

Focus for the Month ...

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The Ground Zero Mosque Controversy: Don’t Allow the Left to Own It

by Arthur R. Thompson, CEO

The controversy about an Islamic center and mosque planned for two blocks away from the 9/11 terrorist attack’s Ground Zero in New York is causing concern among many Americans, and rightly so. But what is really going on seems to elude even well-informed people.

A recent front-page article in a Sunday edition of the *New York Times* contained this paragraph:

While a high-profile battle rages over a mosque near ground zero in Manhattan, heated confrontations have also broken out in communities across the country where mosques are proposed for far less hallowed locations.

My reason for completing a recent speaking tour, writing a booklet, and producing the DVD entitled *Exposing Terrorism* was to demonstrate that Muslim



AP Images

Understandable outrage: People participate in a rally against a proposed mosque and Islamic community center near Ground Zero in New York. But — there is a larger picture involved that includes planned divisiveness.

terrorism was not Muslim at the top but Russian-sponsored in collusion with American Insiders.

Opponents of the Islamic center at Ground Zero not only don’t understand what I have been trying to convey, they fail completely to consider the larger picture involved. And those involved in the various confrontations across our country don’t either.

Four decades ago, The John Birch Society produced a film entitled *Anarchy USA*. It brilliantly documented the use of the divide-and-conquer strategy that was employed in Algeria, China, and Cuba to help communize these countries. And it further showed how the same strategy was being used to communize the United States.

Anarchy is the equivalent of a vacuum where law and order has broken down and, just as nature abhors a vacuum, something rushes in to fill it. In the case of a country, more government rushes in. Therefore, anarchy is a tool used by those who want more government, even total government.

Let me list the main steps leading to anarchy and then show how today’s events are following this pattern. While some of these steps overlap, they are:

1. Divide the people.
2. Create the appearance of popular support.
3. Neutralize the opposition.
4. Precipitate mob violence.
5. Create the semblance of revolution.

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Recruiting

by James F. Fitzgerald, Director of Field Activities

In the August *Bulletin*, we outlined a six-step program for members and chapters to use in order to expose the dangers of ObamaCare. We pointed out that it was especially important to alert medical professionals about the serious nature of a government-dominated national medical system. We repeat those six steps from the August *Bulletin* below and add a seventh step regarding the use of the new reprint “The New World of ObamaCare.” We also continue to urge arranging public showings of the *ObamaCare 101* DVD in public libraries and other venues. Use the flyer prepared for announcing these showings to attract audiences.

1. Deliver both *The New American* and the *ObamaCare 101* DVD to state legislators along with a sample copy of the nullification bill.
2. Visit the offices of doctors and provide copies of *TNA* and the DVD along with an appeal to sign a request directed to elected officials for nullification.
3. Sponsor one of the doctors on our Speakers Bureau for an event in your area. Saturate the medical buildings, hospitals, and doctors’ offices with speech flyers.



4. Set up a table or booth at various public gatherings such as state, county, city, and street fairs. Order the canvas banner to display at your booth. Download and print the poster for display in areas where there is heavy foot traffic.

5. Distribute flyers for the showings of *ObamaCare 101* and have JBS membership applications available at each showing.

6. A high level of visibility for this campaign will demonstrate to the public that government control over the healthcare industry is extremely dangerous to freedom and must be opposed.

7. NEW: The Special Reprint entitled “The New World of ObamaCare” is now available. It contains five articles from *The New American* and includes a color reprint of the absolutely frightening flow chart depicting the maze of bureaucratic agencies created by the ObamaCare measure.

CON-CON Danger

There are a number of organizations and even some well-meaning individuals who are suggesting a constitutional convention as the way to stop ObamaCare, Cap and Trade, amnesty for illegal immigrants, and reckless spending (via a balanced budget amendment). The John Birch Society and its members have fought against this idea for decades and have an excellent record of success in preventing Con-Con calls as well as having calls

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The Insiders used the Civil War to change a great deal about our system of government, but there were enough leaders then who pulled the nation away from the overt totalitarianism sought by wartime radicals.

Keep in mind as we look at this time-worn technique that the majority of the victims in this scenario will be average Americans who are innocent people on both sides. Without understanding what is transpiring, they will serve as cannon fodder in an operation designed to destroy freedom in the United States.

Insiders will control the agitation with a few of their well-placed agents. The vast bulk of those who allow themselves to be led by these conspiracy operatives will be just as much the victims of what is going on as anyone. In some cases, more so, since they are usually the ones who suffer most in the long run, as I will show further on.

Divide the People

It is hard to imagine a more divisive idea than for Muslims to build an Islamic center and mosque right next to 9/11's Ground Zero. Such a plan divides the people. Make no mistake about it, the plan has to be deliberate.

Those who will finance and build this site and those in the local government who approve it had to know what the reaction of the average citizen would be. That being the case, they had to have wanted to divide the people. After all, they could have planned to build it elsewhere in the city, if indeed it was really needed. Why so close to ground zero? It makes no sense unless they want to create a division.

While it is not empirical evidence of the desire to create a rift, it has to at least raise some eyebrows when the city of New York has not approved the longstanding petition of an Orthodox church not far from this same site for a renovation project; and, when the Imam in charge of the mosque project is invited to speak to the Council on Foreign Relations.

We know that the planners for this edifice had the legal right to proceed as planned. But having legal right and refusing to take into consideration the sensibilities of so many, especially the families of close to 3,000 victims, adds a whole new dimension to the matter. The Muslims could go elsewhere and it certainly seems that they should.

The evidence of the division being generated is nationwide, as reported by YouTube, the evening news, and your newspaper and magazines. The aforementioned *New York Times* article highlighted the growing manifestation of this division. And, topping it off, organizations are helping ramp up the agitation with fundraising letters to "combat the problem."

Part of dividing the people requires having agents on both sides whipping up the people against each other. Make no mistake about it, sound arguments can be used to inflame people just as well, and maybe even more capably, than false claims. But inflame is the key word. All of the videos and articles protesting the building of the Muslim center miss a main point, which is that this is a deliberate attempt to divide the people and steer individuals on both sides into violence.

The same situation exists regarding immigration. Note that I did not say "illegal immigration." All forms of immigration into our country have reached numbers that are dividing the people, actually balkanizing them. Even the mosque issue results from both legal and illegal immigration.

We tend to concentrate on illegal immigration, but a huge wave of legal immigration is another problem because it, too, spawns divisiveness within America.

We should ask ourselves where are all these people coming from? They are not only coming over the southern border. They do enter the United States over the northern border and coastal ports as well. They are not coming from the Latin countries exclusively. They are coming from Eastern Europe, Asia, the Indian Subcontinent, and the Middle East. Many are being flown in by our government and given subsidies when they get here.

