson.

Indeed, just as Mr. Welch's quote was true in 1966, today we also see evidence surrounding us on every side — the deplorable decline of morality, the continual degradation of rights, the brazen operation of government outside of its limitations, and citizens and government officials falling in lockstep with world-government bodies that circumvent American independence and sovereignty. The good news is that the Conspiracy is more apparent to the masses than ever before. The bad news is that it has progressed far enough that the conspirators are barely concealing their work.

But let's not get discouraged. In a recent episode of *The New American TV*, we discussed whether it is inevitable that the Conspiracy will achieve its endgame. The answer should be obvious since, as JBS leaders have pointed out for quite some time, the efforts of The John Birch Society have caused the timetable of the Insiders to be thrown off by decades. What was originally slated for 1976 continues to be pushed down the road. Let's point out that the endgame we are referring to is the installation of world government under a New World Order. It can only come when the destruction of the Americanist system is complete, when American exceptionalism is done, gone, and buried.

So, let's stay motivated. At this time, the Americanist system is largely intact *on paper, and less so in practice*. Yet, it's the implementation of the system that is key. What Washington is destroying can oftentimes thrive in the states and localities. The creator needs to understand its role in controlling its creation.



Chapters should set goals for recruiting, outreach, and influencing state legislators. Recommended activities include distributing legislators' *Scorecards*, hosting a *Constitution Is the Solution* workshop or a showing of *Overview of America*, and visiting legislators to discuss rescinding Con-Con applications.

Just because a decree goes out from the federal government doesn't mean *We the People* must bow to it. As Article VI of the Constitution demands, the federal decree must meet certain constitutional criteria: federal laws *made in pursuance of the Constitution* are the law of the land. It doesn't say all federal laws are the law of the land, but only those made according to the limitations of the government. If that is not met, the law or decree is null and void. Sound extreme? Not according to Alexander Hamilton, who wrote in *The Federalist*, No. 33, "acts ... which are not pursuant to its constitutional powers ... will be merely acts of usurpation, and will deserve to be treated as such."

Thomas Jefferson followed that with his Kentucky Resolutions of 1798, which said, "But, where powers are assumed which have not been delegated ... every State has a natural right in cases not within the compact ... to nullify...."

Again, this is all intact in the Constitution. It has not been rewritten, though it has been slightly watered down. However, the concept of nullification is constitutionally sound and is being used when legislators understand their role in utilizing this tool.

Whether they know and use this depends largely on you. After all, we are an "educational army," as Mr. Welch described it, and an army must be kept active, either drilling or in battle, led by our fearless field staff and chapter leaders. The agenda and material support comes from HQ, and members are asked to carry it out to the best of their ability.

Chapters must have a plan of attack if they are to be successful. Right? It's like going on a cross-country trip without a

map or sense of direction. How do you know you've arrived when you don't know where you are going? "Have a plan or plan to fail," as is pointed out in some of our leadership manuals.

Knowing we are approaching the end of summer and heading into fall, what goals does your chapter have? Recruiting goals should be covered by working your 100/10/6 plan. Community outreach goals could be to book a designated speaker from the chapter with local organizations, clubs, and church groups that are looking to fill fall speaking slots at upcoming meetings. We have several professionally designed PowerPoint presentations that your field coordinator can share, especially those related to our top action projects.

Additional outreach can include literature distribution. Since election season is starting to gear up, there will be plenty of interest from the electorate in knowing the constitutional adherence of elected officials at the state and federal levels. Print and distribute *Scorecards* in constituent districts. Include in the literature drop a flyer to a future event for the public, such as an upcoming *Constitution Is the Solution* workshop, a scheduled Speakers Bureau presentation or webinar, a video showing of *Overview of America*, or any videos related to our action projects (perhaps our *TNA* video interviews of South Dakota and Iowa farmers).

Chapter activities should also include regularly visiting state legislators and their aides at their local offices to ensure their support in rescinding any standing calls to apply for a constitutional convention, to vote down any proposed convention resolutions, and to use nullification to correct

federal overreach. Look for opportunities within the process to generate and apply pressure where and when needed. Be sure to share the legislator interviews on the Stop a Con-Con action-project page, at <https://gojt.us/cp9w>, so they know what other legislators are experiencing.

Let's not get too distracted by the 2024 presidential campaign season, which will certainly be one big soap opera. It's what we do in our local communities through our chapters that will make the biggest difference. Let's create a local bulwark of freedom that can help avoid many federal problems and create that sufficient understanding.

The Founding Fathers proved that an "irate, tireless minority" can win the big battle through education and organization. And we've proved time and time again that daunting odds are no match for an active, organized membership.

Don't forget that our 2023 Leadership Conference will take place next month, September 8-9, in Des Moines, Iowa. It will feature speakers and workshops on our most important action projects and is geared toward helping you become a more effective activist. You can find more information in the ad on page 4. We hope to see you there!

