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## Government Gone Mad in a Total Surveillance Society

By Tom DeWeese

*This article first appeared in the DeWeese Report in June, 2009. Not much has changed since then except that most of what I had predicted is now in place. One major note that every American must now understand – as legal American citizens are subjected to total surveillance of their every move, our national borders remain wide open. Illegals, including potential terrorists, are pouring over that border. Yet, instead of subjecting them to the controls described in this article, they are rewarded with government hand outs, housing, even college educations. As Ebola threatens the world and the Government refuses to secure the border, it becomes increasingly clear -- the surveillance on Americans has nothing to do with safety – rather it's about control. Further, in a "Sustainable" society, where most live in PacNstack high rises in crowded cities, total surveillance, including wide spread biometric records on every citizen, will be the rule of the day. Freedom VS Safety – you can't have both. TAD*

I've heard it all- the cries, the pleas, the whines, the double speak and the lies. "We need the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to protect us from terrorists." "We must have Real ID to protect us from illegal immigration." "We must have E-Verify to protect American jobs." "Traffic light cameras are necessary to make the streets safer." "Security cameras on street corners make our neighborhoods safer." "I'm glad the TSA is there at the airport – I feel so much safer getting on an airplane." And my favorite lie of them all – "If you have nothing to hide you have nothing to fear."

Take note: every single one of these issues results in bigger, more invasive government, and not a single one will do anything to solve the intended problem. Every single one will make you less free, less happy and less safe. Here is my guarantee – put each and every one of these programs fully into place and learn the hard way that it isn't the final solution – but only the beginning. The government has much more in store for Americans and their privacy and personal security – and you are not going to be happy. Get ready, Americans. Here it comes like a freight train. And if

you've uttered one of the whines listed above, then you have no one to blame but yourself.

I've argued that the Department of Homeland Security is the greatest threat to liberty Americans have ever faced. It began with 170,000 employees by combining 22 existing federal agencies, including Border Patrol, Coast Guard, Secret Service, FEMA, Transportation Security Agency (TSA), Immigration and Naturalization, Customs Service, Animal and Plant Health Inspection, Federal Protective Service, FBI's Domestic Preparedness, Federal Computer Incident Response Center, and several more lesser agencies of the same type.

All of these agencies are under the control of one manager, the Secretary of Homeland Security. As a result of provisions in the Patriot Act (a monstrous law, passed in the panic of 9/11 and admittedly never read by a single member of Congress before it was passed) the DHS Secretary – one person – has the power to send federal law enforcement into private homes without a search warrant. Records and materials may be taken from private homes, computer records searched, phones tapped and e-mails monitored, without the knowledge of the suspect.

Now, some may argue that all of that is necessary to catch a terrorist and that it's not intended to affect innocent citizens. Again, it's the "IF YOU HAVE NOTHING TO HIDE – YOU HAVE NOTHING TO FEAR" excuse. Before moving forward, let's get rid of this naive utterance once and for all.

First, that statement really says that government always gets it right. So fear of searches is just nonsense – if you are innocent. Well, have you heard the 2009 recording of Campaign for Liberty employee Steve Bierfeldt when he was detained by the TSA simply because he was carrying less than \$2,000 in cash from a conference? All young Steve did was ask the TSA agents to show him the law that said they had a right to ask him why he was carrying the money. The checks in the same metal box as the cash were made out

to the Campaign for Liberty. Any moron could have figured out where the money came from and what it was for. But the TSA didn't care – they wanted to show their authority. Biefeldt voluntarily presented the entire box to TSA agents, not trying to conceal it in any way. TSA tried to bully him as they threatened to turn him over to drug enforcement authorities, as an attempt to make it appear he was carrying the cash from drug deals. Steve's reply was basically, "Fine – will they be able to show me the law?" Innocent Steve had nothing to hide but plenty to fear from TSA thugs.