We are experiencing a flood of gigantic proportions that is seriously impacting our national culture. One prime result is the tearing apart of the Judeo-Christian underpinnings of our Constitution. Expecting all of these new entrants to assimilate rapidly into the American way of life is expecting the impossible. As for understanding the American system of government, that too is an unreal hope, particularly under the current condition of American education.

It is quite likely that the battle for strict adherence to the Constitution would have already been won by 2000 if it had not been for the vast number of immigrants entering our country since 1970.

We are not opposed to people entering the U.S.A. But we are opposed to millions coming here illegally, and also to an inordinate amount coming legally because of the harm that will befall our system of government. Those who are running our government are not making a mistake; they know what they are doing. Massive, sudden immigration has been encouraged and used as a tool by a conspiracy determined to destroy the Constitution *ever since the founding of this country*.

The greatest roadblock in the conspiracy's plans is a well-informed American population. Conspirators will use any means whatsoever to dilute the effect of the well-informed. This goal is being achieved by permitting the entry of millions of uninformed illegal immigrants from south of the border, but it also includes the huge influx of legal immigrants entering from elsewhere.

Despite all of their efforts, the Insiders have not been able to create the amount of division among the American people to serve their purposes ever since their attempt to do so during and after the Civil War. They used that war to change a great deal about our system of government, but there were enough leaders then who pulled the nation away from the overt totalitarianism sought by wartime radicals.

Later, conspirators tried to divide the nation for their sinister purposes with the 1960s–1970s civil rights movement. But this plan didn't work in large part because of widespread efforts of members of The John Birch Society including their showing of the film *Anarchy USA*.

The attempts to radicalize the black population into creating revolution during the civil rights days didn't work because most of America's black citizens were patriotic and had a strong religious base. It is true that communist organizations grew and remain in place in some black communities, but their effect is nowhere near what the Insiders needed for their hate-inspiring agenda to succeed.

Insider agents within our own government have had to import those they could use to divide America. The massive immigration we have endured is key to their overall plan.

There are other divisive means that the Insiders are using with various degrees of success. In religion, it's not just Christian vs. Moslem, but Christian vs. Christian, or even Christian vs. Jew. It's women's "liberation"

vs. the traditional role of women — which seems on hold. And it's young vs. old, haves vs. have-nots, even Republicans vs. Democrats.

Create the Appearance of Popular Support

The Insiders have used their allies in the controlled media and in a variety of street organizations to create the appearance of popular support for their favored groups. This is done in two ways: 1) constantly portraying in a positive light the side they control, while portraying the other side as extreme, xenophobic, racist, etc.; and 2) failing to report the existence of any opposition to their favored groups, downplaying and even ignoring any support for opposition by deflating and disparaging the numbers they attract at opposition events.

The latter tactic becomes obvious when mere close-up shots of small groups on the periphery are provided rather than a wide-angle shot of the entire throng. Also, if anyone in the opposition group has an extreme appearance, all the better since the mainstream media will focus on that person to project the image of extremism.

This is the manner in which the media has treated The John Birch Society over the past several decades. Fifty leftists and dupes gathered at a meeting make the evening news. Hundreds of Birchers and friends do not.

Regarding the planned Islamic center, large demonstrations protesting it have been held in New York. But outside New York, one would be hard-pressed to know the size of these protests unless one is a regular visitor to YouTube and the Internet.

These media techniques have been employed during reports about both the planned mosque and the immigration problem. Regarding immigration, the opposition is so large that the mass media haven't been able to ignore it and have had to be masterful in their presentation. They attempt to make it look as though they are presenting a balanced view when in reality they are keeping Americans gazing at the tube while the socialists in government are moving forward with their agenda.

The overall idea is to have enough Americans doing nothing.

Today, one of the main obstacles thwarting this second aspect of their overall "create the appearance of popular support" tactic has been the use of the Internet. This is only one of the reasons that the Insiders want



An Asian immigrant protests America's "lack of justice." Expecting all of these new entrants to assimilate into the American way of life or to understand the American system of government, is an unreal hope.

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There is a long history of radical Muslims being backed by the old Soviet Union and modern Russia. Above, Russian President Boris Yeltsin, left, welcomes Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat prior to their meeting at the Kremlin in Moscow on April 6, 1999.

control over the Internet and are trying to establish it through the Obama administration, and its friends in Russia and China.

The Internet serves as a resource for networking as well as for communicating; the “word” can get out, and can serve as a means to organize. This is dangerous to totalitarians who know they must shut down access to the truth and keep their opposition in the dark.

When considering the need for popular support, the Internet can create it for either side or both, depending on whatever is needed at a given time. It can show great support and supply praise for one side, or it can show minimal support and condemnation for another. The Insiders need to show the appearance only of support, or of majority support, for their “side.” They will do anything necessary to stop any appearance of support for their opposition. Nevertheless, the Internet remains a problem for them — but they are working on it.

Neutralize the Opposition

This can be done through a number of different ways depending on the power of the Insiders in any country. One of the most effective means to neutralize opponents is smearing them by using allies in the media and street organizations. Insider agents usually try to bar opponents from the media, not even identifying them unless they have to. If they feel they have to acknowledge the existence of opponents, they will do so while casting aspersions at their reputations. Such charges as racist, anti-Semite, extremist, conspiracy theorist, etc. are customarily tossed around.

This type attack was intensely used against The John Birch Society in the 1960s. But it didn't succeed in destroying our organization as it had in the past with other groups and individuals. One reason it failed was that the Society's organizational structure prevented such a result. There is no question, however, that the attack did slow down and marginalize some of our work. But at the same time, it gave publicity to the Society and helped rally many real patriots to our side. In the end, the attacks were called off because they had obviously become counterproductive.

Newly organized citizens who have awakened to the problems besetting our country and are trying to do something about them have likewise run into this buzz saw of smear and innuendo. And, at every opportunity the media have tried to make them appear to be linked to the JBS after resurrecting old invectives against us in the articles. While we do have a great amount of influence in these groups through our members, we do not control or set their agenda in any way from our headquarters.

Precipitate Mob Violence

Agents of the Insiders in government need excuses to clamp down on the people. Violence in the streets is one way to fill that need. The use of terrorism is

another. Either serves them well as an excuse to impose police state controls.

The more violence, the more the people will cry for “law and order” and “security,” never understanding that they are victims of a pincer movement: pressure from below in the streets and pressure from above in the government and the media. Both are orchestrated by the same forces seeking the imposition of police state controls.

When it comes to the “Muslim problem,” some Americans already advocate the removal of Muslims from our nation in the name of the War on Terror. The planned mosque near Ground Zero only exacerbates the problem and leads more Americans to want “action.”