Also, a final note that our appeal letters for The John Birch Society and *The New American* are going out with some exciting incentives. Please give as generously as you can. This directly impacts how much we can advance plans to further the mission. Thank you for all that you do! ■

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GROWING JBS



by Bill Cherry, Home Chapter Coordinator

Growing Our Influence in Texas With B&P Chapters

One of our strategies in the JBS is to build an informed and active base of at least 500 members per congressional district who, in turn, influence the positions and voting records of elected officials by promoting a constitutional understanding of the issues. Most of this influence has come from the activity and growth of our regular, evening chapters. However, since the inception of our Business and Professional (B&P) chapters, we have seen JBS influence and activity extend even further because of the large influence of our B&P members. The programs and activity the B&P chapters undertake greatly magnify the influence of the JBS on the issues.

Most B&P chapters meet at noon, and the chapter members know many people through their business and professional work and activity. They also know and have met many local, state, and federal officials (both elected and nonelected) through their business and work. In Texas, we have four active B&P chapters, which have large turnouts and memberships. With their well-planned program of speakers, issues, and projects, the chapters draw many new prospects each month, which brings new people into the JBS and continually increases membership in both the daytime B&P and evening regular chapters in the area. Many family members of new and prospective B&P chapter members join an evening chapter because they cannot make a daytime meeting.

In Midland, Texas, our B&P chapter has become a major influence in the area. This has resulted in new members joining both the B&P and evening chapters in Midland, as well as the formation of another evening chapter in the area and ongoing efforts to start a new B&P chapter in another town. We regularly meet local officials who want to learn about the constitutional position on the issues; in addition to attending the B&P chapter meetings, they help us promote and create an understanding of those constitutional positions. Some of these officials have become members of the B&P chapter.

The B&P chapters are a source of support, financing, and help to the local evening chapters' programs and activities. The B&P chapters help the evening chapters bring in speakers, establish JBS booths at other events, and purchase books and reprints from the JBS to use for local chapter activity. The B&P and local evening chapters have also successfully worked together to expose and stop the activity of socialist and Marxist groups coming into the area to disrupt the local community. Two of the Texas B&P chapters buy boxes of our new books and reprints and give everyone copies at the next meeting to read, and extra copies to buy and distribute. This has resulted in the constitutional perspective on critical issues being discussed on local radio, the internet, and television, which ends up increasing awareness and understanding of the issues in the community.

Our Business and Professional chapters working and helping the evening chapters greatly increases our influence, activity, and positive results in a given area. As well-run and organized B&P chapters increase — along with evening chapters — we are seeing our influence, growth, and success magnify greatly. ■

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JBS President Martin Ohlson speaks at a Houston B&P chapter meeting.



Dr. Marlene McMillan speaks to the Midland Texas, B&P chapter.



Trevor Loudon speaks at a JBS event in Richardson, Texas.



Members attend a "Back the Blue" rally in San Angelo, Texas.



Art Thompson speaks at a Dallas B&P chapter meeting.



Members attend a Texarkana, Texas, B&P chapter meeting.

DES MOINES, IOWA 2023 LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

SEPTEMBER 8-9

Airport Holiday Inn & Conference Center, 6111 Fleur Drive, Des Moines, IA 50321

FEATURED SPEAKERS:

Dr. Ryan Cole — The founder of Cole Diagnostics, Dr. Cole worked with America's Frontline Doctors to sound the alarm on the dangers of Covid injections.

James Patrick — The filmmaker of *Nitrogen 2000*, Mr. Patrick highlights the Dutch government's demonization of nitrogen emissions and the colossal repercussions this is having on farmers.

There will be a special memorial presentation honoring Larry McDonald, 40 years after the plane he was aboard was shot down by the Soviet Union.

See ad on page 9 regarding auction donations.

The John Birch Society | **JBS.org**

For up-to-date info on the event, ticket prices, and room rates, scan the code or go to jbs.org/desmoines2023/



JBS SUCCESSES



by Matthew Rhodes,
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New England

Build Your Network to Save Our Republic

There is no secret to success in The John Birch Society. The plan to save this great Republic was laid out by our founder, Robert Welch, over 60 years ago. Mr. Welch, realizing that the globalist cabal already had agents within our own government and that America's resources were being used toward its own demise, was impelled to take action by forming the JBS.

One organization intent on destroying our constitutional Republic is Convention of States (COS). To look at the COS as simply a misguided political PAC is a fatal mistake. COS is just as much an enemy of freedom as the United Nations or World Economic

Forum, and it should be treated as such. It is in this frame of mind that you will find the obvious lies and deceptions in its arguments for a constitutional convention.

In Maine and New Hampshire, COS and other pro-Con-Con groups have tried to pass resolutions applying for a convention. However, not only did we defeat these efforts this year, but majorities in both states' legislatures voted against them.

