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“Less government, more responsibility, and — with God’s help — a better world.”

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FOREWORD



by William S. Hahn,
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Restoring a Constitutional Foreign Policy

Emotions swirl anytime tragedy hits. Decision-making based on emotions can be well-intentioned, but is rarely a good idea. Congressman Davy Crockett had this pointed out to him by one of his constituents; this account is recorded in our small booklet *A Humbling Lesson*. The point made is that there are constitutional limitations that must be obeyed,

and those who do not obey them must be voted out of office.

Emotional issues also lead to knee-jerk reactions. The Left offers many examples, including calling for gun control following a shooting or calling for restrictions on police after a controversial police shooting. Anytime we deal with emotional issues, it’s good practice to check it against a guiding principle. For a guide on what the federal government should be involved in, we consult the U.S. Constitution. When considering the constitutionality of legislation, the late Rep. Larry McDonald (who also served as chairman of the JBS Board in 1983) had a system he followed. He asked himself three questions:

1. Is it constitutional?
2. Is it needed?
3. Can we afford it?

As former Rep. Ron Paul and current Rep. Thomas Massie (R-Ky.) have attest-

ed, one usually only needs to read a short way into the bill to answer the first question, so rarely do the other two questions get answered. If Congress had followed this system, our country wouldn’t be \$34 trillion in debt.

With this mindset and guiding principle, we approach the topic of aid sent not just to Ukraine or Israel, but to any country. Let’s also discuss possible U.S. military action in these countries. Sending any type of aid to a foreign country to help in a military conflict is itself an act of war. The prelude to the United States’ entrance into World War II serves as an example of what can happen. Japan didn’t have natural resources to fuel its burgeoning industry, so imports were highly important and valued. When the United States cut off bank credit in 1938, canceled a commercial treaty in 1939, and quit sending other valuable exports used to make war materiel in 1940, Japan assessed that it would be economically ruined in two years. It declared war and



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In this photo, the Franklin, Wisconsin, Support Your Local Police committee meets with local law enforcement to inform them about the dangers of federalized police.

destroyed much of the U.S. naval fleet at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941.

The actions Congress and the Biden administration are taking toward Ukraine, Russia, Iran, Israel, Syria, Yemen, and other countries currently involved in war are indeed acts of war that must be decided upon by the proper constitutional authority. Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution spells out the powers delegated to Congress; the power to declare war is one of them. No other branch of government gets to make this decision. Article II, Section II names the president as commander-in-chief. He derives no special war-declaring powers. Once Congress declares war, the president as commander-in-chief can swing into military action.

But what about the War Powers Act? Doesn't that grant special powers to the president? No. According to Article VI, any act not made in pursuance of the Constitution is not the law, and is null and void. To change the requirements for going to war, the Constitution would have to be amended. This principle has been muddied over the years by the U.S. military's involvement in United Nations "police actions," including wars in Korea and Vietnam, and the many war incursions spurred by 9/11, such as Iraq and Afghanistan. These actions created a dangerous and unconstitutional precedent leading to mission creep, undefined goals, unnecessarily lengthened wars, additional lost lives, spent treasure, and a foreign

policy of being the world's policeman that has resulted in significant blowback.

In 1941, Congress declared war on Japan *the day after* the attack. At the risk of splitting hairs, realize that the U.S. military did not violate the Constitution when it acted in self-defense during the attack. However, Congress still needed to declare war to pursue the enemy, and did so quickly.

Is America ready for another world war because of a Pearl Harbor or 9/11? Recall that the actions taken by the FDR administration all but goaded Japan into war. Back then, America had access to abundant natural resources, and had plenty of factories that quickly ramped up production to crank out war materiel. Today, our country's manufacturing base has been decimated by globalism. Plus, American industry has largely been denied access to raw materials, including petroleum that fuels military transports and the rare earth metals specifically needed for weapons.

Do those advocating for war in Ukraine and Israel/Gaza understand these logistics? Do they know we rely on certain resources from the likes of Russia and China? Access to these materials would be severely limited. America would not be able to build and ramp up its industry as it did in World War II.