More and more, a sentiment already spreading in America is only one step away from such “action.” Getting people into street demonstrations is the beginning. Then *agents provocateurs* can start to agitate the crowd and before you know it, violence ensues.

This happened repeatedly during the civil rights movement and it led to our producing *Anarchy USA* as an effective tool to create understanding and quell the violence.

We have even seen reports of demonstrations against mosques by opponents who employ dogs because Muslims look at dogs as ritually unclean. You can imagine what could happen if this scenario is played out.

In America today, there exists potential for at least two full-scale problems in the streets: Christian/Jews vs. Muslims, and the Aztlan movement vs. traditional Americans. In both cases, not much will be needed for the more volatile individuals in these groups to engage in violence. Should this occur, there will be more police and more laws. If it continues, we can expect soldiers in the streets, curfews, curtailment of freedom of assembly, etc.

We are already witnessing counter demonstrations by leftists attempting to cause problems at patriotic rallies. They shout down speakers, create noisy diversions, desecrate the American flag, even engage in toe-to-toe confrontations. These activities are designed to do two things: Precipitate mob violence and create fear in the minds of ordinary patriots so they will stay home, become neutralized, and decline to become involved in any future patriotic activity.

Wherever violence might break out, the evening news will attempt to blame it on the patriots. No one should forget that the TV cameras don't start recording until something gets started. We can count on Leftists starting the violence and knowing that the patriots, or the police, will react. The reaction is what is customarily caught by the cameras and that is what is seen on television, not the initiators of the ruckus.

Create the Semblance of Revolution

The semblance of revolution doesn't develop unless there are highly placed agents in the government to help bring it on.

Because revolution is an integral part of the plan, the use of that term to describe the goal of a movement is not always the best way to proceed, no matter how obvious is the intent.

Actually, the semblance of revolution is already in the air. It can be witnessed among certain

Latino organizations and their open defiance of and disrespect for all things American.

It is becoming more the norm than not to have demonstrations and events that include desecration of the American flag, screaming about capitalism being the fundamental enemy, and calling for open revolution. This type activity has been stirred up by actual communist agents using anti-illegal immigration as an anvil. These scenes are not being broadcast in the media but are available through the Internet — another reason why the Insiders want the Internet controlled.

“Blood is thicker than water” is a well-known saying. Usually we apply it when referring to family ties. It can also be applied when race is the consideration. The communists have always been able to use race as a weapon against the very people they supposedly support, turning them into the cannon fodder necessary for revolution.

We have seen this technique used in country after country where those they whip up usually become the victims. Highly placed communists, such as Manning Johnson, a black American who actually served in the Soviet Politburo and then left the communist movement, told all who would listen what was planned. He spent years exposing such tactics and the certain plan to use black people as cannon fodder.

During the height of the civil rights movement, many black Americans were recruited into a variety of communist cadres and told they were fighting for civil rights. The injustice of some local governments provided the rationale for something far more dangerous, and some fell for it.

But in reality, who were those who suffered the most for the actions of such organizations? The black Americans themselves suffered, and that situation hasn't changed much over the years.

The riots, burning, and destruction took place in the black communities. Black homes and businesses serving black communities were burned out. Black “leaders” were forced on the communities and some of them, such as big-government promoters Jesse Jackson and Al Sharpton, remain as exalted black spokesmen today. Who elevated these people to speak for black Americans? Not the black citizens. It was the media, helped along by communist agents and politicians who want only socialists to be leading black Americans, and all Americans.

Prior to the civil rights movement, many inequities certainly did exist. But in the name of a movement they were told would help them, black communities suffered in several ways. After the movement's heyday, morality took a severe hit as divorce, out of wedlock births, and crime soared. The very people the movement claimed it would help saw their family structure decimated. This was a huge crime perpetrated on the black community by false leaders who claimed to be solving problems.

Responsible black leaders, and there were many, received little or no publicity or recognition by the media. Their influence rarely went beyond their immediate followers, and their numbers continued to dwindle. In addition, the communist cadres often



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intimidated them to the point where they lived in fear. The average black citizen wasn't presented any other leadership but the socialist leadership.

Even today, socialists like John Lewis of Georgia, Maxine Waters of California, Eddie Bernice Johnson of Texas, and Charles Rangel of New York have been the so-called leaders promoted by the media and the Left. The problem is that each of these members of Congress gives the appearance of helping their communities when in reality they are moving them more and more into a socialist swamp, all while helping themselves, of course.

Political pied pipers replace one type of slavery with another, a more universal type of servitude that engulfs all. When people are compelled to work for others, or pay for others' necessities, they are being made slaves. When all are compelled to work in and for the state, the nation has arrived at the ultimate form of slavery, the condition known as communism.

As the movie *Anarchy USA* documented so well, increasing the size and power of government was the aim of the civil rights leaders who were presented to the nation as praiseworthy icons of freedom then, and even today. Even some "conservatives" accept this falsehood.

Today, we see the same process is unfolding in the Latino communities. If those who lead the Aztlan movement have their way, the Latinos will end up suffering the most.

Thankfully, within the black communities, responsible leaders are gaining a strong foothold. Christian pastors such as Jesse Lee Peterson, Stevie Craft, James David Manning, Stephen Broden, and a host of others deserve great credit and our thanks.

Another problem not well recognized in the black communities and elsewhere is that the influx of Latino laborers has lowered entry-level wages for legal citizens. This has impacted young black Americans more than anyone. Latino gangs are also a problem in the black communities, especially in Los Angeles.

While many gains have been made, America's black citizens remain the targets of Insider attention and they continue to suffer real consequences. The Insiders have scant regard for blacks and really do intend to make them the cannon fodder in a revolution.

Are Radical Muslims Backed by Russia?

As shown in our DVD and booklet (both entitled *Exposing Terrorism*), radical Muslim groups and individuals are performing exactly as radical blacks and Latinos have been acting as they seek to steer Americans into revolutionary activity.

If Muslims are part of our nation's problems, especially when considering terrorism, why does it seem almost a prerequisite for being hired at an airport that one must be a Muslim? My travels around the country continue to demonstrate to me that the hiring process

at major airports leads to an inordinate percentage of Muslims on the job. Obviously, most of these persons have no terrorist plans in mind. But might some? Especially those who are devout and obedient followers of their leaders?

The aim of the Insiders and their many self-serving agents is worldwide revolution followed by world government. The struggle they seek to create between Christians/Jews vs. Muslims gives them the best hope for widening conflict into a truly worldwide revolution.