We have been able to put the brakes on COS because we created a large network of members, friends, and legislators who will rise to the occasion every time it is needed. We field coordinators must have a statewide social infrastructure, with key contacts in every county and district. These contacts must

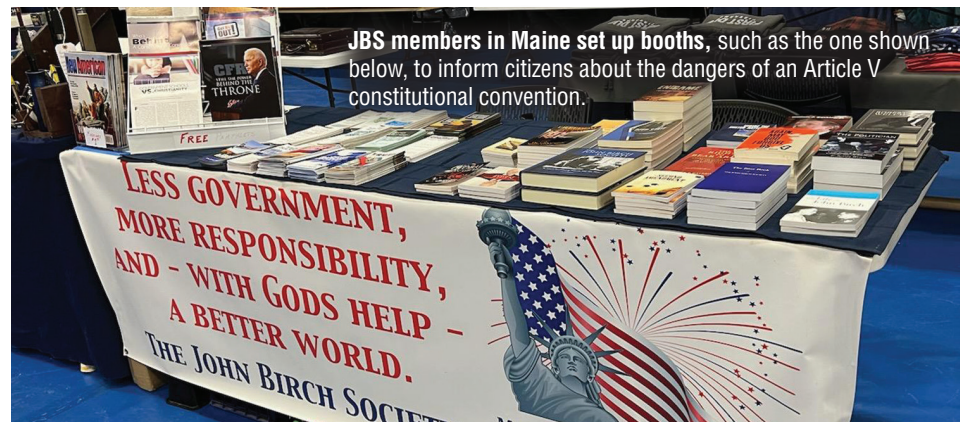
be people you, the members, have developed a relationship with. They must be part of your life, not people you call only when you want something. While the JBS has legislative alerts with the means to easily contact legislators, you must encourage everyone you know to build *personal relationships* with your elected officials, along with other people of influence.

What is The John Birch Society? To quote a description of Paul Revere, each of us is "just a cog, although an important one, in an elaborate warning system." That is what we are. ■

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JBS members in Maine set up booths, such as the one shown below, to inform citizens about the dangers of an Article V constitutional convention.

SUGGESTED ACTION TOOLS

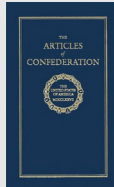


The Federalist Papers

A brilliant defense of the Constitution of the United States by Alexander Hamilton, James Madison, and John Jay. (1999ed, 606pp, pb, 1/\$7.75; 2+/\$6.95ea) **BKFP**

The Articles of Confederation

This pocket-sized hardcover edition contains the preamble, conclusion, and all thirteen articles that make up the Articles of Confederation. (1777, 28pp, hb, \$12.99ea) **BKAOC**



The Constitution Is the Solution Lecture Series w/ Manual & Lecture Guide CD + Lecture Materials Packet

Most Americans are not taught what's in the Constitution, nor are they aware of its limitations on government that have helped make America great. With this lecture series from The John Birch Society, you can help teach this and lead concerned Americans into activism. Materials Packet includes: *Agenda 21* and *You* booklet, *Dollars & Sense*

booklet, Declaration of Independence/Constitution in pocket size, *Republics & Democracies* booklet, *A Republic, if You Can Keep It* booklet, *Restoring the Rights of the States/People* booklet, *Dollars & Sense* DVD, *Change It or Obey It?* DVD, *Overview of America* DVD, and *The JBS Agenda* booklet (2017ed, 339 total minutes, 1-4/\$45.00ea; 5-9/\$35.00ea; 10-19/\$29.00ea; 20+/\$22.00ea) **DVDS CSCMP**



The Power of 500 — Pamphlet

The Power of 500 is the backbone of building an educated electorate in your local area. This pamphlet gives you all the details you need to implement this strategy, informs you of possibilities for taking action, and provides a great way to share this vision with others. Buy in bulk to share! (2022, 4-color trifold, 1-99/\$0.25ea; 100-499/\$0.20ea; 500-999/\$0.15ea; 1,000+/\$0.10ea) **PPDF**



The Founders' Brilliant Solution to Big Government: Article VI — Booklet

Big Government can be reined in by enforcing the Constitution instead of changing it. This booklet shows how to do this by applying the Constitution's Article VI, Clause 2 (Supremacy Clause) and Clause 3 (Oath of Office). (2023ed, 24pp, pb, 1-9/\$3.95ea; 10-24/\$3.00ea; 25-49/\$2.50ea; 50-99/\$2.00ea; 100+/\$1.75ea) **BKLTFS**

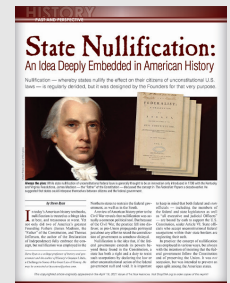
Nullification: The Founders' Solution to Federal Overreach — Pamphlet

Rather than seeking to change the Constitution, state officials ought to enforce it — and the way to enforce it is by nullifying unconstitutional laws. (2022, 4-color trifold, 1-99/\$0.25ea; 100-499/\$0.20ea; 500-999/\$0.15ea; 1,000+/\$0.10ea) **PNFSFO**



State Nullification: An Idea Deeply Embedded in American History

Nullification — whereby states nullify the effect on their citizens of unconstitutional U.S. laws — is regularly derided, but it was designed by the Founders for that very purpose. (2021, 8pp, 1-24/\$0.50ea; 25-99/\$0.40ea; 100+/\$0.35ea) **RPSN**



Article V Convention: America's Answer? — Pamphlet

Share this pamphlet with others to help them learn more about conventions and nullification to take action! (2022, 4-color trifold, 1-99/\$0.25ea; 100-499/\$0.20ea; 500-999/\$0.15ea; 1,000+/\$0.10ea) **PAFAA**



Article V Convention: Will It Work?

