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FOREWORD



by William S. Hahn,
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Leadership Conference Yields Success, New Tools

Every single time I attend a Council Dinner (now expanded into a Leadership Conference), I get my batteries recharged! I'm writing this on my first day back in the office after attending the 2023 Leadership Conference, held in Des Moines, Iowa, on September 8-9, and have heard a wave of enthusiasm from attendees and staff based on the quality of the conference and the content of the speakers.

The conference was held just days after Navigator CO₂'s application for a carbon-capture pipeline was denied by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (PUC). Weeks before, Summit Carbon Solutions' application for a similar pipeline was denied by the North Dakota Public Service Commission. Two days after the conference, the South Dakota PUC also denied Summit's application.

A public hearing of the Iowa Utilities Board had been in progress around the time of our conference, and attendees highlighted the "kangaroo court" atmosphere. They pointed out that officials were not listening to the opposition and instead taking steps to intimidate them, including by having security personnel hired by the pipeline company harass the opposition. Why would other applications get denied while Iowa was allowing such shenanigans? Because members of the Iowa Utilities Board are appointed by the governor, whereas in other states, members are elected!

How's that for representation? Where there is accountable representation, the truth can be heard, and justice can be fair.

A lawyer for Summit said at the South Dakota hearing that they had easement agreements from "72 to 73 percent" of the landowners along their proposed pipeline. When questioned further, he said "50 plus one" should allow "the project to succeed." That's not representation under a republic. That's majority rule — or, in other words, mob rule.

At the conference, we asked how many state legislators understand the concept of usurping power and have willingly engaged in usurping the rightful power of landowners by placing legislative and judicial power in the hands of three appointed people. Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds has made moves behind the scenes to ensure federal dollars for carbon-capture pipelines flow into the state, while at the same time publicly claiming she has been neutral on the issue.



Shelby County, Iowa, Commissioner Steve Kenkel (right) outlined a 12-step process counties should follow to protect property rights from the carbon-capture pipeline threat. Access the video at <https://gojt.us/afi3> or by using the QR code above, and urge your county officials to take action to protect their constituents.

At the South Dakota hearing, the Summit lawyer declared that “carbon capture is the future of agriculture.” Keep in mind that carbon capture is tightly woven into the climate-change-control agenda — an agenda that, if allowed to stand on its own without federal intervention or tax dollars, would utterly fail, much like anything propped up solely by federal subsidies.

If it were true that carbon capture has a future, then let the free market decide it. The reason why farmers go through booms and busts is directly because of government intervention at the hands of federal subsidies, rules, and regulations. Do you want to know how best to demonstrate the complexity of government involvement in farming? Ask farmers to explain how milk is priced, then research it online. It is a twisted, tangled-up mess to unwind.

Government involvement is always related to economic booms and busts — namely through the Federal Reserve, which manages the money supply. Money doesn’t need to be managed. A measurement of the Federal Reserve’s “success” is its devaluing the dollar by about 97 percent over the last 110 years. How’s that for “government work”?

At a Saturday-morning panel at the conference, Iowa’s Shelby County Commissioner Steve Kenkel explained that counties across the United States should review their statutes now to strengthen property rights and protect constituents *before* the carbon-capture pipelines come before them — do it before the threat arrives. He detailed a 12-step process in an interview with Paul Dragu (<https://gojt.us/afi3>).

This is highly important and cannot be stressed enough. The South Dakota PUC rejected Navigator’s and Summit’s permit applications in part because the companies could not abide by the county ordinances, throwing an 18-month process all the way back to square one. Think local involvement doesn’t matter? As demonstrated, counties have the power to stop, block, deny, and even change the direction of what was perceived as steamrolling by federal and state officials.

Based on the content presented at the conference, JBS headquarters staff are creating new, practical tools that members and supporters can use to strengthen property rights by providing a path for local elected officials to follow. Be sure to check our online Agenda 2030 War on Farmers action-project page, at <https://gojt.us/farm>, for the latest developments.

We continue to monitor developments at the United Nations, including the Summit of the Future, scheduled for September 22-23, 2024. As *The New American* reported, “‘The Summit of the Future is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to enhance cooperation on critical challenges and address gaps in global governance,’ the UN website reveals, as well as to ‘reaffirm existing commitments including to the Sustainable Development Goals and the United Nations Charter, and move towards a reinvigorated multilateral [globalist] system that is better positioned to positively impact people’s lives.’” This past month, the UN held its SDG Summit, which, according to the UN website, “mark[s]

the beginning of a new phase of accelerated progress towards the [Agenda 2030] Sustainable Development Goals.”