The Soviet aim of using the Black communities in the 1960s and 1970s to divide America was missing this basic element, since the tactic was in essence confined to the United States, lacking a global dimension. Using Christian vs. Muslim agitation brings a worldwide scope to communist and Insider plans.

The Russian Factor

While the involvement of Russia in American politics today may seem remote, history will one day reveal that Russia is playing a much larger role in what goes on in our nation than even the most astute person realizes. No one should forget that all terrorism is state-sponsored. As we have stated on numerous occasions, Russian leaders, most of whom are former veterans of the dreaded KGB, are sponsoring much of the world's terror campaigns.

But didn't the Obama administration recently deport a sizeable number of Russian spies? Yes, this did happen. But we believe the reason the Obama government sped these people out of the country so quickly was that they didn't want the American people to find out just how large the problem really is. There are well over 1.5 million Russians who have come to America since the so-called collapse of communism. You have to ask the question: Why, after spending millions of dollars and assigning a large number of personnel on a continuous multi-year investigation, did the government suddenly arrest and deport them and immediately insist that they were unimportant? The amount of time and money that went into the investigation would seem to contradict this statement.

The Facebook account of the girlfriend of one of those Russian spies even posted his picture *long before he was arrested* showing him in a T-shirt depicting the hammer and sickle and the letters CCCP, the Cyrillic alphabet's initials for the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. The Facebook message even contained the caption, "a Russian spy"! Was he not someone worthy of intense scrutiny?

Also, a Russian mafioso such as Alisher Usmanov, through Yuri Milner and the company DST, is moving into the social network field, purchasing stock and in other ways helping companies such as Facebook. The inclusion of Chinese and Russian government-sponsored companies is rapidly becoming a major part of the entire U.S. computer industry.

We advise all to be careful about what personal or private information you put on the Internet for all to see. The Russian government is empowering ex-KGB and Russian mob figures to worm their way into certain strategic industries and companies. The danger posed by open attempts coming from the Obama administration and others to take over the Web and other means of communication is real.

The visit of Russian president Dmitry Medvedev to California's Silicon Valley and the many sweetheart deals with computer and defense industry he garnered illustrate the fact that the treaty signed by Bush and Putin in 2005 calling for the economic integration of the two countries is going forward. My experience in the defense industry some years ago taught me that major defense contractors had no problem selling products to communists even while our fighting men were being killed in Vietnam.

Agitation of the general public by radical Muslim groups has not yet reached the level started by radical Latino groups. There are examples, however, on

YouTube where radical Muslims advocate socialism and the stifling of free speech in the U.S.A. The Muslim communities tend to be more introspective and private so it is difficult for the average citizen to witness what is going on in their mosques and other gathering places. This leads to doubts and rumors regardless of what is happening.

This agitation will become a problem with any burning of the Koran and other activities in the U.S.A being played out on YouTube across the Muslim world. And it can only lead to more recruiting into radical Islam and terrorist organizations. This can only widen the problems we face in the Middle East and here at home.

America's middle class has always been the target. Karl Marx used the word bourgeois. My dictionary says the word means member of the middle class.

The middle class cuts across all religions and races. No religion or race is their "enemy." But the agents of the conspiracy will use all religions and races as wedges to divide us and make it appear as though we are at war with a religion or a race rather than with them. We all have our differences and as long as we have them in a non-coercive atmosphere, we can live with them.

For those of us who understand what is going on, we cannot allow such initiatives by the Insiders to cloud our judgment or actions. Our job, as it was in the 1960s, is to spread understanding to prevent violence and associated divisive tactics from destroying our country.

At the same time, we must work to force our government to adhere to the Constitution and enforce sane immigration laws. Sane immigration policies would take care of many of these problems.

Let us not forget that while the agents of the conspiracy are at work in trying to implement the five enumerated steps leading to anarchy and revolutionary change, they are also at work in our government to eliminate all vestiges of our Judeo-Christian culture. Only by advocating true liberty, which includes basic morality, can we combat all of these problems. ■

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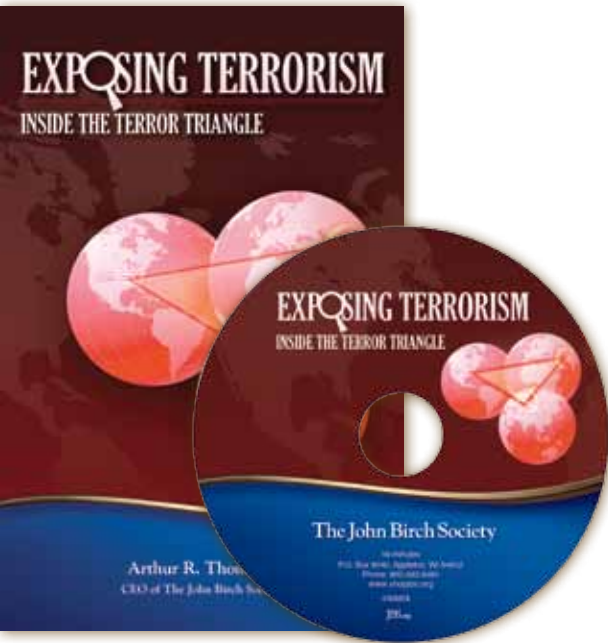
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President's Corner

by John F. McManus, President

Big Problem, Wrong Solution Proposed By Newt Gingrich

Newt Gingrich is at it again. His “American Solutions” organization has just published his latest call for a Balanced Budget Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. In this September 10, 2010 article, he boasts: “In 1995 and 1997 when I was Speaker of the House, we passed a Balanced Budget Amendment in the House twice, only to see it fail in the Senate.”

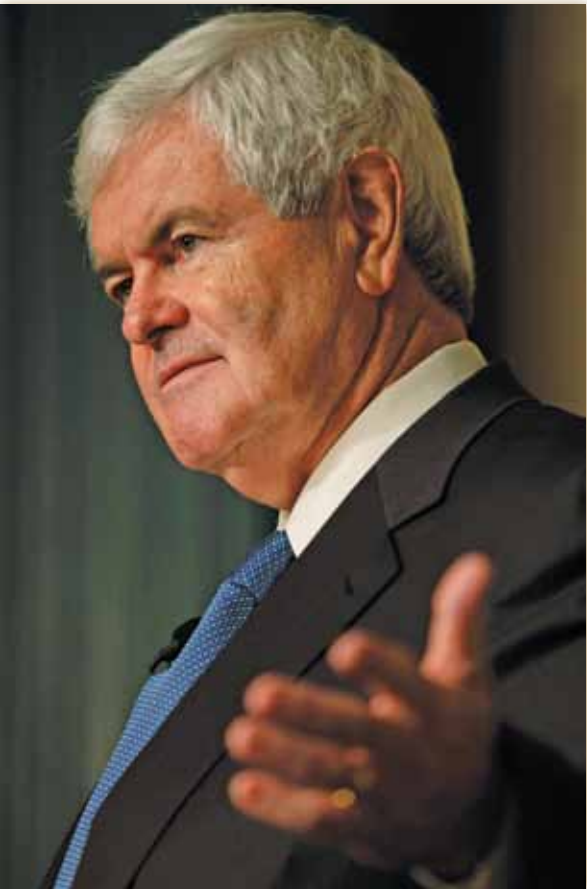
Mr. Gingrich is a former history professor. He claims to know a great deal about our nation’s governmental system. He won election to Congress and then saw his colleagues choose him to be the Speaker of the House, a post second in power only to the presidency of our country. He is now pointing to our nation’s enormous deficits (approximately \$1.5 trillion annually) and the accumulated national debt (more than \$13 trillion). And he’s telling all whom he can reach that Congress should be forced to balance the budget with an amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