America has not had a constitutional convention since 1787. The result then was a blessing. But holding a new convention today could end up being disastrous for the nation. This TNA Special Report explains why. (July 11, 2022, 48pp, 1-9/\$3.95ea; 10-24/\$1.50ea; 25-99/\$1.25ea; 100+/\$0.90ea) **TNA220711**

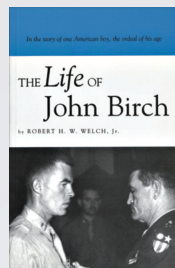


The Law

Frédéric Bastiat, in his classic exposé of socialism and communism as “lawful plunder,” explains the fundamental principles involved in determining the proper scope of government and explains socialist fallacies. New excerpts from Bastiat's other writings include “The Broken Window” & “The Candlemakers' Petition.” (2019ed, 87pp, pb, 1-9/\$6.95; 10+/\$5.95ea) **BKLN**

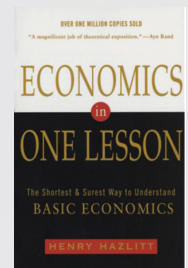
The Life of John Birch

The biography of a young American who was brutally murdered by the Chinese Communists in 1945, 10 days after the end of World War II. John Birch has been called the first casualty of World War III. “With his death and in his death the battle lines were drawn, in a struggle from which either Communism or Christian-style civilization must emerge, with one completely triumphant, the other completely destroyed.” (1960, 135pp, pb, 1-47/\$2.95ea; 48+/\$2.70ea) **BKTLQJB**



Economics in One Lesson

An introduction to basic economics based on a thorough analysis of the most popular economic fallacies. (1979ed, 218pp, pb, 1/\$16.95; 2-4/\$15.95ea; 5+/\$13.95ea) **BKEIOL**



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ACTION POINTS



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REACH OUT WITH THE NEW AMERICAN

Reach Out With The Freedom Index

We have just published our first installment of the *Freedom Index* for the new (118th) Congress, in the August 14 issue of *The New American* magazine. As in the past, this congressional scorecard based on the U.S. Constitution shows how every member of the House and Senate voted on 10 key issues.

As always, we urge you to use this index to better inform yourself and others about how your U.S. lawmakers vote. In many cases, the index will serve as an eye-opener for those who do not have a clue as to how their congressmen are voting, as well as those who may think they know but who have been misled by congressmen whose slick rhetoric clashes with their actual votes.

Of course, the lawmakers themselves know how they vote. But with relatively few exceptions, they can be expected to become better congressmen as their constituents become better informed and more involved. So please commend legislators



Distribute the new 118-1 *Freedom Index* to inform your fellow citizens how faithful their congressmen are to the Constitution.

who scored 90 percent or above in the new Congress — including by mailing handwritten letters to their offices — while urging others to improve. (It is gratifying that 41 representatives got 90 percent or above this time, though this is attributable at least in part to Republican reaction to Democratic radicalism.)

The *Freedom Index* is also a good door-opener for creating better understanding about the Constitution, which every member of the House and Senate pledges to uphold. Every vote description in the index not only summarizes the measure voted on, but also explains why the vote is rated as it is — making every description a mini lesson in the Constitution and a starting point for further discussion.

An online version of the *Freedom Index* is available (go to TheFreedomIndex.org), and our first installment for the 118th Congress is also being made available as a reprint.

We have additional tools (also at TheFreedomIndex.org) you can use to spread the word about how lawmakers are voting. These include *Congressional Scorecards* that show how any individual member of the House or Senate voted on

key issues (you choose the *Scorecards* you want), as well as *Legislative Scorecards* showing how any individual state legislator voted. PDFs of these *Scorecards* can be downloaded for free, and then printed on the front and reverse sides of a single piece of paper.

Please distribute the *Freedom Index*, *Congressional Scorecards*, and *Legislative Scorecards* throughout your community, including via door-to-door literature drops and by having them available at events your chapter attends. When distributing materials, we recommend including a cover sheet with your chapter's contact information, or an invitation to a chapter event where concerned citizens can get connected with the JBS.

We also recommend distributing these materials in a targeted manner, focusing on elected officials, influential individuals, and voters. The “Scorecard Power Pyramid” (<https://gojt.us/spp9>) clarifies whom best to focus on.

Please put all our tools to use, as appropriate, to build an informed electorate. ■

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STOP A CON-CON Work to Rescind in 2024

JBS chapters and members in states that have not yet rescinded all of their previ-

ous applications to Congress to call an Article V constitutional convention (Con-Con) should actively work to educate their fellow citizens to influence their state legislators to support rescission resolutions.