Efforts to establish global governance often go unnoticed by Americans until it becomes personal. The UN has enacted many initiatives creating inroads in America to help establish global governance. Agenda 21, Agenda 2030, and efforts made to accomplish sustainable development goals are all projects created to turn governance over to globalist bodies. This sneak attack on American sovereignty, independence, and our God-given rights is designed to get Americans to willingly give up their rights because of an emergency of some sort: health, climate, crime, “gun violence,” etc. Getting Americans to purposefully destroy their institutions is an initiative historically undertaken by communists to facilitate a takeover of countries.

The recent local successes against carbon-capture pipelines are a testament to stopping Agenda 2030 and the radical climate-change agenda that many in Congress (including Republicans) are pushing.

Just because Congress is backing and funding it — and expect state legislatures to do so as well — doesn’t mean it’s a foregone conclusion that must be rubber-stamped by local elected officials. Again, the American system of government has many layers of strength that can be utilized to protect citizens and their God-given rights. These layers are also hurdles to be overcome by those seeking to establish global governance.

In the weeks, months, and years ahead, we’ll see those involved in this conspiracy grow bolder and use whatever means necessary to achieve their objectives — meaning we must be vigilant and continue to work locally to stop their efforts. Gear your chapter activities to expose these objectives by proactively sharing this information with your county officials. Carbon-capture pipelines lead to eminent domain of valuable property to combat “man-made climate change,” which thousands of scientists dispute is even happening or a problem. Carbon capture is no reason to harm property owners. Act now!

To view videos from the Leadership Conference, visit JBS.org/DesMoines2023. ■

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CHAPTER 101



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 Program Director

Don't Get Distracted by Tangents

Musician Christopher Anthony Lunsford, who performs under the name Oliver Anthony, recently released a single titled "Rich Men North of Richmond" that surprisingly debuted at number one on the Billboard Hot 100 list despite Anthony being an unknown musician who performed the song on his own without even hiring an agent. The lyrics highlight the errors of our federal government from the perspective of a hard-working, struggling man. The musician focuses on the symptoms of the problem, and all the blame in the song is directed at one group: the "rich men north of Richmond," which can be taken to mean

the politicians who direct our federal government in Washington, D.C.

Although the song is being shared all over social media, we know that a similar song focused on the root problems (instead of the symptoms) would not be allowed the same sort of popularity. Imagine if the song focused on the root problems: the Federal Reserve, the federal income tax, the unconstitutional "welfare" system, and the lack of a moral and educated electorate. It would have never gained traction, as Big Tech would have banned or shadowbanned it. The actual rich men north of Richmond would have blocked a song focused on the root problems, since the last thing they want is for Americans to truly focus on the solutions.

A tangent in The John Birch Society is something that causes members to veer off-course from our *Agenda*. (To read the JBS *Agenda*, go to <https://gojt.us/ja3q>.) In the JBS, we are well aware that the satanic globalists desire for our members to go off on tangents to divide us and weaken our concerted action. They don't want us focused on the big picture and concentrated on specific targets that will get rid of the root problems. Tangents that they want us to go into include (but are not limited to) supporting religious neutralism, participating in public protests, promoting antisemitism, desiring false solutions (e.g.,

term limits, a so-called Balanced Budget Amendment, or a constitutional convention), and promoting wild speculation. (To read our *Tangents* booklet, go to <https://gojt.us/7w6b>.)

To be effective in chapter meetings, we must remain focused on the action that all other members across the nation are focused on — such as getting the United States out of the United Nations, reining in big government with Article VI, stopping Agenda 2030, supporting local police, etc. To do this, we all must do our best to prepare for our chapter meetings by reading the *Bulletin* as soon as it arrives in our mailbox or email inbox. By accomplishing tasks listed in the *Bulletin* days or even weeks before your local chapter meets, you will have more confidence in our agenda and less desire to go off on a tangent. Chapter meetings must be tangent-free zones!

If you absolutely need to talk about a tangent, please alert your chapter leader, section leader, or field coordinator, and discuss it at a time outside your chapter meeting. All in all, we need to do exactly what the actual rich men north of Richmond *don't* want us to do — which is why we all must remain on target! ■

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SUGGESTED ACTION TOOLS



Tangents — Booklet

This booklet discourages the common “tangents” that members can get distracted by (not paying taxes, militia movements, state sovereignty, etc.) and encourages a focus on the main overall mission of the JBS. Updated from 2013 edition with two new sections! (2019ed, 52pp, pb, 1-9/\$3.95ea; 10-24/\$3.00ea; 25-49/\$2.50ea; 50-99/\$2.00ea; 100+/\$1.75ea) **BKLTAN**



The JBS Agenda — Booklet

The JBS Agenda lists the most important issues facing our constitutional Republic, and gives clear direction on what actions we must take to defend our God-given freedoms. (2023ed, 73pp, pb, 1-9/\$3.95ea; 10-24/\$3.00ea; 25-49/\$2.50ea; 50-99/\$2.00ea; 100+/\$1.95ea) **BKLTJBSA**