Second, that "Nothing to Fear..." statement says that the Bill of Rights was only created to protect the guilty. You see, if you have nothing to hide, then you obviously don't need to be protected from government. The Constitution was written by men who feared government – even the one they were creating – and they put safeguards in it to force government to recognize and respect our property and our right to be innocent until proven guilty. DHS and the Patriot Act, and those who use the mantra "If you have nothing to hide you have nothing to fear," reject and ignore those guarantees. Under the Patriot Act and it's agents in the DHS and TSA, you are not secure in your home or your person, you are not innocent until proven guilty and you are not allowed to face your accusers. That means tyranny, not the Constitution, is in control.

Supposedly, the DHS mission is to be our frontline against terrorism. An added bonus, say its supporters, is to help reduce illegal immigration. Yet the department has opposed the most obvious element of "homeland security" – securing the nation's borders. DHS has blocked building any kind of security wall along our southern border. It's done nothing about enforcing Visa violators. And many times it even blocks local law enforcement from arresting and deporting known illegals. Even those with criminal records. Instead, DHS has been on a rampage to impose rules, regulations and projects, all designed to put legal, law abiding Americans in a massive straight jacket.

### **Real ID is not a tool to fight illegal immigration**

First there was the Real ID Act. Unfortunately, some misguided Conservative leaders, both in the grassroots and in Congress continue to support this terrible idea as a safeguard to stop illegal immigration. They are horribly wrong.

Real ID is argued to be an attempt to standardize the process and format for the creation of all state drivers' licenses to achieve increased security. Proponents argue that now we will know that anyone carrying a driver's license is legal in this country and therefore not a threat. What most Americans do not know is that Real ID did not originate in the United States, but in the backrooms of a UN organization called the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO).

Real ID mandates a certain picture quality for all drivers' licenses that are to be compliant with the ICAO's Document 9303 biometric format. Your photo taken by a local DMV is run thorough special software which measures and analyzes the unique personally identifiable characteristics of your face. The process results in a unique numeric code which identifies a person according to facial measurements. In other words, under Real ID, your face is reduced to a number code – a number which is read by computer, tracked by surveillance cameras and distributed worldwide by the ICAO. That's why you are no longer permitted to smile for your driver's license or pass port photos. Take a look at your drivers' license – if it has a blue background, it is ICAO-compliant.

Real ID is not a national ID card designed to protect us from terrorism and illegal immigration – it is an INTERNATIONAL ID card designed to track the movements of everyone wherever they go – anywhere in the world. As you read on you will find that it will get much worse, for Real ID is only the first step.

After opposition began to rise over this invasion of personal private, the Obama Administration started talking about repealing Real ID. Do not be fooled. It's all still there, perhaps under different names. That's how they play the game.

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### **E-Verify – Government control of jobs**

Second, the E-Verify system has been sold with the same argument – just a tool to stop illegal immigration. And those opposing it have been accused of being either liberals who just want open borders, or greedy businesses who want cheap labor. While it is true that elements of both exist in the opposition to E-Verify, the overwhelming number of opponents do so because of its connection with the creation of an international biometric ID system.

Once again, because the government refuses to do its job by securing the borders and enforcing immigration laws, it has decided to make business the scapegoat in the battle against illegal immigration. It's so easy for these government hypocrites to put the burden of enforcement on the backs of those who simply wanted to start a business. Not only is business now forced to be the national tax collector and healthcare provider, it is also to be our first line of border defense. And we need government – why?

In truth, E-Verify, which uses Social Security numbers to determine if someone is an American citizen is, again, the brain child of the Department of Homeland Security. Are you seeing a pattern here? Under expanded DHS rules, as in Real ID, E-Verify will now use “enhanced photograph capability” that will allow employers to check photographs in E-Verify databases. And, again, those photographs are compliant to the UN's ICAO international data bases.

The main danger in E-Verify is that it sets the stage for a national workforce management system which gives the government ultimate power to decide who works and who doesn't. It is designed to ultimately help subject all Americans to an intrusive global surveillance system as the information in DHS databanks is being transferred to international systems through DHS partners, including the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators (AAMVA) and, of course, the ICAO.

