

It does not require a majority to prevail, but rather an irate, tireless minority keen to set brush fires in people's minds." –Samuel Adams

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The Supreme Obstacle to Nullification

By John Knapp

I guess I'm confused. To my understanding of it, the 10th Amendment of the Bill of Rights reserves to the individual States and their Citizens *all* those powers which are not expressly assigned to a limited federal government via the U.S. Constitution. In light of the States (and their Citizens) agreeing to surrender a small part of their hard-won sovereignty - in order to form a Union and a unified federal government - it seems those States would naturally include a provision to retain their God-given right to the Nullification of unconstitutional federal law, should that federal government ever get out of control. That's why the American Revolution was fought. That's why the 10th Amendment was included. So, what, pray tell, is a 'negative liberty'? Surely, that little 'pearl' would have stumped Thomas Jefferson.



Photo by Knapp

These days, Nullification certainly makes perfect sense. Nullification would be much easier, more sensible, and less bloody than breaking out the muskets again. This federal government has become like a Kudzu vine in a rainy summer, overtaking everything on God's landscape, sucking up the sunshine and the creativity, descending on all that which is good, stealing the marrow and the breath from the American people.

Nullification for the States and their Citizens is akin to the shareholders of any corporation reserving unto themselves the right to check and counter corrupt managers and company rules when those managers have begun abusing company assets and resources for their own selfish interests. In the real world, corporate managers engaged in public scams routinely go to jail. In politics, hardly ever. I guess that's why consummate crooks and thugs migrate to politics. That, and outrageously-extravagant government pension plans.

Nullification and Interposition were discussed by Thomas Jefferson and James Madison in the Kentucky and Virginia Resolutions of 1798. Unfortunately, that was after the Constitution had been written and ratified, and the Union birthed. In spite of the 10th Amendment's wording, there is no specified written provision in the U.S. Constitution for States' and their Citizens to employ the remedy of Nullification. Nullification only can be taken as Constitutionallyimplied, as one of the many powers reserved to States and Citizens by way of the 10th Amendment. And, there, of course, lies the liberal's rub.

Nullification has been tried, but it has never worked. Andrew Jackson once bellowed that "All Nullifiers should be hanged!" The greatest example of Nullification was when the South seceded from the Union before the Civil War. The act of secession was Nullification writ large. But, the outcome of the war brought the South to heel, and - a half-million dead soldiers later - the Union was restored.

Other less notable attempts at nullification have all come to naught, along and along, because the U.S. Supreme Court has always 'nullified' (found unconstitutional) various states' attempts at nullification of unconstitutional federal

overreach. The Supreme Court has consistently found the Federal Supremacy Clause as justification for its 'Supreme' findings on Nullification. So, it follows that this federal tiger will never actually consent to its being skinned, no matter how many villagers it eats.

Yet, make no mistake, Nullification is there, within the words of the 10th Amendment, there in the acrid smell of the gun smoke over Lexington and Concord, as one of the powers reserved to the States and Citizens of this country. The Declaration of Independence, succeeded by the American Revolution, was the colonists' Nullification of King George's brutal tyranny. To let the liberals argue otherwise, and to let the Supreme Court deny Nullification as a proper means of redress from the current myriad of outrageous government grievances, is to be bluffed out of the most salient point of our American beginnings.

Are we to believe the 13 original sovereign states which formed the Union, and those 37 additional sovereign states which joined in due course, all unwittingly subjugated their sovereignty to the eventual suicide pact that this federal government has now become? Did 50 originally-sovereign states, by agreeing to join the Union, all agree to become the eventual junior partners in come-what-may, unconstitutional, criminal, Godzilla federal tyranny?

In time, and given enough public apathy and acquiescence, every government has - or will - become an insatiable, voracious, corrupt, tyrannical parasite on its people and its neighbors. That is the nature of government. That is the usual, sad history of men and their governments.

America was designed to be different, to be the Exceptionalism to that norm. The founders were learned, principled men, who employed great knowledge of history, governments, and human nature, combined with a brilliant respect for personal freedom and liberty. After having just fought the tyrannical British for their God-given freedoms and their right to self-determination, does our current government seem like something for which the founders would have been willing to die, or to have their descendants routinely settle for later?

What wise men in their right minds would ever do that, in the face of, and with utter disregard for, the normal course of human events?

