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FOREWORD



by William S. Hahn,
Chief Executive Officer

Staying the Course

This Foreword was supposed to be about how we will lose our country if we lose the Constitution. Unfortunately, The John Birch Society has just experienced its own sizeable loss, and that's what we will discuss.

On March 4, 2024, former JBS President John F. ("Jack") McManus quietly passed from this life to eternity. (See his tribute on page 3.) Having been on staff from

1966 until his retirement in 2016, he was a popular speaker and solid Birch leader. A highlight for many members was attending one of Jack's many motivating and informational speeches. Attendees loved to meet him and ask questions, and he enjoyed answering their questions and directing them toward action. After retirement, Jack stayed active in the organization until his passing.

His younger son shared with me that Jack had lamented not being able to physically work while spending many hours in rehab and going in and out of the hospital. His older daughter came up with a solution: She volunteered to type as Jack narrated. Ever the dedicated and consummate Bircher, that's how he spent his last days.

One member reached out to me even before we were able to confirm the news of his passing. He wrote that it was Jack's lifework to see America get out of the United Nations, and that it was too bad he didn't see that accomplished. He concluded that it would be a fitting tribute to do so in Jack's honor.

We wholeheartedly agree. If Jack had written this column, I think he would have remarked that the fragility of American sovereignty demands that it be protected — protected from the very conspirators who want to usurp it to build world government for the New World Order. Perhaps he would have pointed out that the World Health Organization stands as a looming threat to this fragile sovereignty with its conniving pandemic treaty that is scheduled to be revealed and voted on in May.

He might also point out that the WHO is merely a branch of the United Nations, and that the real solution is getting out of the UN and kicking the UN out of the United States. We're certain he would have suggested that if this country had listened to the JBS decades ago and withdrawn from the UN, the climate hysteria being used as an excuse to reorient all of human-kind wouldn't even exist. Farmers in the Midwest and the Plains wouldn't have to battle international companies fueled by billions of dollars in federal taxpayer funds. And farmers in South Dakota



Jack McManus with Robert Welch

wouldn't have been sold out by certain Republican donors, certain Republican legislators, and a certain governor curtailing county control of pipeline setbacks, usurping this authority and giving it to the state Legislature, so Summit Carbon Solutions can run roughshod over private property — all because of climate hysteria and the government's unconstitutional reaction to it.

Jack might have noted that if the country had listened to the JBS, then the federal government would have lost its ability to satiate its appetite for unconstitutional spending, since there would be no ability to inflate the money supply with fiat currency. His *Dollars & Sense* presentation points out that the Federal Reserve monopoly on money has greatly devalued the dollar, and that the Federal Reserve must be abolished.

Jack might have also mentioned that getting rid of the Federal Reserve, repealing legal-tender laws, introducing competing money, and tying currency to precious metals instead of flimsy government promises would help keep Congress fiscally responsible. And along with adherence to the Constitution, these actions would eliminate the reckless spending that leads to annual deficits and the pile-up of debt — without needing to amend the Constitution.

He'd want each of us to learn the basic principles of self-government, which he discussed in *Overview of America*, and then to introduce these timeless principles to others.

In *Overview of America*, Jack noted that the entire philosophical base of our nation was enshrined in two short clauses in the Declaration of Independence: That men are

endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, and that governments are instituted to protect those God-given rights. Short and powerful. If every American knew that those are the rules we must obey, then infringements on our rights would never become law. Government is a force to be limited. Yet, what do we see today? We see a population that doesn't know where their rights come from, and we see the dangerous practice of government creating "rights." Anything the government gives, it can take away. As Jack pointed out in the video, this process leads to a redistribution of wealth wherein it takes from one to give to another, taking control over both.

As Jack once said in an interview, JBS founder Robert Welch emphasized that education must come before action. Education without action leads to frustration, but education followed by action leads to victory.

Educating others means first educating yourself. Teaching others is a great way to further your education. A perfect tribute to Jack is to share *Overview of America* with others in a way that builds organization. A great chapter activity is to consistently engage others in your community, especially those who would make good members and leaders. Regularly host an outreach activity such as a showing of *Overview of America* or the six-part video series *The Constitution Is the Solution*, which contains *Overview of America* in Part 1 and comes with worksheets and lecture notes to help you maximize the potential of this workshop.

Regular outreach helps to identify quality leads for recruitment. Such educational activity will awaken the electorate to follow our founding principles and the limitations on government under the Constitution.

You'll find these videos and many others at JBS.org, free for anyone to view. If you want physical copies, just order on ShopJBS.org.

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Jack mentioned that, as an organizational body, we must continually bring in new people to grow and add more "pullers at the oars," as Mr. Welch frequently suggested.

We'll end with some parting words from Jack. In a video recording of *Overview of Our World*, dated 1990, he noted that others will push back against what we offer — they'll ask what credentials we have to make such claims and offer such solutions. He responded with a joke that he has told many times over the years to help make an important point. He said, consider a ship captain who saw a light way out in the distance. The captain received a message from the bearer of that light who said, "Turn your ship 10 degrees to your starboard." The captain replied, "No, you turn yours 10 degrees." The reply came back more forcefully from the light bearer, reading, "No! You turn your ship!" The exasperated captain explained, "I'm the captain of a Navy vessel, you turn your ship." Finally, the reply came back, "I'm a Seaman, 2nd Class. I'm aboard a lighthouse. Turn your ship!" Jack pointed out that your *information* is more important than your *credentials*.