First, identify state legislators who have either espoused strong opposition to or stopped rescission, especially if a rescission resolution was introduced in your state. Once you have identified a key legislator, print off his *Legislative Scorecards* from TheNewAmerican.com or TheFreedomIndex.org. Find the legisla-

tor's residential address, then saturate the surrounding homes within a one- or two-mile radius with copies of the *Scorecards* to inform constituents about how he voted.

We recommend using transparent plastic doorknob bags, which you can purchase in lots of 100 at ShopJBS.org. In each bag, include a copy of the legislator's *Scorecard* along with literature about the dangers of a Con-Con, such as the “Article V Convention: America's Answer?” pamphlet; the July 11, 2022 Con-Con Special Report of *The New American* magazine; or reprints of other

Con-Con-related *TNA* articles from the magazine or online. Be selective in the one or two supplementary articles that you choose to include. Our purpose is not to spam or overload the legislator's neighbors and constituents with literature, but to provide them with just enough information about the topic to educate and convince them to ask the legislator to do something to stop the Con-Con and save the Constitution, such as supporting rescission. Even if only a small handful of the legislator's neighbors approach him about rescission, he may think that every constituent in the district received the same literature.

We also recommend scheduling and hosting a *Constitution Is the Solution* workshop series in that legislator's district. Include invitations for the planned workshop in the doorknob bags. Also, respectfully contact the legislator's office and invite him to the workshop series, especially to the last lecture, which specifically addresses the Con-Con topic.

Follow up by scheduling a meeting with the opposed legislator and his staff to share your concerns about a Con-Con and the need to rescind all the state's previously passed applications. It helps if those attending the meeting include the legislator's actual constituents, hence it's a



Alex Newman's interview with former Representative Brad Tschida is an excellent tool to show state legislators why Con-Con applications must be rescinded.

good idea to focus on recruiting new JBS members, passing out JBS/*TNA* Con-Con literature, and hosting the CITS workshop in the legislator's district.

Your goal should be to win over that legislator by presenting him with the truth about a Con-Con. An excellent example of a former pro-Con-Con legislator-turned-Con-Con opponent is former Montana state Representative Brad Tschida. After hearing nothing but positive information from the Convention of States (COS) organization about an Article V convention, he happily introduced a resolution applying to Congress for a convention based on the COS model resolution. Within a week of introducing the resolution, Rep. Tschida changed his mind. He hadn't done his due diligence

ahead of time to research all the facts, such as why a convention would be a bad idea. Upon learning the truth, he withdrew support for his own resolution. You can watch and listen to Alex Newman's interview with Rep. Tschida on [TheNewAmerican.com](https://gojt.us/7j7v) at <https://gojt.us/7j7v>. Let's try to do the same with those legislators roadblocking a rescission resolution from passing in your state's legislature. The interview is about 20 minutes long and would be ideal to pass on to legislators opposed to or skeptical of rescinding Con-Con applications. Help your state legislators discover the truth to help save the Constitution and keep our Republic. ■



GET US OUT! OF THE UNITED NATIONS

WHO: Threat to Sovereignty and Freedom

Is the UN's World Health Organization (WHO) a sinister part of a conspiratorial plan to destroy national sovereignty and personal freedom for all mankind?

The WHO's actions over the last several years illustrate why the United States must immediately exit it. Currently run by an outright Marxist, the organization has served as a mouthpiece for Communist China. Also, the WHO heavily promoted

the Covid vaccines while opposing the use of far more effective treatments such as hydroxychloroquine and ivermectin.

Now, the WHO is working to create a global "pandemic treaty" and amend its International Health Regulations, both of which would further erode national sovereignty. And at the beginning of June, the WHO announced it would adopt the European Union's digital health passports and seek to implement them across the rest of the world.

The Insiders recognize the roles of Covid and the WHO in establishing world government. For example, on April 3, 2020, *The Wall Street Journal* published an op-ed by Henry Kissinger, one of the most ardent globalists. Titled "The Coronavirus Pandemic Will Forever Alter the World Order," his article urged readers to "safeguard the principles of the liberal world order." Kissinger knew that the virus could be used as an excuse to promote globalism — and he favored this possibility.

Also, in his 2002 autobiography, David

Rockefeller, chairman of the Council on Foreign Relations, admitted:

Some even believe we [Rockefeller] are part of a secret cabal working against the best interests of the United States, characterizing my family and me as "internationalists" and of conspiring with others around the world to build a more integrated global political and economic structure — one world, if you will. If that's the charge, I stand guilty, and I am proud of it.

The UN Headquarters sits on property donated by the Rockefeller family. Rockefeller money has funded the UN and many other organizations and causes designed to bring about a tyrannical New World Order. In fact, the WHO's website brags about the support it has received from the Rockefeller Foundation. It's clear that the UN and WHO threaten national sovereignty, and our country should exit them.

Legislation has been introduced in the current (118th) Congress to withdraw the United States from the WHO. H.R. 79, the WHO Withdrawal Act, is sponsored by U.S. Representative Andy Biggs (R-Ariz.) and currently cosponsored by nearly 50 other representatives. We urge you to promptly meet with your U.S. representative and senators, along with their staff, and urge them to support and cosponsor H.R. 79 — and to support full UN withdrawal — if they haven't already done so.