September 7, 2013

The Impeachment drums grow louder

Barack Hussein Obama doesn't have a clue…or does he?



Today marks the 90th scheduled outing for the Town Criers on historic St. George Street in St. Augustine Florida. The Town Criers are a committee of the St. Augustine Tea Party (SATP) [See "A look at Town Crier's history" in this publication August 24, 2013 Ed]. The Town Criers carried signage opposing the Syrian war and calling for the Impeachment of Barack Hussein Obama. The Criers report that the call for Obama's Impeachment was more universal and more intense than a week before. This is true, even though the postLabor Day weekends have fewer people on the streets. The accompanying photographs are but a sample of the public's response. Where Barack Hussein Obama is, on the issue of the Syrian War, is less clear.

One thing for sure, we know that Barack Hussein Obama is sticking with the pledge that he made in his autobiography, "Dreams From My Father", where he says parenthetically that, he will defer to Islam when push comes to shove.

Barack Hussein Obama has sided with the Muslim Brotherhood (MB). His allegiance to the MB is above that of the 'American Dream'. Barack Hussein Obama backed the MB with billions of dollars, paid to the MB through the American Embassy in Egypt, by Secretary of State, Hillary Clinton.

But Barack Hussein Obama lost that proxy war when the American trained, American armed Egyptian Army arrested Morsi and decapitated the Muslim Brotherhood in Egypt just weeks ago. But Barrack Hussein Obama is at it again. He is stirring up another 'war' in Syria, siding with the Muslim Brotherhood against Assad. Yes, Barrack Hussein Obama is trying his damnedest to drag the United States military into a civil war which has

been going on from 'time immemorial'.

"The good news is that the American people on St. George Street, from all over the Country, know what is going on. They get the picture. They have connected the dots.

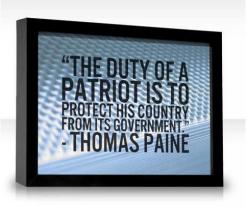




The picture is that Barack Hussein Obama is, by 'living the Dream', dragging the United States into a nightmare; into the Muslim wars of the Middle East; wars and inter-tribal fights which have been going on for Fourteen Hundred years! " said Dave Heimbold, SATP Media Chairman.

"It's time to send the 'dreamer' back to Kenya," he concluded.

Photos by TCC Staff



SATP meets at the Village Inn

The Saint Augustine Tea Party expands the number of meetings to three per month Ken Wood featured speaker

The Saint Augustine Tea Party (SATP) held its first open speaker meeting of this month on September 10, 2013. The SATP unanimously voted to increase the number of monthly meetings from two, to three. Currently the Tea Party meets at the Village Inn, in St. Augustine Florida, on the second and fourth Tuesday of



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each month. The additional meeting will be on the first Tuesday of each month. This meeting will be a general business meeting and unlike the other meetings will not feature a speaker. Attendance for the business meeting will be limited to members and those who have made formal application for membership. The Tea Party membership was concerned that speaker meetings did not provide ample time to conduct its business affairs. It was announced that speaker meetings will continue to be open to the general public.

Ken Wood was the featured speaker. Mr. Wood, who speaks extemporaneously, has an extensive grasp of the details surrounding the creation of the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution of the United States and the Bill of Rights. His deep understanding of the Constitution and related documents, clearly, is a result of extensive study. "One can only wonder if Ken's love and passion for the Constitution and the liberty it creates, would be present it if the only source of scholarly activity had been in the confines of a university. Given the left's presence and bias on college campuses today, it seems highly unlikely," an attending member said. Peter Royal an active member of the group said, "The Constitution is a radical and dangerous document. It provides a mechanism for individual liberty." The SATP members were amused by this tongue-in-cheek comment.

Mr. Wood recently retired from a career in the United States Navy. His patriotic service continues as a



member of Oath Keepers. He serves as military and veterans liaison for Florida Oath Keepers. He continues to share his knowledge of the Constitution with his speaking engagements. It was reported that the members of the SATP have already requested a return visit by Mr. Wood.



You wonder why I'm angry at what is going on in this country? I wonder why YOU'RE NOT!