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Restoring Election Integrity — Reprint

Sixteen-page reprint of the cover story by Kurt Hyde and “Leftists in Power” article by Steve Byas that originally appeared in the February 15, 2021 issue of *The New American*, pgs. 10-16 & 18-23. (2021, 16pp, 1-24/\$1.25ea; 25-99/\$1.10ea; 100-499/\$1.00ea; 500+/\$0.75ea) **RPREI**

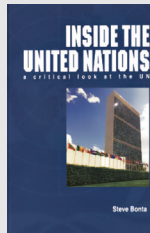


9 Ways to Restore America's Elections — Slim Jim

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A brief, readable introduction to the United Nations, and to the people who created it and support it. *Inside the United Nations* goes beyond the public relations campaign of the UN to examine the hard reality of the UN system — and its dangerous objectives. This version is footnoted, elevating the book from “conspiracy theory” to “conspiracy fact.” (2013ed, 135pp, pb, 1-4/\$9.95ea; 5-19/\$8.95ea; 20-59/\$7.95ea; 60+/\$6.95ea) **BKIUN**



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) **BKLTFB5**



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**



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Twelve-page, four-color reprint adapted from the *Freedom Index* that appeared in the August 14, 2023 issue of *The New American*, pgs. 28-38. (2023, 12pp, 1-24/\$0.60ea; 25-99/\$0.50ea; 100+/\$0.45ea) **RPFI0823**



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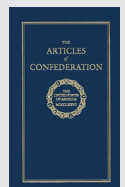
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Educate citizens and state legislators on effective and realistic laws states can pass to nullify unconstitutional federal actions. (2021, sold in packs of 25, 1/\$3.00ea; 2-4/\$2.50ea; 5+/\$2.00ea) **SJNWSCD**



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ACTION POINTS



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STOP A CON-CON

California Leads the Way

On June 8, 2023, *The New American* reported how “California governor and potential 2024 Democratic presidential candidate Gavin Newsom announced the launch of his ‘Campaign for Democracy’ to propose a 28th amendment to the U.S. Constitution for gun control by way of an Article V constitutional convention.”

Then, on August 14, Senate Joint Resolution No. 7 was introduced in the California Senate by state Senator Aisha Wahab (D-Hayward). S.J.R. 7 “would apply to the United States Congress to call a constitutional convention under Article V” to propose an amendment that would:

Impose, as a matter of national policy, the following firearms regulations and prohibitions:

(1) universal background checks as a prerequisite to [the] purchase or acquisition of a firearm,

(2) a prohibition on sales, loans, or other transfers of firearms to those under 21 years of age, subject to limited exceptions,

(3) a minimum waiting period after the purchase or acquisition of a firearm before that firearm may be delivered to the buyer or acquirer, and

(4) a prohibition on the sale, loan, or transfer of assault weapons and other weapons of war to private civilians.

Wahab’s resolution would accomplish everything Governor Newsom’s “Campaign for Democracy” set out to do with its proposed 28th amendment by way of a constitutional convention. On September 14, the California Legislature overwhelmingly passed S.J.R. 7. This resolution highlights both the dangers of

a Con-Con and how the Left also wants a Con-Con to undermine our Republic’s Constitution and Bill of Rights, especially the Second Amendment.

Regardless of which state you live in, we encourage you to meet with your state legislators and their staff. Print both a copy of our online *TNA* article titled “Gavin Newsom: Constitutional Convention to Propose ‘28th Amendment’ for Gun Control” (<https://gojt.us/98je>) and the text of California’s S.J.R. 7 (<https://gojt.us/ub9s>), and explain to them how any federal constitutional convention threatens our constitutionally protected rights, including the Second Amendment.

In order to build an educated electorate, distribute copies of the online article and our other materials — including state *Legislative Scorecards* — throughout your community via literature drops. Read the “Stop a Con-Con” Action Point article from the March 2023 *JBS Bulletin* about doing literature drops in your community. Be sure to include your chapter’s contact information and invitations to a related chapter event in order to recruit others in our crusade to defend the Constitution. ■

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by John F. McManus,
President Emeritus

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GET US OUT! OF THE UNITED NATIONS

Inform Others About UN Threat to Liberty

If I were a communist, I would strongly support the United Nations, which welcomes communists, hires communists, and creates programs applauded by communists.

If I believed there is no God, I would seek wisdom about how to live my life from the UN.

If I agreed with globalist leaders who push UN “solutions” to the made-up problem of climate change, I would promote those “solutions” to others.