Now, here's where the terrifying truth about the Department of Homeland Security and the Real ID- E-Verify matrix being created begins to come into focus. (Those Americans who supported these plans just because they wanted a little security are now going to find how wrong they are.)

### **Cameras on every corner**

The world is now full of security cameras called CCTVs. They are in every public building, every airport, and every convenience store, and their use is growing. And it's the same around the world. It is said that one can not travel anywhere in London without being on a camera multiple times. The same is quickly becoming true in Washington, DC and many other American cities. Washington DC is now installing cameras on nearly every street corner in every neighborhood to “watch for crime” before it happens. Do you feel safer yet? Of course, now every city has found the quick- buck benefits of traffic cameras. Police control by mail. How modern.

Now, what's the connection between Real ID and CCTV's? Your driver's license or more precisely, your digital facial image/photograph is, and will be used with CCTV to identify you. It will not matter if you are in your hometown or in Berlin, Germany or Paris, France. Government will be able to identify you without your even knowing it. The CCTV camera will be pointed at you, a scan of your face will be taken and the results of the scan will be compared to domestic and international databases to determine your identity. The main purpose of the Real ID Act is to ensure we are enrolled into a global biometric identification system so government can know our whereabouts at all times. It has absolutely nothing to do with stopping illegal immigration – or even terrorists. You must understand most of these plans were at least being discussed long before 911 occurred. The only real barrier was the lack of technology. It's no longer a problem.

### **Suspicious Sweat**

And so it gets worse. As we are all quietly enrolled in the international databases, there are plans to efficiently use that information. Comes now the Department of Homeland Security's “Project Hostile Intent” (PHI). Oh – wait a minute – that title is just too harsh (and revealing) for politically-correct public officials. Please just wait a minute while they rename it to “Future Attribute Screening Technologies” (FAST). That's better. Now we can all relax. The government just wants to keep us all safer, faster!

What ever the name, the result is the same. FAST is a computer software program that assesses whether or not a person is more or less likely to present a threat based on the way a person behaves, walks, dresses or other factors. In fact, the government is now working to obtain sensors that will help them monitor our sweat to decide if you are a threat based on how much you perspire.

That means, if you are walking down the street, perhaps with your children, maybe sightseeing in a foreign town, and a CCTV monitor picks you up, you may be approached by law enforcement to determine if you are a security threat – simply because you matched the profile by

the way you dressed or walked – or if you are sweating too much. You will be required to pull out your government-sanctioned ID and justify why you are there and what you are doing, regardless of the activity in which you are engaged.

Do you get it yet? The point is law enforcement will not need actual probable cause to observe or detain you. All it will need to do is watch your every move on a camera and then claim that you walk, dress or sweat suspiciously.

### **Control and Intimidation**

There are two kinds of control – direct and indirect. Real ID compliance is direct control. Without compliance through the proper drivers' license you will lose access to public buildings, government services like marriage licenses, gun ownership, or travel by air or soon, even by train or bus.

Indirect control comes from intimidation. Russell Tice, former National Security Agency (NSA) analyst has warned about that agency's efforts to intercept American's e-mails and phone calls. He has also discussed the monitoring of cash transactions. Obviously this is the kind of intimidation young Steve Bierfeldt was experiencing when the TSA thought they had him hidden away in a windowless room at the airport as they harassed and attempted to scare him into submission. Luckily that courageous young man was not intimidated and turned the tables on them by recording their tactics. The idea behind it all is to make you afraid to speak out or fight back – “Just let me on my plane and I promise not to make a fuss.”

### **“Right-wing Extremists” – not illegal immigrants – are the target**

So for those of you who may still think this is all just an overstatement – a misunderstanding – for those who still think Real ID and E-Verify are just necessary tools for stopping illegal immigration – let me bring all of this together.