September 12, 2013



Photos by TCC Staff

Republican Executive Committee approves resolution opposing Common Core

The St. Johns County Republican Executive Committee (REC) held its monthly meeting, at the airport convention center in St. Augustine, Florida. Chairman Mulhall quickly moved the agenda to the Common Core resolution. The Common Core issue

began in July when the REC announced that it would begin endorsing issues. [See "REC holds its monthly July meeting", July 18, 2013, in this publication ED]. It was clear to this reporter that the vast majority of the REC members opposed Common Core at the July meeting. In response to this opposition, Sen. Thrasher wrote a letter to the editor of the Historic City News encouraging support for Common Core. At the August REC meeting, Kate Wallace, Community Engagement Director of the Foundation for Florida's Future, addressed the members urging Sen. Thatcher's position. [See "Common Core is the subject of the REC meeting" August 8, 2013, in this publication ED]

At the September meeting First Vice Chairman, William Korach, pictured above, read the resolution opposing Common Core. A discussion followed. Former school board member, Tom Rivers, was the only person to speak in favor of Common Core. There were numerous REC members who made passionate pleas to support the resolution opposing Common Core. County Commissioner, Jay Morris stood in support of the resolution. He read, in part, a letter which he had sent to Gov. Scott urging the Governor to oppose Common Core. It has been reported that the Governor has shown some interest in supporting Common Core, along with other top state GOP leaders. The vote rejecting Common Core was nearly unanimous. In conversation with Mr. Rivers

after the vote, Mr. Rivers suggested that the current School Board favors Common Core. Mr. Rivers was a candidate for the school board in the last election. The St. Augustine Tea Party reported that they sent two members to the last School Board meeting. Plans are being formed by the Tea Party to resist Common Core on a local level.



The guest speaker was Zach Whitson

Zach Whitson presented a voter database system. At the board's recommendation the members voted, subject to review of the contract, to purchase the database service.

September 14, 2013 Mumford & Son's Fans meet the Town Criers

On the way to Francis Field and the big event, the Millennium Generation picked up the Impeach theme with glee!



All Is Not Lost on the Millennium Generation

The Millennium Generation joined right in with the Town Criers on St. George on Saturday the 14th on their way to the event at the expanded Francis Field. There was no hesitation with picking up politically incorrect signage for a personal picture with the Criers. <u>Impeach</u> <u>the Incompetent Amateur</u> seemed to be the favorite of the day. Many of this new generation get it, according to the Criers. The endless propaganda from the fading



"Main Stream Media" claims the young people for team Obama.

Photos by TCC Staff

Yes, the new media is remarkable in that many of the sign holders instantly post the politically incorrect statement on Face-book and exclaim, "I have 1000 friends" or "I have 4500 friends", and another would say, "My father is going to love this!" Few had any reservations about expressing their contempt for the Amateur.

It was a hot but delightful day. Here these youngsters were off to a night of music the way young people do, but they didn't leave their patriotism behind and were not embarrassed to stand up and be counted.

There is hope for America. You Betcha!





Photos by TCC Staff

Mum's the word for now

Despite all the hype and the extraordinary coverage by the <u>Record</u> newspaper not everyone was thrilled with Mumford & Sons, Gentlemen of the Road's hit-n-run event. Only 10% of the attendees were from St. Johns County. Flagler College was forced to close on Friday. The students who parked in the Municipal Garage were urged to leave town for the weekend to make room for the out of town attendees. Local businesses owners, not catering to the tourist industry, lost business.

The local populations of 210,000 were scared away. There was virtually no Friday night rush-hour traffic on Ponce de Lean Blvd. In other words, slightly over 1% of St. Johns County residence saw the Gentlemen and the rest got screwed and have to pick up the loss in their taxes.

From preliminary reports from locals, Mayor Boles jumped in the front of the line, bumped out the County, and cut a bad deal with the promoters. Early estimates are that the City will lose \$100,000 on the event. Just 15% of the gate price would have brought it up to break even.

Worse is the inconvenience of those residents that had to get a driving pass to enter the side streets to their homes. Then there was the hype of 'biking' to the event and the excitement about 'satellite parking'. The Record reported that St. Augustine has had a longtime need for a satellite parking and transportation system. It appears that the city moved closer to their goals by using the concert as an excuse to test the Agenda 21 long term goal of eliminating the major portion of automobiles from the historic district, specifically, and urban areas in general. [See St. "Augustine's new mobility plan" September 18, 2012 in this publication ED] Many of the agenda 21 characters who played a role a year ago were present in the planning of the satellite parking program for the concert.