The Founding Fathers warned against entangling alliances, and instead encouraged peace, trade, and commerce with all nations. To avoid falling into the trap of

war, America must abide by its constitutional limitations, heed the Founders' advice, and become the example of freedom it once was — attracting those who yearn for it, want to learn it, and teach future generations to earn it.

Leading by example means safeguarding our founding principles. In practice, this means untangling ourselves from unconstitutional and unwise alliances such as the United Nations and all its affiliates, opposing efforts to build a North American Union, withdrawing from the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement, supporting local police and keeping them independent of federal and international control, stopping mass migration, ending the Federal Reserve, taking back elections and education, and stopping the effort to open the Constitution for rewriting or replacement through a constitutional convention.

As you can see, our agenda is strategic. It is the best way to protect sovereignty, independence, liberties, and freedom, and to promote lasting peace. Thank you for being part of it! Your efforts in actively working through your chapters are multiplied and amplified throughout the country. As we pointed out last month, your efforts are seeing success in our top projects. For 2024, every chapter should consider setting realistic goals and plans for accomplishment, and then follow through with local activities. Examples include more involvement at community events by hosting a table, presenting a speech, and handing out educational tools and invitations to upcoming chapter-sponsored events (e.g., video showings, *Constitution Is the Solution* workshops, and Speakers Bureau events). Additional goals could include promoting property rights, regularly visiting and sending literature to state legislators and their aides regarding the dangers of a constitutional convention, creating a Support Your Local Police ad hoc committee, distributing state and federal *Scorecards*, and specifically identifying those you want to recruit and carrying out a plan to do so. Opportunities abound! Contact your local field coordinator to discuss them. Have a blessed Christmas and Happy New Year! ■

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CHAPTER 101



by Evan Mulch,
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The Importance of Reading Robert Welch's Books

In our work to save and restore our constitutional Republic, we often face those who want to derail us. In 2017, neoconservative Mark Levin published a book titled *Rediscovering Americanism*, which, at the end, gave his recommended solution to our nation's problems — an Article V convention. I imagine many readers of the book thought it was great, but I, being a reader of JBS founder Robert Welch's books, thought it was boring, misguided, and a waste of a patriotic person's time.

Why would Mark Levin use the word "Americanism" — a word primarily used today by JBS members — in the title of his book? Was it to hijack the Americanist movement for his own pursuit of an Article V convention? Levin has made it publicly known that he doesn't support state nullification, despite it being one of the keys to preserving our constitutional federal-republic system. In a radio-show episode on July 9, 2009, Levin labeled a caller a "nut" after he educated Levin about the New World Order (listen here: <https://gojt.us/eb8k>). One must wonder why Levin knew exactly what to ask the caller. All in all, Levin is not a leader that Mr. Welch would have ever supported.

If Mr. Welch were alive today, he would have written articles and essays — based on facts and logic — destroying Levin's standing as a so-called Americanist conservative, since Levin currently co-opts a huge chunk of patriotic Americans with his TV and radio shows. Mr. Welch wasn't afraid to tell the truth and warn others about those pretending to be Americanists. We must become better at doing that ourselves.

Reading Mr. Welch's books will help you develop a true understanding of — and more effectively educate others about — the American form of government and the purpose and mission of The John Birch Society.

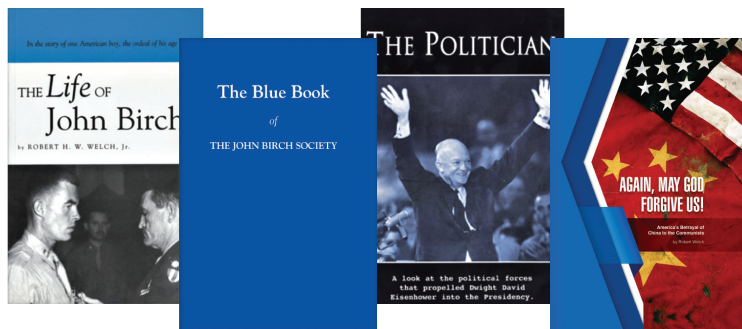
Where should you start if you want to dig deep and do your best to be like Robert Welch? Our New England field coordinator, Matthew Rhodes, has just started an online book club called The Robert Welch Book Club (RobertWelchBookClub.com). It's free to join, and participants get a weekly assignment to read about 50 to 100 pages from a book Mr. Welch wrote. Classes begin on Sunday evenings at 7 p.m. EST and last about one hour; during that time participants can participate in an online discussion about their completed assignment.