Also, Congress can defund the WHO through the appropriations process. The House Appropriations Committee has proposed terminating U.S. funding for the WHO and certain other international organizations in its fiscal 2024 foreign-policy appropriations bill. This would significantly hinder the WHO's activities; urge your representative and senators to ensure this proposal becomes reality.

Finally, we recommend organizing a chapter event to inform others about why the United States must withdraw from the UN and

WHO. Specifically, play the *Behind the Deep State* videos “UN: Deep State Plan for World Government” (<https://gojt.us/28es>) and “UN WHO Coming In for the Kill With ‘Health’ Schemes” (<https://gojt.us/6xn2>). Among other methods, promote this event by including flyers when doing literature drops around your community. By educating others and getting them involved in our efforts, we will build momentum in getting out of the WHO. ■

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REIN IN BIG GOVERNMENT

Nullify Unconstitutional Court Rulings

The most recent U.S. Supreme Court term that ended on June 30 was a mixed bag. Positively, the Court upheld the freedoms of speech and religion, struck down affirmative action, and reined in government seizure of private property and the EPA's unconstitutional regulation of wetlands, among other rulings.

However, despite these positive rulings, the Court also issued several decisions this term that blatantly violate the U.S. Constitution and infringe upon state sovereignty. For example, in *Haaland v. Brackeen*, it upheld the constitutionality of the Indian Child Welfare Act despite the act infringing on state sovereignty and exceeding Congress' rightful power under the Commerce Clause. Additionally, in *Allen v. Milligan* and *Moore v. Harper*, the Court restricted state legislatures' authority to redraw congressional districts and simultaneously expanded federal control. And, although the Court struck down President Joe Biden's student loan forgiveness program in *Biden v. Nebraska*, it claimed — contrary to the enumerated powers in Article I, Section 8 — that Congress could enact such a program.



Give your state legislators copies of our nullification materials to help explain this important principle and how states can use it.

These rulings illustrate that although the “conservative” Supreme Court has made several pro-Constitution rulings in the last few years, it continues to unconstitutionally uphold and even expand federal usurpations at the expense of state sovereignty. In fact, Clarence Thomas, arguably the most constitutionalist justice, was the most frequent dissenter this term.

Meanwhile, the Democrat-controlled U.S. Senate — helped by globalist Republicans such as Lindsey Graham — continues to confirm Biden's leftist federal-judge nominees.

Rather than depending on the Supreme Court or lower federal courts to enforce the U.S. Constitution, state officials must use their own constitutional authority to do just that. Under Article VI, only federal actions “made in Pursuance” of the Constitution are the “supreme Law of the Land.” Accordingly, federal actions not “in Pursuance” of the Constitution are invalid and should be nullified by state and local officials, who swear an oath “to support this Constitution.”

Please take action to inform your state legislators about nullification. Schedule meetings with them, along with their legis-

lative staff, and urge them to use their constitutional authority to nullify unconstitutional federal actions — including lawless federal-court rulings. Also, highlight the many recent unconstitutional federal-court rulings to emphasize the futility of relying on the judiciary to save our Republic.

Furthermore, when meeting with your legislators and staff, give them copies of *The Founders' Brilliant Solution to Big Government: Article VI* booklet, the “Nullification: The Founders' Solution to Federal Overreach” pamphlet, and the “State Nullification: An Idea Deeply Embedded in American History” reprint. Use these materials to explain the principle of nullification and how states can use it, and also have them available at events you or your chapter attend.

To restore constitutional government, we must take organized action to educate and activate legislators and fellow citizens. If we remain persistent, we can achieve a lasting and significant limitation of government. ■

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BIRCHING 101



by Eldon Stahl,
Regional Field
Director

Strengthen Your Activism by Reading

Question: What are the most important books and videos any member should read or watch?

Answer: “More Responsibility.” It’s part of our motto. Why? Because you can’t be free without taking responsibility for your own freedom. One of the ways to do that is to read some key items. If you haven’t done so already, please stop everything you’re doing, open the web page linked at <https://gojt.us/s2to>, and print the recommended JBS reading and videos list. Then, come back. I’ll wait...

Welcome back! You’re right. It’s a *long* list! How can you read and watch all that? I’m glad you asked. One page (or minute) at a time. Stick the list on your fridge, bulletin board, or another place you can see it regularly. Put a “1” by the book you’ll read first, a “2” by the second one, and a “3” by the third. Do the same with the videos. Then get the first book (or video) and start reading and watching at your own pace, marking them off when done.

One thing to note: While videos are valuable, you won’t get nearly the amount of understanding of an issue by simply watching a video versus reading. But, you can get the highlights and an introduction to a subject. And reading or watching something multiple times helps you remember the information; so does taking notes.

Why would you want to do all this?

Let’s say your friend asks you who John Birch was. If you read *The Life of John Birch*, you’ll have a ready answer. Why would they join the JBS if you can’t tell them why it’s named after him?