In the June, 2009 issue of The DeWeese Report (Volume 15, Issue 6) the lead article entitled “The Department of Homeland Security is a “Man-Caused Disaster,” I reported on the MIAC Report from the State of Missouri and another report from the Department of Homeland Security. Both reports were intended to warn law enforcement to be on the lookout for rightwing extremists. It then went on to clarify what it meant: *“Right-wing extremism in the United States can be broadly divided into those groups, movements, and adherents that are primarily hate-oriented (based on hatred of particular religious, racial or ethnic groups), and those that are mainly anti-government, rejecting federal authority in favor of state or local authority, or rejecting government authority entirely. It may include groups and individuals that are dedicated to a single issue, such as opposition to abortion or immigration.”*

The MIAC report stated that anyone who voted for Ron Paul, Bob Barr or Chuck Baldwin in the 2008 election was a potential security threat, possibly violent and possibly a terrorist. The report was issued by the Missouri Fusion center, a department under the control of the Department of Homeland Security. These reports are so broad in their definition of “rightwing extremist,” that they can only indicate a growing attitude by the government that anyone who opposes its policies is a potential threat to the government and must be controlled or eliminated.

In June, 2009, a lone gunman entered the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, DC and opened fire on two security guards. Of course, gun control advocates haven't hesitated to use the incident as another excuse to confiscate guns. That's to be expected.

But the next day, *The Washington Times* reported in a sidebar article about the incident, saying, *“Even before Wednesday's fatal shooting of a security guard purportedly by a white supremacist at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, right-wing extremists have come under increased scrutiny.”* The article went on to discuss the DHS report and quoted a professor from the John Jay College of Criminal Justice who said she worries that local law enforcement agencies do not keep close enough tabs on such groups and that the Internet allows them to put forth an extreme rhetoric that advocates violence. My friends, they are talking about you and me. Not enough surveillance on our “dangerous” ideas? This is a prime example of how such government reports are used through the main stream media to convince the average American that such imagined threats are actually real.

Mandatory IDs containing biometric information in international databases that can track our every move through CCTV cameras on every street corner, which monitor our facial expressions and measure our sweat – are not tools to make us safer. They are the weapons of tyranny designed to keep the government safe from apparently “dangerous criminals” who believe in the Constitution of the United States – the very document every single American public official from the President to the police officers swore to protect and defend. Does that connect enough dots for you?

Let me make it clearer. Because you believe in limited government, oppose immigration or abortion, or profess to be a Christian, you are being targeted by government as a threat. Total surveillance through Real ID and biometric data banks will be used to monitor and control your movements. E-Verify will be used to control whether you work or not. You can be shut out of society, unable to open a bank account, travel, or even drive a car because – just like the no-fly list – you will be targeted as an enemy of the state – all because of your political beliefs. You are the target in a nation where the government has gone mad. Do you feel safer yet? ●

## Why Conservatives should “own” the Magna Carta in 2015

By Attorney Mark Fitzgibbons

The Great Charter celebrates 800 years on June 15, 2015. Conservatives, not the American Bar Association (which has participated in the corruption of the rule of law) should “own” its celebration -- and its explanation. I ask you to help commemorate and explain the importance of the Magna Carta, as surely our schools have not succeeded in doing so.

It is, in my analysis, one of five landmarks of American exceptionalism (the others, in reverse chronological order, are the Constitution, the Declaration of Independence, the English common law period and Bill of Rights, and the Bible (from which we learn of the inherent link between law and freedom, why we are equal, and much more that serves as the foundation of our free society)).

The Magna Carta is one of the cores of conservatism because it is a foundation of the law over government – i.e., the law that governs government. It is this law governing government that protects our God-given rights, and distinguishes our system from tyranny, authoritarianism, and every other form of government. This is, in my opinion, the

basis of American exceptionalism. We achieve because we are free. It is the greatest concept and power in history.

A law that governs government presumes that government power is derived from the people, and that is the American “rule of law” or “law of the land” on which conservatism is based. It is, as Chief Justice John Marshall wrote, our fundamental and paramount law. As the Declaration explains, when government violates that law, it is the right of people to alter or abolish that government. That is the essence of our Constitution, which we fight to save.

Excellent contemporary reads about these notions and the place of the Magna Carta are Mike Leahy’s *Covenant of Liberty* and Daniel Hannan’s *Inventing Freedom*.