Balancing the budget is a good idea. But doing so via a constitutional amendment is a very wrong way to do it. First of all, such a plan inherently states that there’s something wrong with the Constitution that needs fixing. But the Constitution isn’t at fault; blame should be directed to our elected leaders. Further, there’s a remarkably more simple procedure through which the House of Representatives could balance the budget all by itself — any time it wants to do so.

Any American who has even an elementary grasp of the Constitution knows that an amendment via the 1995 and 1997 route Gingrich mentions requires approval by two-thirds of both Houses of Congress followed by approval of three-quarters of the state legislatures. But the Constitution’s Article I, Section 7 states: “All bills for raising revenues shall originate in the House of Representatives....” If a majority in the House (218 members) refuses to “originate” a spending bill for anything, that’s it. The Senate doesn’t have

to be consulted; the President can only watch what is happening; even the Supreme Court and the *New York Times* is powerless to stop the House from curtailing spending.

Why isn’t Newt Gingrich pointing to this feature of the Constitution? He has to know that the House has the power of the purse and it can stop foreign aid, federal meddling in education, housing, welfare, medi-



For a man who claims to be a constitutional scholar, Mr. Gingrich has demonstrated severe deficiencies.

cine, etc. There’s absolutely no need for any amendment if balancing the budget is the real goal.

Mr. Gingrich can’t be unaware of this. And he surely also knows that the Constitution provides a second method to gain amendments, the procedure known as a constitutional convention (con-con). If two-thirds of the states call for a convention, it must be convened. Once underway, there is no limit to what a con-con can produce, meaning that it can completely abolish the current constitution and insert in its place something totally different from what our nation has relied on since 1789. A con-con can even abolish any need for the states to ratify whatever it produces.

As noted above, producing an amendment via the traditional method (super majorities in both Houses of Congress plus ratification by 34 states) is an arduous process. If Mr. Gingrich and his allies fail to accomplish their goal through this procedure, will they switch emphasis and begin calling for the very dangerous con-con? No one should be surprised if this occurs.

In the message his “American Solutions” organization sent on September 10th, Mr. Gingrich stated that he wouldn’t want to raise taxes to accomplish balancing the budget. He recommended instead “reforming failed and bloated [federal] programs and institutions.” These programs don’t need “reforming;” they need termination. The Constitution that allows amendments does not allow for departments of Education, Housing, Energy, Health and Human Services, and a host of others. Always claiming to be a constitutional scholar, Mr. Gingrich has demonstrated severe deficiencies. Because he is a constitutional scholar, it is reasonable to conclude that he is a dangerous deceiver.

Yes, the budget must be balanced. Even better, surpluses to retire existing debt should be produced. This is what is so sorely needed. Also needed is a sufficient number of House members who will use their constitutional power and take the safe and sane route to putting America’s financial house in order. ■

Talking Points

by John F. McManus, President

1. Televised reports presented the good news that all U.S. combat forces had vacated Iraq on August 19. (50,000 troops do remain in the beleaguered nation.) Then, on August 31, President Obama delivered a prime time televised message to the nation containing the announcement that those combat forces had exited Iraq. Didn’t it seem strange that the President would wait almost two weeks to provide some good news, even to hope that the American people would credit him for achieving it?

We were told later that the date of the speech had been planned for a good while. That seems quite improbable. What does seem improbable is that his 18-minute, rambling, multi-topic speech came across as a fairly desperate attempt to combat seriously sinking poll numbers. Mr. Obama wanted to be looked upon as a sort of military victor even though few consider him one. But he also wanted to address the nation’s worsening economic condition, even convey the notion that things are getting better. But they surely are not.

Barack Obama’s oratorical skills are well known. But on August 31, he came across as a man needing a life-boat. He was indecisive and unconvincing, and he conveyed the impression that something else was on his mind. Was he worrying about what seems likely to happen to his fellow Democrats in November? He knows that many elected officials who so joyously applauded him less than two years ago are carefully distancing themselves from him as Election Day looms. Rather than have him campaign for them, these Democrats have come to consider him a millstone around their necks. All of this is good news for America. If only there were

some assurance that Republicans won’t fritter away whatever victory seems in their grasp, as did the GOP led by Newt Gingrich in 1994.

2. In Arizona, Pinal County Sheriff Paul Babeu reports: “Mexican drug cartels do control parts of Arizona. They literally have scouts on the high points in the mountains and in the hills and they literally control movement. They have radios, optics, and night-vision goggles as good as anything law enforcement has. This is 70-80 miles from the border, and 30 miles from the fifth-largest city in the United States.” Babeu claims to have requested the Obama administration for 3,000 National Guard soldiers and all he got were 15 signs posted by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) telling Americans



Pinal County Sheriff Paul Babeu (above, left, next to Sen John McCain, Sen Jon Kyl, and Cochise County Sheriff Larry Dever) reports: “Mexican drug cartels do control parts of Arizona.”

to avoid entering this area because dangerous criminals control it.

Commenting on this situation, Congressman Ted Poe (R-Texas) stated: “These signs say to American citizens, the federal government has ceded this area to the drug cartels. Don’t come here; we can’t protect you.” Congressman Lamar Smith (R-Texas) added: “American citizens should not have to be fearful for their lives on U.S. soil.”

Retired Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) veteran Michael Cutler stated: “At the rate we’re going, the Red, White and Blue of the American flag will be replaced with a flag that is simply white — the flag of surrender.” After spending 31 years with INS, he is angered because BLM directs travelers to call 911 if they see anything suspicious in this area. But the calls go to state and local police, he pointed out. At the same time, the federal government is suing Arizona claiming that enforcement of immigration laws is solely a federal task.