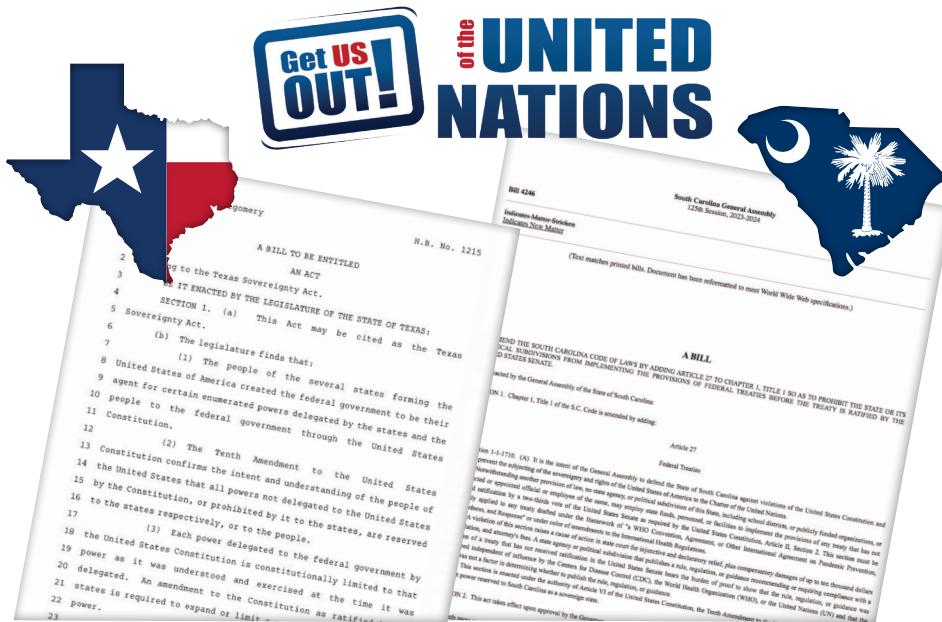
If I favored abolition of the American system — based on the Declaration of Independence and U.S. Constitution — and instead preferred the UN Charter and numerous UN programs to deal with climate change, I would be delighted with the UN’s goals.

I don’t expect Birchers to support any of the dangerous absurdities listed above. But I do want all JBS members to realize that each absurdity — and many others — is being mouthed or tolerated by too many Americans, unreliable media lackeys, and elected officials.

There exists an abundance of UN plans and initiatives that are tolerated by those with little or no knowledge of the threat posed by the UN to their lives and freedom.

One of these initiatives is the UN’s upcoming “Summit of the Future,” scheduled to take place in New York City on September 22-23, 2024. According to the UN website, it is intended to “address gaps in global governance” and “reaffirm existing commitments including to the [Agenda 2030] Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the United Nations Charter, and move towards a reinvigorated multilateral [globalist] system that is better positioned to positively impact people’s lives.”

In other words, this conference aims to radically empower the UN over all aspects of life — under the guise of fighting emergencies, protecting the planet, and more — at the expense of national sovereignty and individual liberty. To learn more about the conference and its goals, read the online *TNA* article “UN ‘Summit of the Future’ to Prescribe a Big Glob of Globalism for Future Generations” at <https://gojt.us/idmm>.



Multiple state legislatures, including those of Texas and South Carolina, have introduced legislation nullifying unconstitutional laws and edicts, including UN treaties and directives. Please contact your state legislators, and urge them to nullify the UN's proposed power grabs.

We must inform our fellow Americans about the UN's already sizable grip on freedom and sinister planning for mankind's future — before it succeeds in taking even more control. Should the United States withdraw from the UN, freedom will continue to endure — but

there must be enough Americans who join the effort to preserve our sovereignty and freedom.

We recommend that you and your chapter take the following actions this month to create an informed electorate and advance UN withdrawal:

- Contact your U.S. representative and senators, and urge them to reintroduce and cosponsor the American Sovereignty Restoration Act, which would withdraw the United States from the UN. In addition to physically meeting them and their staff or mailing letters, use our legislative alert at <https://gojt.us/p6y5>.

- Meet with your state legislators, and urge them to nullify unconstitutional UN treaties and directives. State officials have a duty to follow their oath “to support this Constitution” — and authority to enforce the Constitution — and they should enact legislation similar to the Texas Sovereignty Act (<https://gojt.us/txsa>) and South Carolina's H.4246 (<https://gojt.us/scun>), which would prevent UN edicts from being enforced within state boundaries.

- Host TNA executive senior editor Steve Bonta in your area to speak about the United Nations. You can book him at [JBS.org/speakers](https://jbs.org/speakers). ■

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by Peter Rykowski,
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REIN IN BIG GOVERNMENT WITH NULLIFICATION

Get Your Sheriff to Nullify

Nullification is “the rightful remedy” to counter unconstitutional government overreach — and it is just as important on the local level as it is on the state level.