Remember the 4th of July Fireworks? It was estimated by the <u>Record</u> that 65,000 showed up at the waterfront. Most of the attendee were local residents and got a good deal for their tax dollars. No satellite parking here.

The locals get a good bang for the buck on the 4th of July, each and every year. This Mumford and Sons event seemed to be a test run for the central planners and the mobility moguls who get their kicks on riding their bikes in town and worshipping at the altar of Agenda 21.

More will follow later when the numbers are crunched.

The young, the thankful....and the uninformed

By Maureen Michelle

Town Crier- *noun:* a town officer who makes public proclamations, in times past.

The town criers in Colonial times brought the news directly to the citizens. Many people couldn't read or write, so news was given verbally, on street corners.



Photos by TCC Staff

St. George Street was clogged with thousands of young visitors to our city this past Saturday for the concert at Frances Field. Happy to be off school or work, the air was festive with music, laughter and groups of horseplay! It was life! It was joy!

They were clad in baggy shorts, funky hats, bare midriffs *and* cool sunglasses. They knew why *they* were there; but they wanted to know why *we* were there?

The contrast between us was evident......

Our group was an oddity to them. I mean, just why would these senior citizens dressed in impossibly hot knee high socks, breeches, clad in tricorn hats, long sleeved shirts and colonial garb, stand in the heart of town on a glorious Saturday afternoon?

I was pleasantly surprised by most of their questions, their curiosity and knowledge of what our government was up to. When we explained that our elected "officials"/ government was ignoring and trampling on their constitutional rights through the illegal spying of NSA, illegal undeclared wars, etc., many nodded their heads in understanding. They accepted our constitution booklets and thanked us for standing on a hot street on a beautiful Saturday afternoon.

Then there were the taxpayers; pushing strollers, weary of abuses, remembering when our freedoms were an afterthought. They shook our hands, thankful to see us! Some with a brief knowledge of Common Core

standardized education backed by corporations, but also knowing full well their tax dollars support of illegal, continuous un-congressionally declared wars, that their two combined salaries are now necessary to provide a perpetual stream of total financial support to those in our country illegally, deadbeats and parasites who find it far more lucrative to be on the dole on our dime...bleeding dry the American Family and a disinterested congress that turns a blind eye to it all!

Of course there were also the ignorant, uninformed handful, who called us *disgraceful, racists,* and greeted us with *obscene hand gestures*!

I was left wondering why, to those few, do Liberty and preserving the sacred principles of the United States Constitution, provoke such animosity and ugly behavior?

They bought into the "fundamental change" well, they sure got it!

September 21, 2013

GOP votes to defund Obamacare Progressive media keeps calling a shotgun an AR15 Where is America ?



Photos by TCC staff

The Town Criers, a committee of the St. Augustine Tea Party, took to the streets of the historic district of St. Augustine, Florida, to see where the public stands on the issues that developed this past week. The Criers engage the visitors to their city each week. The Town Criers make a practice of engaging the public with politically incorrect signs. New signage was introduced for the day's activity which declared, "Obamacare makes US sick." The reverse side stated, "Impeachment is the cure." Adding to the mix, the Criers carried their signage from last week which simply said, "Impeach the incompetent amateur". Another sign, which had not been used since May 11, 2013, was also on display today. It was first carried on St. George St. when the Second Amendment was the hot issue. It pictures an AR 15 with the words, "Come and take it." The signs were designed to test the public's reaction to the defunding of Obamacare and to the shootings in Washington, DC in contrast to what has been reported by the mainstream press.

GOP and Obamacare

The Republican Party has placed itself in a no-win situation, according to the mainstream media and the progressive Republican leadership. With the GOP controlled House of Representatives passing a continuing resolution which defunds Obamacare, the progressive media claims that the Republicans will be blamed for any shutdown of the federal government as a result of the defunding of the Affordable Health Care for America Act. Top GOP leaders concur, as reported on the "Bill O'Reilly Show". According to reports, 70% of the American population is concerned about the implementation of this massive piece of legislation. They want it defunded and then repealed. They see the impeachment of Obama as part of the process. The Town Criers first carried impeachment signs on May 11, 2013. Support for impeachment was already present among the people and has been growing over the last several months, according to the Town Criers.