3. A supposedly competent constitutional scholar recently complained to The John Birch Society that our organization constantly calls for limitations on the federal government but is willing to have that same government mandate prayer and Bible reading in the government schools. Contradiction? Not at all. The JBS position is that there shouldn’t be federal meddling in the nation’s schools in the first place. Banning federal involvement would see creation of privately run academies that would make their own policies regarding religious exercises — or have none — in such schools. ■

Pending Legislation

Priority Level: H = High; M = Medium; L = Low; O = Ongoing

by Warren Mass, Editor, The John Birch Society Bulletin
JBS.org Legislative Action: You can find the “Legislative Action” section on JBS.org and clicking on “Legislative Action” under the “Action” menu heading. Or, you can go directly to our “Legislative Action” section at www.votervoice.net/Core.aspx?AID=972&APP=GAC&.

Priority H: Oppose H.R. 5504, Improving Nutrition for America’s Children Act.

The Healthy, Hunger Free Kids Act of 2010, S. 3307, was unanimously passed in the Senate, but hit a snag in the House when 107 Democrats wrote Speaker Pelosi



School lunch: The federal government should not take on, or usurp the role of parents in the areas of food, nutrition, and body shapes.

a letter urging her not to bring S. 3307 up for a vote. Pelosi will support, instead, H.R. 5504, Improving Nutrition for America’s Children Act, which should move forward sometime after September 13. H.R. 5504 is very similar to S. 3307. If the House passes H.R. 5504, the two bills would need to be reconciled at some point. Both bills dramatically expand federal involvement, not just in the public school venue but outside of it as well. The federal government should not take on, or usurp the role of parents in the areas of food, nutrition, and body shapes. Urge your representative to oppose H.R. 5504 or any other similar bill.

Priority H: Oppose the SAFER AIR Act of 2010, S. 3536, that would install full-body scanning machines in every airport in the nation.

S. 3536, the Securing Aircraft From Explosives Responsibly: Advanced Imaging Recognition Act of 2010, (SAFER AIR Act) states its purpose: “To enhance aviation security and protect personal privacy, and for other purposes....” Having a TSA agent view

your virtually naked body is a violation of your privacy and civil rights guaranteed by the Fourth Amendment. Adult and child images have been saved on these machines, even though DHS policy already forbids such practices. Contact your senators and tell them to vote against S. 3536, which would install full-body scanning machines in every airport in the nation.

Priority H: Stop the Livable Communities Act of 2009, S. 1619 and H.R. 4690.

This bill would establish in the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) an Office of Sustainable Housing and Communities (OSHC). The OSHC Director would be required to make comprehensive planning and sustainability grants to various local and regional planning organizations to: (1) promote integrated transportation, housing, energy, and economic development activities carried out across policy and governmental jurisdictions; (2) promote sustainable and location-efficient development; and (3) implement projects identified in a comprehensive regional plan. In other words, these sustainability grants would be used by local and regional planning groups to minimize the carbon footprint of Americans (thereby minimizing global warming) by limiting miles travelled to work, limiting choices of where to live, etc, etc. Tell your representative and senators that you want them to vigorously oppose this collectivist legislation that would severely limit personal mobility, private enterprise, home ownership, and the rights of property owners.

Priority O: Oppose H.R. 3534— Help Defeat the CLEAR Act. (See September Bulletin.)

Priority H: Help Block the Obama Administration’s Lawsuit Against Arizona SB 1070. (See September Bulletin.)

Priority H: Support H.R. 4972, “To repeal the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act”; Force the House to Vote on Repealing ObamaCare. (See September Bulletin.)

Priority H: Stop the New START Treaty (See September Bulletin.) ■

ACTION SUMMARY — Priority: Ongoing to High

- Contact your lawmakers in Congress about one or more issues.

Recruiting

already on the books in many states rescinded. In the eyes of many uninformed Americans who are justifiably concerned with the flood of collectivism from Washington, a constitutional convention may look attractive as a way to establish a road block to the Washington onslaught. The danger of course is the possible destruction of the entire Constitution in the hands of the very people these concerned Americans are trying to stop.

Larry Greenley’s excellent article, “Dangers of a Constitutional Convention,” can be ordered as a reprint or it can be found online at: www.thenewamerican.com/index.php/usnews/constitution/1241.

A strong effort is needed here to inform those who see this as a quick fix while ignoring the danger of an out-of-control Con-Con. Also available for this effort is the *Beware Article V* DVD with its thorough explanations and summaries of the potential consequences of this ill-conceived and dangerous proposal.

Guard Against Lame Duck Destructiveness

As the November congressional elections approach, many pundits are suggesting that there will be a sweeping victory for the party currently out of power. However, a lame duck session of Congress is already

scheduled for November and December, during which some seriously damaging legislation might be enacted. Right now is a good time for all members to contact their congressman and senators to make known their strong feelings about a defeated or wounded party participating in this kind of legislative treachery.

Task Number One: BUILD THE ORGANIZATION

A primary job of The John Birch Society has always been to educate its members and then have them participate in a program of education and action with their newfound knowledge. Getting this job done effectively requires building our organization with more members and more activists. We must grow larger in order to have a greater national impact on key issues.

Many of our members have made productive contacts with individuals who are involved in other conservative-type organizations. All of these persons should be asked to join The John Birch Society. If we are serious about saving our country and our freedoms, we must encourage others to join the one organization, above all others, that has the best chance to accomplish that task. Muster up your courage and ask the best among these other good Americans to join The John Birch Society! ■

TNA Update

by Gary Benoit, Editor, The New American

Our Newest Tool to Stop ObamaCare

Until now our main tool from the magazine to stop ObamaCare has been our May 10 “ObamaCare” issue. But our supply of that issue is now nearly exhausted (though we will continue to sell copies while supplies last). And our latest issue with an “ObamaCare” cover story, our August 16 issue, was sold out almost immediately after its release. However, we now have a new tool containing key material from both issues that we urge our reader-activists to get behind.

The new tool is a 24-page special reprint entitled “The New World of ObamaCare.” That’s the same title as the cover story by Michael Tennant from our August 16 issue, which opens the new reprint. Mike’s article shows that there is much more to the new healthcare law — e.g., further interjecting the federal government into our homes — than the individual mandate to buy healthcare insurance.

The new reprint also includes “Outcome of ObamaCare” by Thomas R. Eddlem (the cover story from our May 10 issue), “Repealing ObamaCare” by William F. Jasper (August 16 issue), “No Compromise on Compromise” by Kurt Williamsen (August 16), and even a chart providing an eye-popping portrayal of part of the complexities and extent of the new healthcare monstrosity.