Sheriffs and local law enforcement have an especially important role in nullifying unconstitutional actions. For example, in 2020 and 2021, local law enforcement across the country nullified state

and federal Covid edicts — including lockdowns, mask mandates, and vaccine passports and mandates — preventing their enforcement and thus protecting citizens.

Gun control is another area where local police and sheriffs have successfully pushed back against unconstitutional state and federal edicts. Many examples exist of this, but one of the most recent happened in Illinois. At the beginning of this year, the state enacted a draconian bill banning so-called assault weapons, among other extreme provisions. In response, about 90 county sheriffs — out of 102 total — announced they would refuse to enforce this law, thus nullifying it in their respective jurisdictions.

According to the *Chicago Tribune*, the official response of the Illinois Sheriffs' Association (ISA) to the “assault weapons” ban — which individual sheriffs adopted — differed significantly from its response to a similar proposal in 2013. In the 2013 response, it claimed that

“Sheriffs do not possess the legal authority to interpret the constitutionality of any law,” and that “ultimate authority” lies in the judiciary. By contrast, the ISA's 2023 response said sheriffs have a duty “to protect the rights provided to all of us in the Constitution,” and that they would act themselves by not enforcing the unconstitutional ban.

Why the change? The *Chicago Tribune* article implied it was because of education — constitutionalists informing their sheriffs about nullification and their duty to follow their oath “to support this Constitution.”

Accordingly, please work to educate your sheriff and other local officials about nullification, and to take bold action to enforce and defend the U.S. Constitution in the face of state and federal usurpations. Schedule in-person meetings with these officials, and try to attend public events where they will be present. When doing so, give them copies of *The Founders' Brilliant Solution to Big*

Government: Article VI booklet and the “Nullification: The Founders’ Solution to Federal Overreach” pamphlet.

Also, share with your officials and fellow citizens the videos “County Officials Nullify Anti-Gun Illinois Supreme Court Ruling” (<https://gojt.us/i5uw>) and “Nullification: The Rightful Remedy”

(<https://gojt.us/j6mn>). Both videos are excellent tools to inform others what nullification is, and how officials are using it to enforce the Constitution.

Finally, host a *Constitution Is the Solution* series in your community to help build an informed electorate and get others involved in The John Birch Society. Invite

your sheriff, other local officials, and state legislators to attend this series, and do literature drops in your community (including the nullification pamphlet and an event invitation) to help promote it. ■



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by Kurt Hyde,
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Board of Directors

RESTORE ELECTION INTEGRITY

Hand-counting Paper Ballots

There are many groups organizing experiments in hand-counting ballots, and it’s a good idea for JBS members to get involved with these activities. It’s a great opportunity for Birchers to meet like-minded people, hand out JBS literature, and even recruit others as JBS members.

Let’s clear up a few myths that are frequently cited as reasons why paper ballots are supposedly impractical.

Myth #1: It’s not fair to the people who have already worked 12 to 14 hours at the polls to start counting ballots.

Correction: This is a combination of two fallacies. First, there’s no reason why poll workers can’t be scheduled for shorter hours, such as half-day shifts. If they want to work at the polls for 12 to 14 hours, that’s fine, but it should not be necessary. Second, and more importantly, the job of counting votes should be given to people hired specifically to count votes. Let those who’ve been working at the polls take a breather while well-rested people come to count the votes.

Myth #2: Voting in-person on Election Day takes too long. Look at the long lines we already have. **Correction:** Long lines on Election Day are usually caused by inefficient processing of voters. One of the best ways to efficiently process voters is to have voter-registration lists on paper with different tables in alphabetical order. Also, some

delays have been caused by people waiting at the voting machines. With paper ballots, that problem can usually be fixed by having an ample supply of voting booths.

Myth #3: Hand-counting ballots takes too long. **Correction:** There need to be enough ballot counters, usually assigned in pairs including one member of each major political party. One way of estimating how many pairs of ballot counters will be needed is to see how fast a pair can count the votes for one ballot. Let’s say a typical pair of ballot counters can count the votes on one ballot in about a minute. If a precinct’s voter turnout is expected to be about 1,000 voters, then it will need about 17 pairs of ballot counters to count the ballots in an hour.

Myth #4: There aren’t enough people willing to count votes. **Correction:** If not enough people can be found to staff the polls, then use something like a call for jury duty to recruit poll workers.

We recommend that you and your chapter take the following actions to promote election integrity:

- Attend a test paper-ballot vote count if there’s one in your area, and distribute the “Restoring Election Integrity” reprint and the “9 Ways to Restore America’s Elections” slim jim. Otherwise, distribute these materials in your community via literature drops, and include your chapter’s contact information to help connect people with the JBS.
- Form a Restore Election Integrity committee to reinforce your chapter’s efforts. For directions on starting a committee, go to <https://gojt.us/ok7q>.