The people, the media and gun control

Obamacare. Equal to that interest was the impeachment of Barack Hussein Obama. It is interesting that the politicians in Washington, and the media that follows them, express no interest in impeachment. The



The shootings in Washington, DC, at the beginning of the week, resulted in a renewed call for gun control by the progressive media outlets. Almost immediately, they reported that the weapon used was an AR 15. The drums began beating for an assault against the AR 15. When the facts later played out, stating that the shooters weapon was a Remington shotgun, the propagandists ignored it and continued with their assault on the AR 15. People encountered by the Town Criers on St. George Street, clearly, were supportive of the Second Amendment and not the least bit

activated by the media's attempt at gun control.

The main issue today was not gun control. It was about repealing



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Truckers vow to shut down Washington Has Facebook shut down the truckers?

The "1 million Truckers to shut down America" group was the creation of a concerned citizen and former trucker, Zeeda Andrews. The group had a Facebook page which



appeared to be going viral. Postings on this reporter's Facebook page where extensive



and each day brought an expansion of the effort. On September 23, 2013, the group's Facebook page was suddenly removed. At the time that the page was taken down, "Truckers to shut down America" had accumulated 86,000 plus 'likes'. It is not known for certain that Facebook took down the site, but given the progressive nature of some of its founders, it is entirely possible. It has been reported on "Freedom

Outpost" and elsewhere that the problems started with Facebook over the use of "God bless America". The group has created a website to promote its event which is <u>ridefortheconstitution.org</u>, <u>http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P4hzre3rjoQ&feature=youtu.be</u>

Grassroots group to protest the corrupting of the US Constitution

The "1 million truckers to shut down America" group plans to use their vehicles to shut down Washington, D.C. on October 11th through October 13, 2013. It calls for a massive inflow of tractor-trailers. The purpose of the shutdown would be to call attention to the politician's corruption of the Constitution. The group has called

for truckers to shut down across the country and they have invited the public to participate by refusing to conduct any business on that weekend. The group has gained the support of "Overpasses for Obama's Impeachment", who planned events during that period. Recently Canadian truckers have also shown interest in participating in Toronto.



The Town Criers intend to support this demonstration

The Town Criers, a committee of the Saint Augustine Tea Party, will participate in this protest by distributing Constitutions on St. George Street and carrying appropriate supportive signage. [See "A look at Town Crier's history" in this publication August 24, 2013 Ed]

Karen Schoen held no punches!



The featured speaker at the Saint Augustine Tea Party on Tuesday, Sept. 24, 2013, came out swinging. Karen Schoen, Americans Against Agenda 21, is no amateur. This lady is a heavy weight and did a knockout blow to both Democrats and Republicans in the first round.

"Agenda 21 is a Global Mafia Cartel based on a Hegelian dialectic" she stated. "It's object is in three parts: Money, Power and Control."

This world view is totally opposite of the traditional American view:

- 1. that our Rights come from God,
- 2. that family is second,
- 3. and then government.

The dialectic materialism of Hegel is that all authority comes from:

- 1. the State
- 2. the Soviet Bureaucrats
- 3. next the people
- 4. the constitution (as a living document)
- 5. the group (or collective).

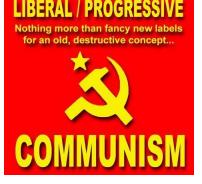


Schoen saw little difference between the Democrats and the Republicans. She hit them both with lefts and rights. The Democrats love distributing other people's money and the Republicans promote open borders and 'free trade' at the cost of American Sovereignty.

Photos by TCC Staff

Both parties have swallowed the 'socialist platform' straight out of Marxism...the striving for "Social Justice", making both Progressives fight for the same piece of the pie.