If you participate in The Robert Welch Book Club and complete all the assignments, you will have read *The Blue Book* in three weeks, *The Life of John Birch* in two weeks, *May God Forgive Us* in two weeks, *Again, May God Forgive Us* in three weeks, *The Politician* in four weeks, *The Romance of Education* in three weeks, and *The New Americanism* in three weeks. If you can't participate in the book club, please consider starting a similar book club in your community or online. And if that doesn't work for you, diligently read the books on your own time so you can more effectively carry out the legacy of Robert Welch. ■

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Reading Robert Welch's books will help you grow in your understanding of Americanism and The John Birch Society — and more effectively educate others about them.

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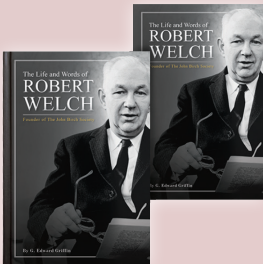
The Robert Welch Presentations capture the best of Welch's uniquely prophetic speeches from 1959 to 1974. These speeches established the philosophical foundation and grassroots organization of The John Birch Society and provided the impetus for today's rapidly growing movement to restore freedom under the Constitution. The set includes six DVDs: 1. *The Life of John Birch*; 2. *An Intro to the JBS, What Is the JBS, and An Invitation to Membership*; 3. *A Touch of Sanity*; 4. *The Truth in Time*; 5. *In One Generation — Part 1*; 6. *In One Generation — Part 2, Look at the Score*. (2009ed, 553 total minutes, \$29.95ea) **DVDSRWP**

The Life and Words of Robert Welch

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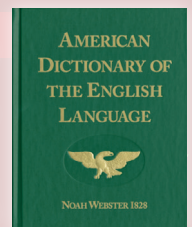
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ACTION POINTS



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STOP A CON-CON

Defending the Constitution in 2024

Thanks to your hard work, diligence, and steadfast dedication to the preservation of our federal Constitution, we have successfully thwarted resolutions for a constitutional convention by Convention of States (COS) and other groups in over two dozen states this year. Only two pro-Con-Con efforts succeeded this year. One was California's S.J.R. 7 — overwhelmingly passed by the Legislature at Governor Gavin Newsom's request — which applies to Congress to propose an onerous gun-control amendment to the Constitution that would effectively neuter the Second

Amendment. The other pro-Con-Con victory was Oklahoma's H.J.R. 1032 application to Congress to propose a congressional term-limits (CTL) amendment. In 2021, the Oklahoma Legislature passed S.J.R. 23, a hybrid "balanced budget" and COS Con-Con resolution that also included a CTL proposal. Therefore, this year's Con-Con application from Oklahoma doesn't increase any of the primary tallies for Congress to call a convention. Regardless of how "limited" in scope the misinformed proponents and duplicitous lobbyists of these Con-Con resolutions tell us the convention would be, the truth is that any such resolution encompasses the inherent power to rewrite the Constitution.

While we celebrate our many victories this past year, we must be even more vigilant next year. COS President Mark Meckler has vowed to ramp up his organization's efforts in 2024, with a particular emphasis on Idaho and Iowa. To prepare for next year's legislative sessions, stock up on our many Con-Con-related materials for both legislative days (to give to your state legislators and their staff) and to inform fellow citizens and like-minded patriots unaware of the dangers of an Article V convention.

To educate yourself and others, and to help prepare yourself for delivering

informed, in-person testimonials before legislative committees considering an Article V convention resolution or rescission resolution, visit our new "Article V Academy" page on the JBS "Stop a Constitutional Convention" action-project page: <https://gojt.us/avac>. All our "Level 1" videos are up, and "Level 2" should be complete by the end of December. Watch these videos, and share them with like-minded patriots.