If you participate in a test paper-ballot vote count, make sure the organizing group hasn’t been infiltrated by neutralizers who would mislead people into doing activities that are illegal or otherwise get participants into legal trouble. That aside, meet new people, hand out JBS educational pamphlets, and have fun Birching. ■



Please distribute to others the “Restoring Election Integrity” reprint and the “9 Ways to Restore America’s Elections” slim jim, and form a committee to reinforce your efforts. For directions on forming a committee, go to <https://gojt.us/ok7q> or scan the QR code.

JBS SUCCESSES



by Lisa von Geldern,
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Providing Resources at Our 2023 Leadership Conference

The John Birch Society celebrated 65 years of using truth as a weapon at our Leadership Conference and Council Dinner in Des Moines, Iowa, on Friday and Saturday, September 8-9. The timing could not have been better, as it came on the heels of the North Dakota Public Service Commission unanimously rejecting Summit Carbon Solutions' permit for a carbon-capture pipeline on August 4, and the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (PUC) unanimously denying Navigator CO₂ a permit on September 6 — and on top of that, the South Dakota PUC denied Summit's permit shortly after the conference. We energized our Iowa Birchers fighting for their property rights against the lies of carbon capture.

On Friday evening, Birchers and guests from across the country watched the documentary *Nitrogen 2000* by filmmaker James Patrick. Attendees enjoyed a casual, all-American hamburger and hot-dog buffet, followed by a popcorn bar, while

listening to Mr. Patrick discuss his work. Afterward, there was a lively Q&A.

On Saturday morning, Paul Dragu reviewed our “65 Years of Trusted American Prophecy,” and Alex Newman gave a powerful presentation about how the Conspiracy is “Using Climate Change to Create Fear and Control.” Please reach out to our Freedom's Voices speakers bureau, at [JBS.org/speakers](https://www.jbs.org/speakers), to arrange a webinar or in-person presentation with Alex.

Iowa Field Coordinator Tammy Kobza hosted a panel of officials and farmers led by Trent Loos, a sixth-generation farmer from Nebraska and executive director of the Free Soil Coalition. On the panel was Meghan Sloma, a fifth-generation farmer, attorney, and realtor from Iowa; Shelby County, Iowa, County Commissioner Steve Kenkel; and landowner and farmer Ted Junker. Afterward, former Congressman Steve King presented on “Carbon Capture, Federal Issues, and Property Rights.”

That afternoon, three sessions hit some of our top agenda items: “Protecting the Constitution” by Christian Gomez, who presented our latest tools explaining the dangers of a Con-Con; “Fighting Agenda 2030 Locally,” a very well-received presentation by Field Coordinator Nicole Sanders; and “Seven Steps to Take Back Our Elections” by Dr. Douglas G. Frank. All three would make for great webinars or in-person events in your area! Be on the lookout for new tools, and schedule a speaking engagement with Nicole so you can defeat the push toward 15-minute cities in your area.

In the evening, we gathered for the Council Dinner. Our emcee for the evening was the impeccable Tamara Scott, who hosts *The Tamara Scott Show* on Lindell-TV. Longtime member and former field coordinator Bill Cherry of Texas spoke about his personal relationship with our former chairman, Congressman Larry McDonald, who was lost at sea 40 years ago when the Soviet Union shot down the plane he was aboard. This was followed by a video in honor of McDonald.

James Patrick gave a short update on his next project, *Silent Infertility*, about the effects of the mRNA Covid shots on women. The keynote speaker was Dr. Ryan Cole, a leader in the fight for informed consent and the truth about Covid-19. His speech, “The Death of Science — Medical Freedom in an Era of Lies,” was a powerful follow-up to our fight against the Sovietization of our medical care. Our freedoms are under attack, and we'd better get educated — I am certain JBS founder Robert Welch would concur.

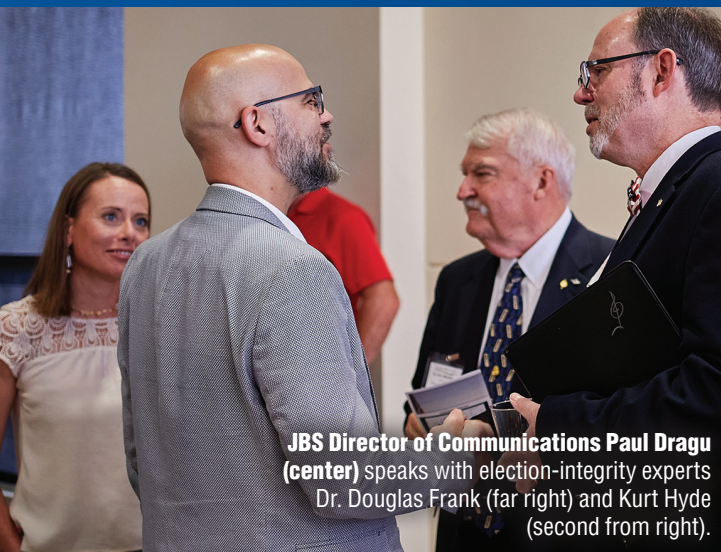
As the evening ended, we heard from JBS CEO Bill Hahn. Finally, Development Officer Tim Marden announced the winner of a gun giveaway provided by Kahr Firearms. Tamara Scott drew the raffle ticket, and a member from Minnesota won.