A revelation to most at the meeting was that Marco Rubio, Pam Bondi, Paul Ryan and Wassermann Schultz all were graduates of the Aspen Institute which pushes 'open borders.' <u>http://karenschoen.com/category/agenda21/</u>



September 25, 2013



A political reality, we live in a lie

The American dream being converted into a nightmare before our very eyes

Sen. Ted Cruz completed his filibuster, today September 25, 2013 at 12 noon. This reporter observed large portions of the 21 hour spectacle on C-SPAN 2. In addition, deliberations on

Obamacare by the Senate were also observed. It appeared to this reporter that the junior Senator from the State of Texas simply and concisely communicated to his colleagues the voice of the American people. It is the same voice that the Town Criers have been listening to in the historic district of St. Augustine Florida, for almost three years. The Town Criers are a committee of the Saint Augustine Tea Party. [See "A look at Town Crier's history" in this publication August 24, 2013 Ed]

Sen. McCain and Sen. Reid, two peas in a pod

In an interview with the Saint Augustine Tea Party (SATP) a spokesman said, "The remarks of Sen. Reid and Sen. McCain regarding the Tea Party and those participating in the filibuster show that they are of the same progressive ilk. They represent two sides of a corrupt system and are not unlike two Mafia families fighting over the same neighborhood. For Reid to refer to us as "Republican Tea Partiers" is an insult. We are not Republicans since we abide by the Constitution. The Republicans and the Democrats do not. Reid, calling us fanatic anarchists, only shows how far removed he is from our Constitutional Republic. He is a Marxist. McCain is equally disconnected from the Constitution as he violates his constitutional oath to defend the United States Constitution." Sen. McCain has referred to Tea Party members as "kooks and wackos"

Tea Party and the people are one

According to the SATP, "Neither the Republicans or the Democrats represent the people. They manipulate them by changing the definitions of words. They are perpetual liars." As Karen Schoen said so clearly recently, "They lie, lie, lie". The Progressive movement will either enslave us or commit suicide in trying. "We are working to make sure it the latter, and the sooner better," the SATP spokesman said.

Sarah Palin, "We already have a Third Party."

When asked by Neil Cavuto, on Tuesday, Sept. 24, 2013, 90 minutes into Ted Cruz's filibuster, about a 'third party', Sarah Palin said, "We already have a third Party. We've got the liberal Democrats, we've got the GOP machine, and then we've got the good guys...that's the third party...Ted Cruz, Mike Lee, and Rand Paul..."

"So, there are the liars, fakers and frauds that make up the Two Party System and then you have the Tea Party-Party being birthed right in the middle of this mess. The cream is floating to the top and the 'Good Guys' are shinning bright in the sea of darkness. The Marxist and Progressive liars who have hitched their wagons to Obama will be left outside... Long live the Republic!" said Dave Heimbold SATP Media Chair.



September 28, 2013

Tea Party plans fouled

The Town Criers, a committee of the Saint Augustine Tea Party, showed up for duty as usual this Saturday to engage the public in historic St. Augustine Florida.



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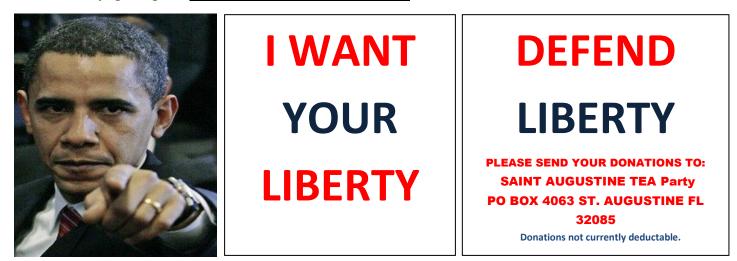
Their plans were fouled, but not by the attacks from the elite rulers in Washington. Nor by a rejection of the people, but by heavy rains in the early part of the afternoon which forced the public to dry quarters. By the time the rain let up and allowed the people to return to the streets, our detachment of Criers had dispersed. The Town Criers were disappointed. It had been their mission to test the public's response to the Tea Party presence after the assault dumped on them by the two political parties. "When you have both parties attacking you, you know your message is the truth. The truth blazed into the darkness of the Senate chamber for 21 hours when Sen. Ted Cruz spoke for the people. The Senate spoke for the Marxist congressional staff that created Obamacare. The Senators merely pretend to be legislators. The Democrats and 25 Republicans disgraced themselves. God help America," a Tea Party spokesman said.

Washington the People are coming





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There is a revolution going on. Come join the Counter Resistance. Stand up for individual Liberty.

Come join us! We are a small Committee with many tasks to do to preserve Liberty. We are blessed to see

the awakening of America. Lance L. Thate,

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