June 15, 2015 is the day of the 800<sup>th</sup> anniversary, but I ask that you begin planning articles, interviews, videos and celebrations to help explain why the Magna Carta is essential in understanding our American culture. Please don’t leave this to the American Bar Association and the Obama administration! ●

### *News from the Center on Consumer*

## Study: Lack of Exercise, Not Food to Blame for Obesity

While anti-food activists continue to push unscientific and self-serving claims indicting specific foods as the biggest culprit for obesity, we’ve continually sought to highlight the other, often forgotten side of the equation: physical activity and exercise. But since exercise involves personal responsibility and effort, it’s a message that many don’t want to hear, preferring instead to spend their money and time peddling scares about the latest fat-causing food du jour.

But a new Stanford study published yesterday in *The American Journal of Medicine* is difficult to ignore. Based on an analysis of the National Health and Nutrition Survey, it finds that sedentary lifestyles and not calories are to blame for obesity.

Specifically, the authors find that over the last 20 years, the number of people reporting no physical activity in their free time has increased around three-fold to almost half the population. Meanwhile, total daily calorie, fat, carbohydrate, and protein consumption have not changed significantly (despite what activists would have you believe).

“Our findings do not support the popular notion that the

increase of obesity in the United States can be attributed primarily to sustained increase over time in the average daily caloric intake of Americans,” wrote study author Dr. Uri Ladabaum.

This finding builds on an extensive but often unreported body of scientific literature that points to exercise and not diet as the culprit for obesity. For example, a recent Centers for Disease Control study found that nearly 80 percent of Americans were not achieving the necessary standard of exercise.

Nutrition nags consistently eschew this science in favor of often downright bizarre (we’re looking at you Dr. Robert “sugar is cocaine” Lustig) narratives that are better for their media hits and bottom lines. Maybe we should give them a little credit, though—running their mouths so much surely burns some calories.

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## A Tale of Two States

### PART 1 — Illinois Some interesting data on the 'state' of, the State of Illinois...

\* There are more people on welfare in Illinois than there are people working.

\*Chicago pays the highest wages to teachers than anywhere else in the U.S. Their average pay is \$110,000/year. Their pensions average 80-90% of their income.

\*Body count:

In the last six months, 292 killed (murdered) in Chicago... 221 killed in Iraq ; AND Chicago has one of the strictest gun laws in the entire US.

\*Here's the Chicago chain of command:

- President: Barack Hussein Obama
  - Senator: Dick Durbin
  - House Representative: Jesse Jackson Jr.
  - Governor: Pat Quinn
  - House leader: Mike Madigan
  - Atty. Gen. : Lisa Madigan (daughter of Mike)
  - Mayor: Rahm Emanuel
  - The leadership in Illinois - all Democrats.
- Thank you for the combat zone in Chicago.
  - Of course, they're all blaming each other.
  - Can't blame Republicans; there aren't any!

Let us get ALL the facts out while we are at it:

Chicago school system rated one of the worst in the country.

Can't blame Republicans; there aren't any!

State pension fund \$78 Billion in debt, worst in country.

Can't blame Republicans; there aren't any!

Cook County (Chicago) sales tax is 10.25%... highest in the country.

Can't blame Republicans; there aren't any!

This is the political culture that Obama comes from in Illinois. And he is going to 'fix' Washington politics for us?

George Ryan is no longer Governor, he is in prison. He was replaced by Rob Blagojevich who is, by the way, also in prison. And Representative Jesse Jackson Jr. resigned, .. and, that's right, he and his wife are both in prison.

**The Land of Lincoln , where our Governors and Representatives make our license plates.**

### PART 2 — Oklahoma

\*Oklahoma is the only state that Obama did not win even one county in the last election.

\*Oklahoma law passed, 37 to 9 an amendment to place the Ten Commandments on the front entrance to the state capitol. The feds in D.C., along with the ACLU, said it would be a mistake. Oklahoma did it anyway.