After the event, Tammy Kobza said the following: “The movement is much larger than the Insiders want to admit.” This is the biggest takeaway whenever we come together. ■

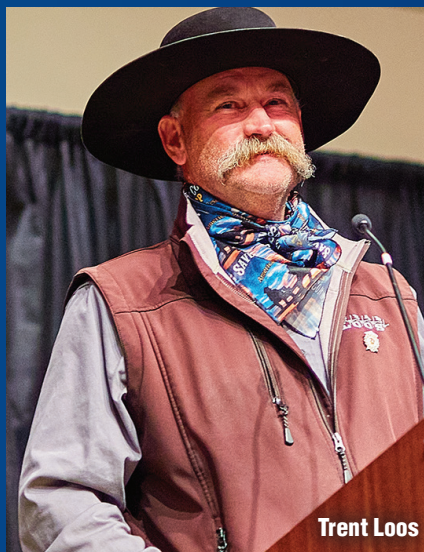
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JBS Director of Communications Paul Dragu (center) speaks with election-integrity experts Dr. Douglas Frank (far right) and Kurt Hyde (second from right).



Trent Loos



Rep. Steve King

BIRCHING 101



by Evan Mulch,
Program Director

12 Steps to Effectively Use Legislative Scorecards in Your County

Question: How do we effectively use the state *Legislative Scorecards* in our county?

Answer: Thankfully, patriotic Americans are using our state *Legislative Scorecards* more and more. There are many ways to utilize the *Scorecards*, including by handing them out at JBS speaking events, canvassing local neighborhoods by hanging them on doorknobs, and displaying them on social media.

One activity we ask every chapter to do this month is to print *Scorecards* for upcoming political meetings in your county — preferably those that will include many state legislators who represent your county. For instance, you may want to attend upcoming county Republican and Democratic Party meetings.

I know the thought of having to attend Republican and Democratic meetings can make constitutionalists cringe, but we as courageous members of The John Birch Society must go even into dark places of corruption to share the truth. Who knows?

Maybe you will find attendees at each party meeting who desire to become Americanists and join the JBS to support the cause of Americanism!

At each meeting, use the *Scorecards* to thank those legislators who scored 100 percent, and to correct those who didn't score 100 percent. The key is informing our state legislators that they are being scored, and making them aware that Americanists in the county are informing the public about their scores. Make sure you are also handing *Scorecards* to attendees of each event who are not state legislators.

For directions on how to find and use the *Scorecards*, visit the “Scorecard User Guide” at <https://gojt.us/uftr8>. Here are 12 steps to use the *Scorecards* in your county:

1. Use an internet search engine to find the state legislators for your county, or call one of your legislators to find out from them who represents your county.
2. Create a list on an electronic or paper document of the state legislators who represent your county.
3. Go to TheFreedomIndex.org, and scroll down the page until you see the map of the United States. Click on your state.
4. On your state's *Scorecard* page, find the “Search by Name” box at the top-left. Type in a state legislator from your list, and then click the green “Go” button at the top-right.
5. Click on the box for the legislator so that his webpage appears.
6. Click on the blue “Customize Scorecard” button on the right (under the red “Print Latest Scorecard” button), and then scroll to the bottom of the page to personalize the *Scorecards* with your name, phone number, and email address so that you can easily be contacted if somebody reviewing the *Scorecards* has questions.
7. Choose the “Bi-Fold Format,” and click on the green “Go” button to generate a printable PDF.
8. When printing, scale the document to fit the printable area, print on both sides, and flip on the short edge.
9. Consider printing the *Scorecards* in black and white on colored paper (green for 100-percenters, yellow for mediocre scores, and orange or pink for low scores). This will help make them stand out.
10. Hit print, and repeat for each legislator on your county delegation list (I recommend printing at least 10 *Scorecards* for each one).
11. Rally others to join you in sharing the *Scorecards* at upcoming political meetings in your county.
12. Attend each meeting, and hand out the *Scorecards* so attendees — including state legislators — understand we are scoring our legislators. ■

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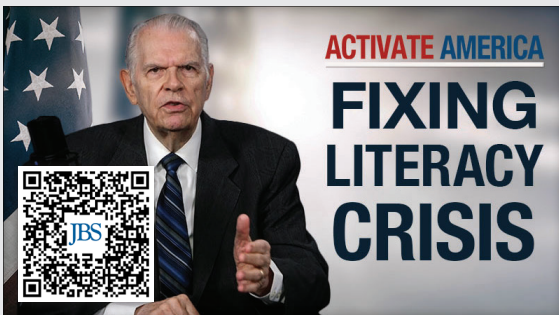
JBS/TNA VIDEOS

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.