Or how about if someone asks why Robert Welch started the Society and what he wanted to accomplish. Have you read *The Blue Book of The John Birch Society*? It’s in there!



Field Coordinator Mike Sabga (right) and JBS members attend the Florida Homeschooling Convention in Orlando, Florida.



Member John Rohe promotes the Freedom Index at the Florida Homeschooling Convention.



Mike Sabga speaks with families at the Florida Homeschooling Convention.



Field Coordinator Arthur Hampton (right) and JBS members attend the Georgia State Republican Convention in Columbus, Georgia.



Members interact with attendees at the Georgia State Republican Convention.

Now, imagine you’re sharing the “JBS Eagle” pamphlet with a neighbor, and they read that part of what we do is “protecting the Constitution.” Have you read the U.S. Constitution? Could you help your neighbor learn some key differences between that document and, say, *The Communist Manifesto* (which you should also read)?

Nowadays, it seems there’s always someone who wants to sell you the latest socialist “solution.” Could you explain why those “solutions” just don’t work and why privately controlled free enterprise is better for everyone? For that I recommend *The Law* by Frédéric Bastiat and *Economics in One Lesson* by Henry Hazlitt. (The latter is not on the list but is available at ShopJBS.org.)

The point is, you’re not going to educate anyone about anything if you don’t first know it yourself. The world is full of people making either ignorant or deceptive claims carefully designed to lead people away from truth. But those who have done their “homework” can often see through those claims.

Make it your goal today to consistently read and watch the recommended media from this list. If you do, you’ll be well on your way to being a “Bircher” and not simply a JBS member. Remember: Readers

are leaders, and leadership is influence. If you want to stand out in a crowd and be unique, be one of the few who doesn’t just pretend to know what he or she is talking about. Instead, be the one who actually *knows!* ■

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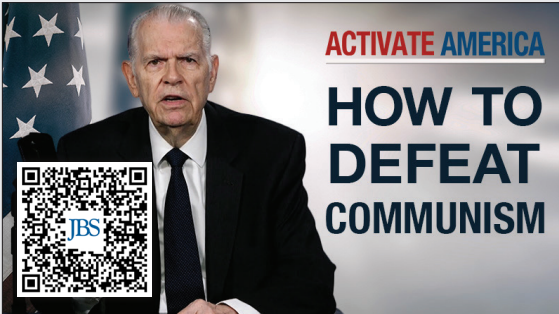
Silent Auction In Memory of Larry McDonald



JBS will host a silent auction in memory of Larry McDonald at the Leadership Conference on September 8-9. If you have memorabilia that you would like to donate for the auction, please email National Events Coordinator Lisa von Geldern at lvongeldern@jbs.org.

JBS/TNA VIDEOS

The John Birch Society and *The New American* regularly produce informative videos on important issues relevant to the fight for freedom. Although not an action item, we encourage you to watch these videos and share them with others.



How to Defeat Communism | Activate America

In this video, Art Thompson, CEO emeritus of the JBS, advises members to promote our comprehensive *Agenda* when discussing the JBS with others. He notes that *The Communist Manifesto* has a 10-point plan to communize countries, and to defeat this plan, The John Birch Society has an *Agenda* that combats it at every turn. Finally, Thompson emphasizes the importance of education and recruiting new members: <https://jbs.org/video/activate/how-to-defeat-communism-activate-america/>. ■



CFR Leadership Changing Hands — Not Policy

In this episode of *Behind the Deep State*, Alex Newman discusses the vast influence and goals of the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR) on American politics and global affairs, and gives examples of American leaders displaying fealty to the globalist organization. Newman notes Richard Haass' departure as head of the CFR, but emphasizes that his replacement, Michael Froman, will continue the CFR's subversive influence over Washington — and state and local policy — leading the United States into the New World Order: <https://thenewamerican.com/cfr-leadership-changing-hands-not-policy/>. ■



Biden's Latest Anti-cop Decree | JBS News Analysis

In this video, JBS CEO Bill Hahn notes a recent report by the U.S. Department of Justice accusing the Minneapolis Police Department of police brutality. He notes this is part of a wider effort to expand federal control over local law enforcement, a subversive effort that has been underway for decades. Hahn discusses the dangers of federalized police and urges viewers to get involved in the JBS's Support Your Local Police action project: <https://jbs.org/video/weekly/bidens-latest-anti-cop-decree-jbs-news-analysis/>. ■

NEW ACTION TOOL

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PENDING LEGISLATION



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There is so much legislative activity at the federal and state levels that it's difficult to keep up. We provide legislative alerts to keep you informed and provide a quick way to contact your officials. To see our full lists of federal and state alerts, go to <https://jbs.org/alerts/>. To find your officials' contact information, go to <https://jbs.org/contact-legislator/>.

You can subscribe to federal and 50-state legislative alert text updates by texting "JBS" to 1-800-527-8721.