\*Oklahoma recently passed a law in the state to incarcerate all illegal immigrants and ship them back to where they came from unless they want to get a green card and become an American citizen. They all scattered. HB1804. This was against the advice of the Federal Government, and the ACLU, they said it would be a mistake. Guess what... Oklahoma did it anyway.

\*Recently Oklahoma passed a law to include DNA samples from any and all illegal's to the Oklahoma database, for criminal investigative purposes. Pelosi said it was unconstitutional. SB1102. Oklahoma did it anyway.

\*The state passed a law, declaring Oklahoma as a Sovereign state, not under the Federal Government directives. Joining, Texas, Montana and Utah as the only states to do so.

More states are likely to follow: Louisiana, Alabama, Georgia, Carolinas, Kentucky, Missouri, Arkansas, West Virginia, Mississippi and Florida.

\*The federal Government has made bold steps to take away our guns. Oklahoma, a week ago, passed a law confirming people in this state have the right to bear arms and transport them in their vehicles. I'm sure that was a setback for the criminals The Liberals didn't like it -- But guess what... Oklahoma did it anyway.

\*Oklahoma passed a law that ALL drivers' license

exams will be printed in English and only English and no other language. They have been called racist for doing this, but the fact is that ALL of the road signs are in English only. If you want to drive in Oklahoma, you must read and write English. Really simple. By the way, the Liberals don't like any of this either. **Guess what... who cares... Oklahoma is doing it anyway. ●**

## We need some *regulatory patriotism!*

President Obama condemns tax inversions, but pillages America with his regulatory agenda.

"My policies are on the ballot, every single one of them," he reminded voters on October 2.

By Paul Driessen

It's no mystery why American companies have stockpiled over \$2 trillion of overseas earnings in foreign bank accounts. If they bring it to the United States, the IRS would grab 35% of it. That's the US corporate tax rate – the highest in the developed world, double the average in EU nations.

Medtronic found a creative way to repatriate its cash, allowing it to bring money to the USA subject to just a 12.5% tax. The company acquired Covidien, another, smaller medical device firm in Ireland and will establish its formal headquarters in Dublin, thereby slashing its tax rate by two-thirds, and leaving it with far more cash for plants and equipment, innovation, hiring and keeping workers, and tapping new markets.

Pharmaceutical, biotechnology, healthcare and other companies have concluded or are pursuing similar "tax inversion" strategies. The actions have outraged the White House, "progressive" activists and many Democrats in Congress – except when President Obama's BFF Warren Buffett engineered Burger King's acquisition of Canada's Tim Horton café and bakery chain.

The President says the practice is "unpatriotic" and "immoral," calls the companies "corporate deserters," and says businesses must start acting like "good corporate citizens." Congressional Democrats have issued similar denunciations and want inversions prohibited or punished. They're barking up the wrong tree.

The proper solution is comprehensive tax reform. However, Republicans want to address both corporate and individual tax issues, Democrats insist that only corporate taxes on the table, and Mr. Obama is typically not inclined to do the hard work of forging bipartisan compromises. Instead, he wants his IRS and Treasury Department to review "a broad

range of authorities for possible administrative actions" and ways to "meaningfully reduce the tax benefits after inversions take place," as one Treasury official put it.

Companies, workers and investors are bracing for the coming executive fiats. The diktats epitomize a huge problem that neither Congress nor the courts have been willing to address, but which continues to drag our nation's economy and employment into the abyss: an out-of-control federal bureaucracy that is determined to control virtually every aspect of our business and personal lives – at great cost, for few benefits, and with little or no accountability for mistakes or even deliberate harm.

Of course we need taxes, laws and regulations, to set norms and guidelines, safeguard society, punish miscreants and pay for essential government programs. No one contests that. The question is, How much?

What we need right now is *regulatory patriotism* – and *Executive Branch* morality, citizenship, and fealty to our Constitution and laws. The federal behemoth today is destructive, and unpatriotic.

\* The confiscatory 35% corporate tax rate is embedded in a Tax Code that's 74,000 pages long, counting important cases and interpretations. It totals some 33 million words (compared to 788,280 in the King James Bible) and is loaded with crony corporatist provisions and complex, indecipherable language.