Separating Campaign Rhetoric From Voting Record | JBS News Analysis

In this video, JBS CEO Bill Hahn discusses how to properly evaluate elected officials. Noting that the U.S. Constitution clearly outlines the duties of officeholders, he urges Americans to hold their officials accountable to the Constitution. An excellent way to do this is to follow their votes, and *The New American* and The John Birch Society provide the *Freedom Index*, which rates federal and state legislators based on their adherence to the Constitution. Hahn urges viewers to inform themselves and others about their elected officials' records: <https://jbs.org/video/weekly/separating-campaign-rhetoric-from-voting-record-jbs-news-analysis/>. ■



Fixing the Literacy Crisis | Activate America

In this video, Art Thompson, CEO emeritus of the JBS, notes that Americans' reading ability is deteriorating, hindering their ability to learn other subjects. This is especially problematic because without the ability to read, one cannot fully understand the American system of government or articulate it to others. Thompson urges viewers to regularly read, and to encourage others to do so. Finally, he lists key books and documents that Americans should read: <https://jbs.org/video/activate/fixing-the-literacy-crisis-activate-america/>. ■



Marxist Tactics to Be Aware Of | Activate America

In this video, Thompson warns against efforts to neutralize well-meaning conservatives. He notes that when the JBS achieves success, new organizations often appear to neutralize our efforts. Thompson explains how to identify organizations and people that at first glance appear sincere, but will hinder conservatives' efforts. He also recommends that viewers read *Tangents* to help evaluate other movements: <https://jbs.org/video/activate/marxists-tactics-to-be-aware-of-activate-america/>. ■

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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 threatens national sovereignty and medical freedom: <https://gojt.us/zz72>.
- ❑ "Support H.R. 2435, the Gold Standard Restoration Act": Congress must restore

the gold standard, a major step toward restoring constitutional adherence and sound-money policy: <https://gojt.us/iare>.

- ❑ "Support the 'End Endless Wars Act' (S. 1872)": Congress must repeal the 2001 AUMF, which has been used to unconstitutionally mire the United States in foreign military conflicts: <https://gojt.us/s5hi>.

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>.
- ❑ "Stop Forced mRNA Jabs, 'Vaccine Passport' Schemes, and Mask Mandates": State legislators must ban all mask and vaccine mandates, vaccine passports, and digital IDs, as well as nullify any such policies at the federal or international levels: <https://gojt.us/a3p6>.
- ❑ "Stop ESAs and Vouchers — Don't Shackle Parents With Government Subsidies": State legislators must oppose school vouchers and ESA programs and instead get government completely out of education: <https://gojt.us/rx3k>. ■

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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.



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.

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 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.





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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 “California Leads the Way”

on page 5 for specifics and take action:

- Meet with your state legislators and their staff in opposition to a Con-Con. Give them copies of California’s S.J.R. 7 and the online *TNA* article “Gavin Newsom: Constitutional Convention to Propose ‘28th Amendment’ for Gun Control.”
- Distribute the *JBS/TNA* materials recommended under this Action Item in literature drops to build an educated electorate.



Action Item 2

See “Inform Others About UN Threat to Liberty”

on page 5 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>.
- Meet with your state legislators and their staff, and urge them to nullify unconstitutional UN treaties and directives. Show them the model bills listed under this Action Item.
- Book Steve Bonta to speak about the United Nations.



Action Item 3

See “Get Your Sheriff to Nullify”

on page 6 for specifics and take action:

- Meet with your local sheriff and other local officials, and urge them to nullify unconstitutional state and federal edicts. Give them copies of the *JBS* materials recommended under this Action Item.
- Share with your officials and fellow citizens the two *JBS* videos listed under this Action Item.
- Host a *Constitution Is the Solution* workshop to help build an educated electorate. Invite your local and state officials to attend.



Action Item 4

See “Hand-counting Paper Ballots”

on page 7 for specifics and take action:

- Form a Restore Election Integrity committee to reinforce your chapter’s efforts.
- Distribute the “Restoring Election Integrity” reprint and the “9 Ways to Restore America’s Elections” slim jim. Do this in literature drops, or at a test paper-ballot vote count held in your community.

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