Also, be sure to schedule meetings with your state legislators. Urge them to oppose any Con-Con resolutions, support rescission, and pursue nullification to rightfully rein in federal overreach. Two excellent tools to teach others about nullification and its benefits are the book *What Degree of Madness: Madison's Method to Make America STATES Again* by Joe Wolverton, J.D. (available on ShopJBS.org) and Robert Brown's presentation "Nullification: The Rightful Remedy" (<https://gojt.us/j6mn>). Host Robert Brown in your area to speak about both the Con-Con and nullification. When you do so, be sure to invite state lawmakers, especially your own legislators, to the event. Through your hard work, we will keep our Republic next year and beyond. ■

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by Steve Bonta,
Executive Senior Editor,
The New American

GET US OUT! OF THE UNITED NATIONS

United Nations: Seeking Global Control

Lost in all the coverage of sensational national and world events in recent months is the fact that the United Nations continues its campaign to achieve world-government status. The UN has repeatedly tried to meddle in the conflict between Israel and Hamas, including issuing statements condemning Israel and its military response. This is nothing new; the United Nations has been anti-Israel and pro-Palestine and radical Islam for decades. Since 2015, the UN General Assembly has adopted 140 resolutions opposed to Israel, while passing only 68 resolutions against all other countries.

Perhaps the most infamous of all the hundreds of UN General Assembly resolutions

denouncing Israel over the decades was Resolution 3379, adopted in 1975, which defined Zionism as a form of racism, equating it with apartheid and “neo-colonialism.” Although the resolution was eventually repealed in 1991, the damage was done. By such actions, the UN has done much to legitimize the many acts of terrorism perpetrated against Israel and her allies.

Then there’s the UN’s decades-long campaign to establish itself as the global authority of last resort on all matters environmental via a long series of sovereignty-sapping treaties, such as the Montreal Protocol of 1987, the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (or UNFCCC) of 1992, and the Paris Agreement of 2015. Since 1992, a global “Conference of the Parties” to the UNFCCC (informally called COP) has been held almost every year in order to strengthen the UNFCCC and related agreements. Last year’s COP27 set up the largest socialist wealth-redistribution scheme in history, with new “loss and damage” payments mandated for wealthy nations to be paid to poor nations in the name of “climate reparations.” This year’s COP28, scheduled for early December in Dubai, aims to strengthen the “loss and damage” regime.

Most of the Biden administration’s war on fossil fuels — and on American economic productivity in general — is driven by the radical global environmental agenda of the UN. The longer we remain in the United Nations, the more damage the radical Left will do to American foreign policy, our productivity and economic strength, and our very independence.

Please act this month to inform your elected officials and fellow citizens:

- Contact your U.S. representative and senators, and urge them to sponsor the American Sovereignty Restoration Act to withdraw the United States from the UN. You can easily do this using our legislative alert at <https://gojt.us/p6y5>.
- Inform your fellow citizens about the need to get out of the UN by distributing our “Top 10 Reasons Why the U.S. Should Get Out of the UN” slim jim, pamphlet, and reprint.
- *Editor’s note: We also recommend that your chapter book Steve Bonta to speak on the United Nations. You can do this at [JBS.org/speakers](https://jbs.org/speakers).* ■

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by Arthur R. Thompson,
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STOP MASS MIGRATION Mass Migration Threatens Liberty

The Israel-Hamas war has highlighted the dangers of mass migration — both legal and illegal. Following Hamas’ attack, dozens of organized, pro-Palestinian demonstrations occurred throughout the United States and Europe, with many of the participants being recent Muslim migrants from the Middle East and North Africa. Now, there are calls to admit up to one million refugees from Gaza, even as U.S. immigration authorities have reported apprehending over 70,000 “special interest aliens” — from countries

with a high risk of terrorist activity — illegally crossing the U.S. southern border over the last two years, as well as hundreds of individuals on its Terrorism Watchlist. Even leading globalist Henry Kissinger has admitted that the West’s support of mass migration was a “grave mistake.” We must inform others about the dangers of mass migration and influence our elected officials to take action to stop it.

The overriding point to remember regarding our current migration problems is that eliminating borders and nations was one of the goals of Karl Marx in *The Communist Manifesto*. It is an agendum toward their communist one-world government. This goal remains the same today, and the current American open-borders policy is part of this Marxist plan.