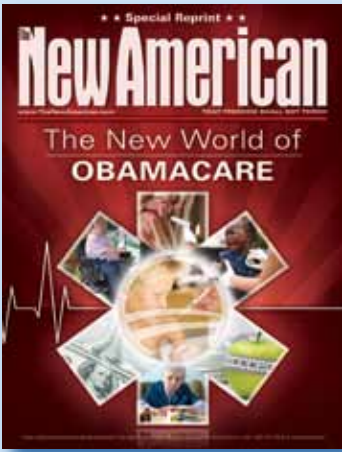
The article on the solution — “Repealing ObamaCare” — recommends working for both repealing the unconstitutional legislation at the federal level and nullifying it at the state level.

Please bring our new “The New World of ObamaCare” to the attention of prospects, opinion molders, and others — very much including professionals in the medical community. But don’t stop there. Encourage them to read it, follow-up for a reaction, and then ask for their active participation in our “Choose Freedom —STOP ObamaCare!” campaign....

On second thought, in many cases, very much including healthcare professionals on the front lines of ObamaCare, you may not need to wait until they’ve read the reprint to ask for their participation. Many people are hopping mad and are literally waiting for someone to offer the solution and action program you can provide. ■

ACTION SUMMARY

- Please order and distribute the new reprint, “The New World of ObamaCare,” using every opportunity not just to get out the reprint but to get new support and involvement. (To order, see page 7.)



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Choose Freedom STOP ObamaCare

Speakers' Tour



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No one wants to see people suffer due to a lack of medical care, hence ObamaCare was sold as a reform measure to ensure that all can receive care.

But only a few pages of legislation would have sufficed to fix the main problems with U.S. healthcare: skyrocketing prices, difficulty buying insurance, and difficulty accessing some physicians.

Find out how the 2,500-page bill affects you, your family, your doctor, even your job. Go to JBS.org for tour dates and plan to attend a stop of the *Choose Freedom — Stop ObamaCare* tour.

FEATURED PRODUCTS



The New World of ObamaCare Reprint

Do you know what the passage of ObamaCare means for you and your family? Much more than health insurance is involved. Find out the truth in this compilation of articles from the May 10 and August 16, 2010 issues of *The New American*. The reprint also includes an organizational chart of the new healthcare system. (2010, 24pp, 1/\$1.00; 25/\$0.85ea; 100/\$0.75ea; 500/\$0.65ea; 1,000+/\$0.50ea) RP0810

ObamaCare and You

The question of whether ObamaCare will or won't work has already been answered — in the state of Massachusetts specifically and in doctors' offices generally. Learn the costs and consequences. (May 10, 2010, 48pp, 1/\$2.95, 10/\$12.50, 25/\$22.50, call for special rates on case lots of 100) TNA100510

ObamaCare 101

JBS CEO Art Thompson takes you into the new healthcare law. He identifies a pattern of government broken promises, revealing that if something is too good to be true, then it probably is. Find out what's really in the new law and what you can expect long term. (2010, 23min, sleeved DVD, 1/\$1.00; 11-20/\$0.90ea; 21-49/\$0.80ea; 50-99/\$0.75ea; 100-999/\$0.70ea; 1000+/\$0.64ea) DVD0101



Exposing Terrorism

JBS CEO Art Thompson reveals there is more to the war on terror than meets the eye. Booklet: (2009, 40pp, pb 1/\$2.95; 10/\$2.00ea; 25/\$1.50ea; 50/\$1.00ea; 100+/\$0.75ea) BKL1ET (2009, 17min, sleeved DVD, 1/\$1.00; 11-20/\$0.90ea; 21-49/\$0.80ea; 50-99/\$0.75ea; 100-999/\$0.70ea; 1000+/\$0.64ea) DVD1ET

9/11 Press for Truth

This hard-hitting video presents some of the most glaring discrepancies, lies, and coverups concerning the deadliest terrorist attack on American soil. (2006, 85min, DVD, \$16.95) DVD911PFT

Beware of Article V

This 36-minute video emphasizes the inability of state legislators to prevent a "runaway" federal constitutional convention. (2009, 36min, sleeved DVD, 1/\$1.00; 11/\$0.90ea; 21/\$0.80ea; 50/\$0.75ea; 100/\$0.70ea) DVDBAF (2009, 36min, cased DVD, 1/\$5.95; 10/\$49.50; 25/\$98.75; 100/\$225.00) DVDBAFC



Freedom Index Reprint

Twelve-page, four-color reprint adapted from the Freedom Index which appeared in the July 5, 2010 issue of *The New American*. (1/\$0.50; 25/\$10.00; 100/\$35.00; 1000+/\$300.00) RPF1710

The Declaration of Independence and the Constitution

This pocket-size booklet (approximately 3.5" x 5") contains the two most important documents in American political history. It is a great reference to have on hand to defend constitutional principles. (2009ed, 48pp, pb, 1/\$2.00ea, 10-49/\$1.75ea, 50+/\$1.50ea) DOIAC

Dangers of a Constitutional Convention

An eight-page reprint adapted from an article by Larry Greenley that appeared in the July 6, 2009 issue of *TNA* — pgs. 24-28. (1/\$0.50; 25/\$10.00; 100/\$35.00; 1000+/\$300.00) RPCC

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Good News Report

by Bill Hahn, Public Relations Manager



In our campaign to reach more and more concerned Americans, you'll notice JBS getting involved in quite a few activities organized by other groups that are in the fight. One of these is the Nullify Now! Tour organized by the Tenth Amendment Center. For regular *Bulletin* readers, you might recall that JBS President John McManus spoke at a rally in Atlanta last year for the Center. That had gone very well, and we were very happy when they asked us to partner with them on their Nullify Now! Tour.

The tour kicked off its first stop in Fort Worth, Texas on September 4 and was attended by nearly 400 people. Oklahoma State Representative Charles Key spoke for The John Birch Society at this event, discussing his efforts in Oklahoma on nullifying ObamaCare and pointing to the new JBS campaign, "Choose Freedom — Stop ObamaCare." Video from the event can be seen on the Center's YouTube channel (TenthAmendmentCenter), as well as on its tour website (www.nullifynow.com). More videos will be added. Plus the Texas GOP Vote's site has a good overview of the event (<http://texasgopvote.com/principles/>)

Freedom Campaign



by Larry Greenley, Director of Marketing
Nullify the *Entire* ObamaCare Law!

The legislature of the State of _____ declares that the federal laws known as the "Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act" (Public Law 111-148) and the "Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010" (Public Law 111-152), signed by President Barack Obama on March 23 and 30, 2010, are not authorized by the Constitution of the United States and violate its true meaning and intent as given by the Founders and Ratifiers, and are hereby declared to be invalid in this State, shall not be recognized by this State, are specifically rejected by this State, and shall be considered null and void and of no effect in this State.