\* A 906-page, 418,779-word (un)Affordable Care Act that has already metastasized into more than 10,000 pages of complex, often contradictory regulations, with more interpretations and clarifications to come.

\* The 2,300-page Dodd-Frank law has already spawned over 14,000 pages of banking and financial rules.

\* Over 175,000 pages in the Code of Federal Regulations are coupled with more than 1.4 million pages of tiny-type Federal Register proposed and final rules published just since 1993, at the rate of over 71,000 pages per year. Doctors, patients, insurers, businesses large and small – much less average citizens – cannot possibly read, comprehend or follow this onslaught.

\* At least 4,450 federal crimes are embedded in those laws and regulations (with some 500 new crimes added per decade) – often for minor infractions like failing to complete or file precisely correct paperwork for selling orchids or importing wood for guitars. Neither inability to understand complex edicts, lack of knowledge that they could possibly exist, nor absence of intent to violate them is a defense, and the “crime” can bring military swat teams through doors, and land “violators” in prison for months or years.

\* Production Tax Credits and other sweetheart “green” energy subsidies and grants total some \$40 billion a year – for ethanol producers and folks like Tesla CEO Elon Musk and Mr. Tom Kiernan, who is both CEO of the American Wind Energy Association and treasurer of the League of Conservation Voters, which gives millions to mostly Democratic candidates to perpetuate the arrangements.

\* American businesses and families must pay \$1.9 trillion per year to comply with these mountains of regulations. That’s one-eighth of the nation’s Gross Domestic Product; it’s almost all the corporate money now held overseas: \$5,937 a year for every American citizen – and far more than the \$1.6 trillion in direct economic losses that re-insurer Munich Re blames on weather-related disasters between 1980 and 2011.

\* \$353 billion of these regulatory costs are inflicted by the Environmental Protection Agency alone, say Competitive Enterprise Institute experts who prepared the \$1.9 trillion regulatory costs analysis for 2013.

Even worse, these criminal complexities and costs are being imposed by increasingly ideological, left-of-center, anti-business “public servants” who target conservatives and are intent on advancing President Obama’s agenda of “fundamentally transforming” the United States. They are determined to redistribute wealth, pit economic and ethnic groups against each other, close down coal-fired power plants, ensure that electricity prices “necessarily skyrocketing,” and stop drilling, mining, ranching, fracking and pipelines.

Poll after poll finds Americans focused on jobs and the economy, and on ISIL, terrorism and Ebola. Not so our federal government. Secretary of State John Kerry says climate change is “the world’s most fearsome weapon of mass destruction,” posing “greater long-term consequences” than terrorism or Ebola. For EPA the biggest issues are global warming, “environmental justice” and “sustainable development.”

How is the US economy responding to these policies? Median household income is down \$2,000 since Obama took office, while costs of living continue to rise. Despite the subsidies, electricity prices have soared 14-33% in states with the most wind power. Some 45 million Americans now live below the poverty line – a 50% increase over the 30 million in poverty on inauguration day 2009.

While the official unemployment rate is now under 6% for the first time in six years, University of Maryland economist Peter Morici puts the real jobless rate at closer to 20% – which includes the millions who have given up looking for work, those who want to work full-time but must settle for part-time, and students enrolled in graduate school because their employment prospects are so bleak.

The labor force participation rate now stands at 62.7 percent, the lowest level in 36 years, with over 92 million adults not working. Over the past six years, one million more Americans have dropped out of the labor force than have found a job.

Indeed, a hallmark of the Obama recovery is its unique ability to convert three full-time jobs with benefits into four part-time positions with no benefits – and then say unemployment is declining.

It’s hardly surprising that dozens of senators and congressmen who voted with Mr. Obama 90-99% of the time now want to be seen as “moderate independents” – and do *not* want to be seen with the President.

But as President Obama told Northwestern University students October 2, “Make no mistake, [my] policies are on the ballot, every single one of them.”

He’s absolutely right. So are his economic and employment records. Time will tell how many people remember that when they vote November 4.

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