There is little question that the large number of military-age men coming from China and other belligerent nations contains terrorists and organized military units. If I led these countries, that’s what I would do. Our

country will be in turmoil unless we stop and deport illegal migrants from our shores. If not, what will happen to our neighborhoods won’t be pretty. In some states, Chinese involvement in local crime and drug trafficking is already giving our law enforcement fits.

What can you do about it? Put some backbone into your state and federal legislators. Also, educate your friends and neighbors about the dangers of mass migration, and have them contact their officials as well.

Specifically, please take the following actions:

- Contact and meet with your U.S. representative and senators, and urge them to reverse the federal government’s pro-mass-migration policies. We also encourage you to use our legislative alert at <https://gojt.us/rs9m> to contact them.
- Meet with your state legislators, and urge them to take action at the state level to stop mass migration. Give them copies

of the online TNA article “States Must Take the Migration Issue Into Their Own Hands — Here’s How” (<https://gojt.us/8awi>) to help inform them about what they can do in this area.

- Share the videos “Open Borders and Weaponized Mass Migration: Fuel for Globalism” (<https://gojt.us/hdv2>) and “Deep State Using Immigration to Build North American Union” (<https://gojt.us/6pg4>) to inform others about why mass migration threatens American sovereignty and liberty. ■

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To inform your fellow citizens about the dangers of mass migration, share the videos “Open Borders and Weaponized Mass Migration: Fuel for Globalism” and “Deep State Using Immigration to Build North American Union.”



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by Gary Benoit,
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The New American

REACH OUT WITH THE NEW AMERICAN

Radio Programs, a “Self-reliance” Collector’s Edition, and More

We have many new tools that will help further expand the reach and influence of *The New American*. In fact, there’s so much to say in so little space that you may find the quickness with which we jump from one new tool to the next a bit breathtaking, so please hang on to your hats!

Daily and Weekly Radio Programs

First up, we are now producing two daily and three weekly radio shows that total 18 hours of programming every week:

- *The New American Daily with Paul Dragu* (one hour every weekday), adapted for radio from the TV version, delivers the truth behind the news. Show host Paul Dragu is a senior editor of *The New American*. (Available for satellite Monday through Friday at 7:00 p.m. Eastern time.)
- *The Kate Dalley Show* (two hours every weekday) delves into diverse topics

unfettered by the restraints of political correctness. Kate Dalley is a 12-year veteran broadcaster who has an excellent track record of bringing national and global guests to her airwaves for thought-provoking discussions. (Available for satellite Monday through Friday at 8:00 p.m. Eastern time.)

- *The New American Weekly with Kate Dalley* (one hour every week) provides an end-of-the-week wrap-up of news and analysis rooted in constitutional and pro-American principles. (Available for satellite Friday at midnight Eastern time.)
- *Educate! With Liz Collin* (one hour weekly) takes a deep dive into the central issues affecting education. Liz Collin is an award-winning investigative journalist. (Available for satellite Saturday at 1:00 p.m. Eastern time.)
- *Behind the Deep State with Alex Newman* (one hour weekly) exposes individuals, organizations, and agendas that the elites don’t want you to know about. Alex Newman is a senior editor of *The New American*. (Available for satellite Friday at noon Eastern time.)

All the above programs are being syndicated to local radio stations by Talk Media Network (TalkMediaNetwork.com). You can help by bringing our radio programs to the attention of for-profit news talk stations, which are typically (but not always) found on the AM dial. Also, please share and promote these programs with your fellow citizens.

This is an exciting opportunity to get unfiltered Birch content to a large new audience. Let’s do it!

“Self-reliance: Foundation of Freedom” Collector’s Edition

This special collector’s edition of *The New American* is not a magazine sent to regular subscribers, but is instead a 100-page “bookazine” that combines the best features of a book (glued binding, no ads) and a magazine (high-quality paper, large vivid photos). This may prove to be an excellent tool for grabbing the attention of independence-minded Americans, including those who may be tempted to “head for the hills,” and get them involved in the freedom movement through the JBS. To order, see the ad on page 5.