— JBS Model Federal
Health Care Nullification Act

Please read the above quote carefully. It is the heart of our model ObamaCare nullification act for the use of state legislators to draft ObamaCare nullification acts for their states. Notice that it would nullify the *entire* ObamaCare law, otherwise known as the "Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act" (Public Law 111-148) and the "Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010" (Public Law 111-152).

That's the JBS approach. Nullify the *entire* ObamaCare law.

However, there's a lot of confusion occurring over what's being nullified by the "Freedom of Choice in Health Care Act" legislation that's been introduced in over 30 states, and already enacted into law in Virginia, Idaho, Arizona, Georgia, Missouri, and Louisiana. This legislation has been based on model legislation devel-

state-sovereignty-legislative-tools-texas-addressed-10th-amendment-conference-001754).

The tour is traveling to Orlando, Chattanooga and Phoenix next. Based on the interest generated and success of the first stop, the tour is now expanding to include additional stops. Check the tour web site for more details. We will have a speaker and a table at each of the events. If you're in the local area of these events and want to help, please contact your Chapter Leader or Coordinator.

Another event where we were invited to present was at Unite in Action's Liberty Xpo and Symposium, as part of their March on DC events in September. They asked us to teach attendees about sound money, so John McManus presented his educational and eye-opening "Dollars & Sense." While attendance was limited by competition with six other presentations at the same time, C-SPAN chose to broadcast John's presentation live. It generated some phone calls, emails and lit up Twitter as the presentation was rebroadcast over the next week. You can access it on C-SPAN's site (<http://www.c-span.org/Watch/Media/2010/09/09/HP/A/37946/R>).

In addition to the larger events, many chapters are getting involved locally in particular events hosted by Campaign for Liberty, 9/12 groups and many more like-



Labor Day booth set up by Chapter Leader Mark McSpadden in Hermosa Beach, CA.

minded organizations. One of these upcoming events is the 2010 Virginia Tea Party Patriots Convention, October 8-9. Regional Field Director Lionel Terzi will be there with a number of local members staffing a table. They will be distributing literature on ObamaCare and the dangers of a constitutional convention, as well as general JBS promotional literature.

Getting involved is indeed very important if the push to get rid of ObamaCare is going to be successful. And if it is, it may unleash a tidal wave of much needed repealing of other unconstitutional laws and legislation. Get involved today! ■

oped by the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC) back in December 2008, over a year before ObamaCare finally became law.

The confusion that has arisen is that the "Freedom of Choice" legislation is being referred to as nullification of ObamaCare, when strictly speaking it is only concerned with partial nullification of ObamaCare, because it would nullify only the Individual Mandate provision of ObamaCare which requires everyone to buy health insurance.

Here's why this distinction is so important. As shown in the graphic of the ObamaCare Org Chart below, the portion of the ObamaCare law that provides for the Individual Mandate (shown under the magnifying glass) is just a tiny portion of the 150 new agencies and many other newly empowered agencies that have been created by the entire ObamaCare law. The Individual Mandate is just the tip of the ObamaCare iceberg. Delete or modify the Individual Mandate, and still the remaining portions of the regulatory iceberg will be more than sufficient to accomplish a complete government takeover of our nation's healthcare system.

Download the high resolution PDF of the ObamaCare Org Chart from our new campaign web page at <http://www.JBS.org/StopObamaCare> or directly from staff of the Joint Economic Committee of Congress at http://www.house.gov/brady/pdf/Obamacare_Chart.pdf. Study it carefully. Print out a color copy for presentations on the need to nullify the entire ObamaCare law to state legislators and others.

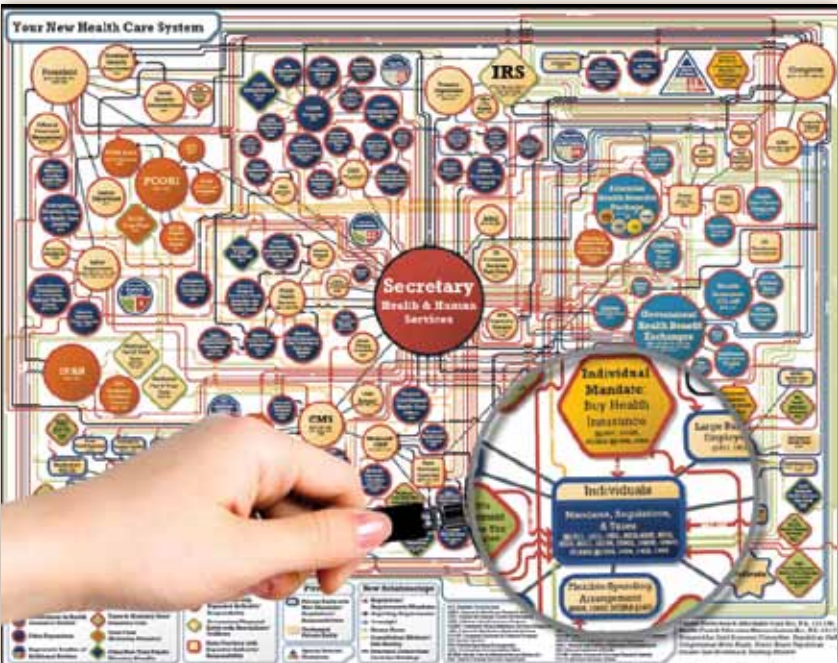
We must ignore all the hoopla that's surrounded the introduction in most states and passage in a few states of the ALEC model legislation to partially nullify ObamaCare. While partial nullification of ObamaCare is certainly progress, let's not settle for less than nullification

of the entire ObamaCare law. Please work with your state legislators to convince them to introduce and pass legislation to nullify the *entire* ObamaCare law based on our model "Federal Health Care Nullification Act."

If we are to restore our freedom under the Constitution, we must nullify state-by-state now, and eventually repeal in Congress, the *entire* ObamaCare law! ■

Action Summary

- Get your "Choose Freedom — STOP ObamaCare" campaign tools, such as our model Federal Health Care Nullification Act and the ObamaCare Org Chart, from our new campaign web page at <http://www.JBS.org/StopObamaCare>.
- Begin working with others in November and December to convince your state legislators to introduce, cosponsor, and pass legislation to nullify the entire ObamaCare law based on our model nullification act.



The ObamaCare Org Chart. This chart was created by congressional staff of the Joint Economic Committee of Congress to represent the new agencies, the newly empowered agencies and their interconnections created by the ObamaCare law. It only shows about one-third of the actual complexity of ObamaCare. You can download a high resolution PDF of this chart without the magnifying glass at http://www.house.gov/brady/pdf/Obamacare_Chart.pdf.