Federal Alerts

- ❑ "Get US Out! of the UN": Congress must reintroduce and pass the American Sovereignty Restoration Act, to fully withdraw the United States from the United Nations and its related agencies: <https://gojt.us/p6y5>.
- ❑ "Get US Out! of the WHO — Support H.R. 79": Congress must withdraw the United States from the World Health Organization, which is working to dramatically expand its power at the expense of national sovereignty and medical freedom: <https://gojt.us/zz72>.
- ❑ "Stop Con-Con Aggregation Scheme in

Congress: H.Con.Res. 24 and S. 810": Members of Congress have introduced legislation to call an Article V constitutional convention, which would decimate the Constitution: <https://gojt.us/pite>.

- ❑ "Support H.R. 24 to Audit the Federal Reserve": As a first step toward abolishing the Federal Reserve, Congress must enact H.R. 24, which would mandate a full audit of the Federal Reserve System: <https://gojt.us/as68>.

State Alerts

- ❑ "Stop Article V Convention Applications": A Con-Con could decimate Americans' constitutionally guaranteed freedoms. State legislators must reject any new applications for a convention and rescind all existing applications: <https://gojt.us/pw48>.
- ❑ "Support Nullification to Enforce the Constitution": State legislators must use their constitutional authority under Article VI to nullify unconstitutional federal actions: <https://gojt.us/k88a>.
- ❑ "Outlaw Subversive Agenda 2030 Schemes": State legislators must enact strong legislation banning all state and local government involvement in schemes that advance the UN's Agenda 2030: <https://gojt.us/f2h3>.
- ❑ "Restore Election Integrity in the States": State legislators must take the lead in restoring election integrity, including by increasing vote-counting transparency and requiring in-person voting on Election Day only: <https://gojt.us/z4s9>. ■

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Patriots Corner

In Memory of Congressman Dr. Lawrence Patton McDonald

A relative of General Patton, who gave me a letter of recommendation for USAF OTS in 1978. — *Jim Timms, a member since high school, 1969*

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Dr. Douglas Frank

Seven Steps to Take Back Our Elections

Dr. Frank has been working with hundreds of grassroots county groups across our nation to restore integrity in our elections. In this presentation, he explains why we have lost our elections and what it will take to restore them. He also discusses why a county-level effort — rather than relying on state legislatures — is needed to restore our elections. If a committed team can be assembled, Dr. Frank will continue to work with them to help achieve integrity where they live.



Rebecca Terrell

Diabolic Origins of the Great Reset

With the dawn of the Great Reset, the conspiratorial wolf is finally beginning to emerge from its sheep's clothing. However, this scheme has been at work throughout history under other names, always with the same goal of overthrowing both church and state and implementing tyranny. Rebecca Terrell traces the diabolic origins of the Great Reset and reveals what we can do to combat it.



Dr. Steve Bonta

Inside the United Nations — 20 Years Later

The United Nations is almost 80 years old, and has changed a lot over the decades. But the essential goals of the organization remain completely contrary to the interests of a free and independent United States. The danger of a sudden and radical transformation of the UN into a true world government has never been more acute. In this presentation, Dr. Bonta examines what has been happening recently with the UN, and explores prospects for the near-term future — including the possibility that the United States will eventually withdraw from the organization.

Featured speakers can attend events in-person or digitally through Zoom. For more speakers and updated information, or to schedule, contact JBS Headquarters at 920-749-3780 or go to jbs.org/speakers.





August 2023 Member Action Checklist

Organized action is imperative to save our Republic. Use this checklist to easily keep track of the actions you and your chapter need to accomplish this month. **Bring this to your next meeting.**



Action Item 1

See “Reach Out With *The Freedom Index*”

on page 6 for specifics and take action:

- Following the directions in the article, distribute the *Freedom Index* and *Scorecards* of every relevant state and federal legislator in your area.
- If your U.S. representative or senators scored 90 percent or more in the 118-1 *Freedom Index*, thank them, including by mailing them handwritten letters.



Action Item 2

See “Work to Rescind in 2024”

on page 6 for specifics and take action:

- Identify legislators in your state who oppose rescission, or who are key to passing a rescission resolution. Following the directions in the article, educate their neighbors about the dangers of a Con-Con.
- Host a *Constitution Is the Solution* workshop to help build an educated electorate in your community. Invite your legislators to attend.
- Schedule meetings with your state legislators and their staff, and urge them to introduce or cosponsor a rescission resolution.



Action Item 3

See “WHO: Threat to Sovereignty and Freedom”

on page 7 for specifics and take action:

- Meet with your U.S. representative and senators, urging them to support the WHO Withdrawal Act (H.R. 79) and full UN withdrawal, and to defund the WHO.
- Following the directions in the article, organize a chapter event to inform others about why the United States must withdraw from the UN and WHO.



Action Item 4

See “Nullify Unconstitutional Court Rulings”

on page 8 for specifics and take action:

- Meet with your state legislators and their staff, urging them to nullify all unconstitutional federal actions, including federal-court rulings.
- Give your legislators and their staff copies of *The Founders’ Brilliant Solution to Big Government: Article VI* booklet, the “Nullification: The Founders’ Solution to Federal Overreach” pamphlet, and the “State Nullification: An Idea Deeply Embedded in American History” reprint.

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