“JFK Assassination & the Deep State” Special Report

No, this Special Report, which has been sent to all TNA subscribers as our November 27 issue, does not reveal *who* killed the president, but it does explain the more important question of *why*. There should now be more than the usual interest in this topic, not only because this November 22 was the 60th anniversary of the assassination, but also because presidential candidates Donald Trump and Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. (JFK’s nephew) have both said they’d release all the assassination files. To order extra copies of the Special Report, go to ShopJBS.org. ■

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A NOTE FROM HQ



by Bill Cherry, *Home Chapter Coordinator*

Remembering Larry Waters

Many of us in The John Birch Society have asked ourselves, “Why are we here today in the Society at this critical time in the battle?” For many, the answer is the hard work, dedication, and leadership of Larry O. Waters, who, in his love for our Constitution and the JBS, helped build the Society and brought many people into our fold over the years.

Larry O. Waters was called by God to his eternal home on Columbus Day, October 12, 2023. Larry was born in Florida in January 1933. He attended Harding College in Searcy, Arkansas, graduating with a degree in business administration in 1957. He settled in Plano, Texas, and founded a successful printing business. He became concerned about the communist conspiracy and its effects on our nation, and, in response, joined the Society in 1961. As a member in Texas, Larry significantly contributed to building the JBS in the state. He became a

chapter leader in the Dallas area, a section leader, and, in a few years, a volunteer coordinator for the North Texas area.

Larry established the JBS’s Dallas regional office and the first American Opinion Bookstore in North Texas. In 1967, he sold his printing business and became a full-time field coordinator. His energy, hard work, and successes resulted in his promotion to regional director for Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana, and Mississippi. In 1995 he became a development officer for the Society, and in 2005 became its vice president.

Larry was well-liked and respected by everyone who worked with him. He was a very good teacher and a skilled organizer, and was tremendously dedicated to our program and efforts. He read and studied every day, was humble and honest, and pioneered several key programs of the Society, including our youth camps and Business & Professional chapters. Because of Larry’s efforts, we now have a foundation of five B&P chapters in Texas. After his retirement in December 2012, he continued to assist the Society, including by serving on our Board of Incorporators.

Larry will be missed, but always appreciated for his work to build the Society. Please review the question above: “Why are we here today in the Society at this critical time in the battle?” The answer is members like Larry Waters who have worked tirelessly over the years. I believe God had plans for



Larry Waters worked tirelessly to defend our God-given rights and grow The John Birch Society.

Larry and the Society, and gave Larry to us. Through Larry’s talents and dedication in building the Society, we are here today bringing the truth to the American people and helping to save our constitutional Republic and God-given rights.

For more on Larry, see the article “Farewell to a Cherished Patriot: Larry O. Waters” in the November 13 issue of *The New American*. ■

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MEMBERS IN ACTION



by John Diamond,
Field Coordinator for
Ohio and Western
Pennsylvania

Creating an Informed Electorate in Pennsylvania

The John Birch Society is alive and well in the Keystone State, and our exposure of the globalist elites has become a frequent topic among local patriot groups, many of which had never before heard of the JBS. Once America-loving patriots check out the JBS, the positive reaction is almost instant.

I was recently asked to speak before two large patriot groups that were previously

unaware that the JBS has been in this fight for decades. At these events, we distributed “goodie bags” that included *Overview of America*, *The New American*, the *Freedom Index* and *Scorecards*, and the “JBS Eagle” and “Back to Basics” pamphlets. Attendees were astounded by the amount of information the JBS makes available. A huge “thank you” to all the Birchers who made the goodie bags possible.

The two hot-button issues for most of our constituents are election integrity and saving our children from public schools. These two issues alone have activated many parents and grandparents who for years have been sitting on the bench. Our chapters are working hard on both issues. For example, they are putting together specialized teams to remove electronic voting machines from our counties, and are working to bring Alex Newman to the area to speak on the dangers of indoctrination by government schools.

Other battles raging here are the war on farmers and a constitutional conven-

tion. Although these issues go virtually unnoticed by most people, our members are working hard to inform the electorate about them. For example, we have launched an education campaign to reach not only our legislators, but also those who are naïvely supporting a Con-Con as the solution to our present crisis, including many Christian and patriot groups. Additionally, our Franklin, Pennsylvania, chapter under the leadership of Daniel Butler has mailed over 200 packets to farmers over the last few months.

We must never forget that it is critical to read *TNA* and the monthly *Bulletin* to stay informed, and it is equally critical to get active. Both are needed, since uneducated action can be damaging (there are many false solutions), and education without action is lazy cowardice (being the best-educated member of the concentration camp is not a position of honor). ■

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JBS SUCCESSES

Coloradan Coalition

by Quinn McGowan, Field Coordinator for Colorado

The John Birch Society is prevalent in the Centennial State. We have enthusiasm across the Western Slope into Northern Colorado, energetic chapter meetings around the Denver metropolitan area, and vigorous action in Colorado Springs. Chapters in the Springs are countering Convention of States’ efforts to influence state lawmakers. In June, JBS Vice President Wayne Morrow demonstrated proper techniques for Birchers to promote the Society to like-minded patriots during a joint chapter meeting in the Springs.

The Jefferson County Republican Men’s Group recently asked me to present the JBS to their luncheon attendees. Lifetime Birchers attested to the Society’s effectiveness and

shared their stories of chapter recruitment, education, action items, and other highlights from when they were in the heat of the battle to protect our liberties from enemies foreign and domestic.

The 12th Annual U.S. Constitution Week in Grand Lake, Colorado, featured Lectures 1 and 2 of the *Constitution Is the Solution* (CITS) series to dozens of viewers. The audience members were locked on to the lectures by Robert Brown and eager to learn more from materials produced by *The New American* magazine and the JBS. The secretary of Constitution Week and I have agreed to show all six CITS lectures next year during the weeklong event.

Finally, Coloradan Birchers are looking forward to monitoring legislation our state legislators introduce and consider in the next session of the General Assembly. ■

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JBS Vice President Wayne Morrow speaks to members at a joint chapter meeting in Colorado Springs, Colorado.



Attendees at U.S. Constitution Week in Grand Lake, Colorado, watch Lectures 1 and 2 of *The Constitution Is the Solution!*

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.



Compromise Leads to Marxism | Activate America

In this video, Art Thompson, CEO emeritus of the JBS, warns that political compromise often results from Marxist pressure against traditional society, and moves government further to the left. He also notes the systematic Marxist effort to move Americans leftward by creating ignorance about the founding principles of our Republic. Thompson explains that the only way to save our country is to create an informed electorate and work in an organized manner to protect the U.S. Constitution and our God-given rights: <https://jbs.org/video/activate/compromise-leads-to-marxism-activate-america/>. ■



New Mexico Follows Illinois' Lead: Nullifies Gun Ban | JBS News Analysis

In this video, JBS CEO Bill Hahn discusses how state and local officials in New Mexico nullified Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham's unconstitutional executive order banning the carrying of firearms in Albuquerque and Bernalillo County. He explains how nullification is an effective tool for reining in government overreach, and he encourages elected officials in other states to nullify unconstitutional acts. Finally, Hahn highlights resources patriots can use to inform their local and state officials about this constitutional principle: <https://jbs.org/video/weekly/new-mexico-follows-illinois-lead-nullifies-gun-ban-jbs-news-analysis/>. ■



Using Public "Education," Godless Elitists Transformed Americans' Worldview

In this episode of *Behind the Deep State*, Alex Newman explains that the destructive transformation taking place in the United States is the direct result of radical changes in Americans' worldview brought about by godless elitists using government schools. For centuries, Americans had a biblical worldview. In other words, they saw the world and life through the lens of the Bible. However, when communists such as John Dewey teamed up with super-capitalists like the Rockefeller dynasty to brainwash and dumb-down Americans using government "education," that all changed: <https://thenewamerican.com/video/using-public-education-godless-elitists-transformed-americans-worldview/>. ■

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PENDING LEGISLATION



by Peter Rykowski,
Research Associate
and Bulletin Editor

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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>.
- ❑ "Eliminate CFR Members from Appointments": Congress must refuse to support or confirm any members of the subversive and globalist Council on Foreign Relations into the federal government: <https://gojt.us/z4qe>.
- ❑ "Get US Out! of the USMCA": The

USMCA trade agreement threatens U.S. national sovereignty and will lead to even further regional integration. Congress must enact legislation withdrawing from this dangerous arrangement: <https://gojt.us/rkkz>.

- ❑ "Slash Unconstitutional Federal Spending": Federal spending is out of control, and the vast majority of it is unconstitutional. Congress must stop its reckless spending spree: <https://gojt.us/gc5a>.

State Alerts

- ❑ "Stop Article V Constitutional Convention Resolutions": 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>.
- ❑ "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>.
- ❑ "Defund Public Schools": Public schools are beyond repair. Every level of government should end all support for government schools that indoctrinate children against Americanist and Judeo-Christian values: <https://gojt.us/y9mt>. ■

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★ *Member Spotlight* ★
Field Coordinator Michael Sawyer honored Chapter Leader W. Fred Coleman from Fort Smith, Arkansas, for more than 60 years of JBS membership and activism.

Patriots Corner

- In Memory of Ray Sibley**
— Rochester, Minn.
- In Memory of Larry Waters**
A Great Patriot & Friend
— Doug Logan, Bossier City, La.
- In Memory of Larry Waters**
A Great Patriot, 45 years on JBS staff
— Charles & Linda Everett, N.C.

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Bill Hahn



Harsh Reality of a "Convention of States"

Robert Brown debunks claims made by the Convention of States and its co-founder Mark Meckler. Brown examines what really happened at the 1787 Convention, the text of the 12 state commissions, what the delegates said about their commissions, and the implications of a modern-day Article V convention.

Robert Brown

Nullification: The Rightful Remedy

Robert Brown discusses the constitutional concept of nullification, including what it is and isn't, its origins, what the Founders said about it, and how the states can use it today to rein in big government and stop unconstitutional federal actions.



Inside the United Nations — 20 Years Later

The danger of a sudden and radical transformation of the United Nations into a true world government has never been more acute. In this presentation, Dr. Bonta examines recent UN developments and the possibility of full U.S. withdrawal.

Dr. Steve Bonta

Dollars and Sense: Money, Banking, and Government

What is money, and where does it come from? And why have chronic debt and inflation become the norm? In this presentation, Dr. Bonta explains the problems plaguing our money and our financial system — and what we can do about them.

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.





December 2023 Member Action Checklist

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



Action Item 1

See “Defending the Constitution in 2024”

on page 5 for specifics and take action:

- Prepare for your state’s next legislative session by stocking up on JBS/ TNA Con-Con materials, and by visiting our “Article V Academy” page: <https://gojt.us/avac>.
- Schedule meetings with your legislators and their staff, and urge them to oppose new Con-Con resolutions and support rescission and nullification.
- Book Robert Brown to speak about the Con-Con and nullification.



Action Item 2

See “United Nations: Seeking Global Control”

on page 6 for specifics and take action:

- Meet with your U.S. representative and senators, and urge them to reintroduce and pass the American Sovereignty Restoration Act. Also contact them using JBS’s legislative alert at <https://gojt.us/p6y5>.
- Distribute our “Top 10 Reasons Why the U.S. Should Get Out of the UN” slim jim, pamphlet, and reprint.
- Book Steve Bonta to speak about the United Nations.



Action Item 3

See “Mass Migration Threatens Liberty”

on page 6 for specifics and take action:

- Contact and meet with your U.S. representative and senators, and urge them to reverse the federal government’s pro-mass-migration policies: <https://gojt.us/rs9m>.
- Meet with your state legislators to inform them about what they can do to stop mass migration. Give them copies of the online TNA article “States Must Take the Migration Issue Into Their Own Hands — Here’s How”: <https://gojt.us/8awi>.
- Share the two videos listed under this Action Item to inform others about why mass migration threatens American sovereignty and liberty.



Action Item 4

See “Radio Programs, a ‘Self-reliance’ Collector’s Edition, and More”

on page 7 for specifics and take action:

- Approach your local radio stations, and ask them to carry TNA’s new radio programs. Also share and promote these programs to your fellow citizens.
- Gift copies of the “Self-reliance: Foundation of Freedom” collector’s edition to prospective JBS members. Use it as a means of getting them connected with and involved in the JBS.

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