Never think that what you do doesn't matter — that you're not making progress, or that things are not getting better. Mr. Welch thought America would be totally taken over by 1968. Yet, the activity of JBS members in its first 10 years created layers of strength through educational means that pushed off this timetable by many decades. Mr. Welch saw our chances of success steadily increase over the years.

What will the next 10 years look like? That is up to you. We know Jack would encourage you to get more involved, stay the course, and work to save this country.

Thank you for all that you do! ■

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Overview of America

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A NOTE FROM HQ

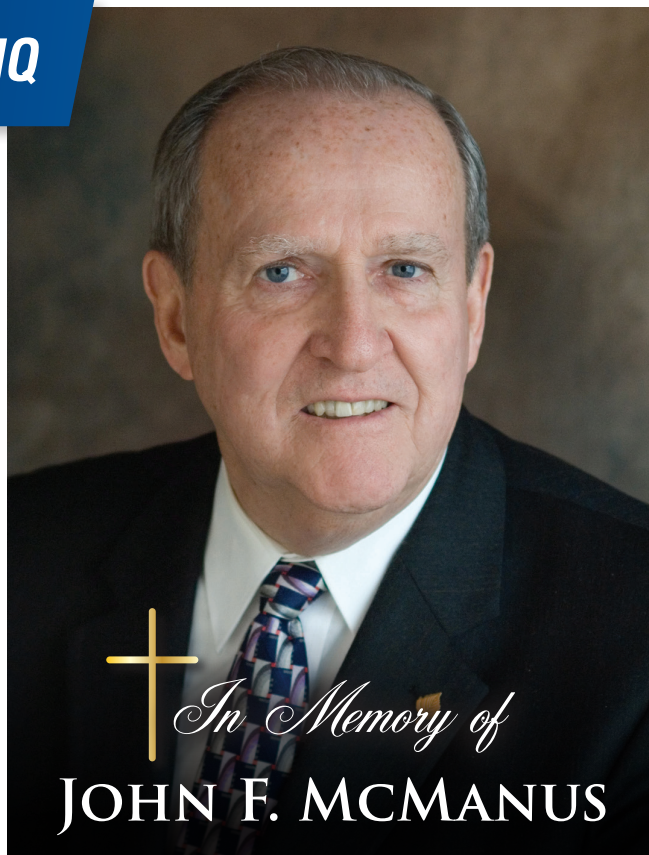
Tribute to John F. McManus, Former JBS President

by Rebecca Terrell,
Senior Editor, *The New American*

The John Birch Society is draped in the black robes of mourning for one of its most enduring and influential leaders. Former JBS President John F. McManus departed this world on March 4, 2024, having dedicated most of his professional life to the organization that altered it forever in 1964 when he became a member. Just two years later, he left the field of electronics engineering to accept a position as full-time field coordinator. For seven years his territory encompassed most of the New England states, where he was so effective in education and recruitment that in 1973, JBS founder Robert Welch, with whom he had formed a lifelong friendship, promoted him to director of public affairs.

McManus served for the next 18 years as the Society's chief media spokesman, tirelessly traveling his beloved country in efforts to preserve her constitutional government and unmask the international conspiracy that threatens both Western culture and national sovereignty. He appeared on countless radio and television programs, including numerous C-SPAN airings and an interview on CNN's longest-running talk show, *Larry King Live*.

Demand for him as a speaker only grew after the JBS Board of Directors elected him president of the Society in June of 1991. He filled that role until early 2004, and again from late 2005 until 2016. During that time, he concurrently served as publisher of the organization's flagship magazine, *The New American*. "Retirement" in 2016 only translated into "more time to educate," and he remained a regular contributor to Society publications — as well as a popular speaker — until shortly before his death.



Known by family, friends, and associates as "Jack," this die-hard patriot was born in 1935 in Brooklyn, New York, the second of three sons and one daughter, to Venerando Paul McManus and Dorothea Frances (née Devenport). He played varsity basketball at the Jesuit-run Brooklyn Preparatory School, where he received a classical education including Latin and Greek. Four years at The College of the Holy Cross in Massachusetts, where he was a member of the Naval ROTC program, earned him a Bachelor of Science in physics and a commission in the U.S. Marine Corps. He served three years' active duty as a lieutenant, and was decorated by the U.S. Air Force for his design of a component used in fighter planes. In 1957, he married the former Mary Helen O'Reilly of Boston. There, they raised four children and lived to enjoy seven beautiful grandchildren. Mary preceded him in death last May, ending a loving marriage of 65 years.

McManus' writings, too numerous to mention in total, include titles such as *Changing Commands: The Betrayal of America's Military*; *Financial Terrorism: Hijacking America Under the Threat of Bankruptcy*; and *William F. Buckley, Jr.:*

Pied Piper for the Establishment. Popular demand generated five editions of his book *The Insiders*, an exposé of the Council on Foreign Relations and the Trilateral Commission. In 2018, to the delight of both seasoned Birchers and newcomers to the cause, he published an invaluable chronicle called *The John Birch Society: Its History Recounted by Someone Who Was There*.

His extensive filmography includes what many consider his magnum opus, the influential *Overview of America*, which inspires viewers with his clear, concise explanation of America's founding principles, masterfully recorded in his distinctive Brooklyn-Bostonian brogue.

A devout Catholic and virtuous gentleman, Jack McManus is greatly missed by those who knew him. Thankfully, his legacy lives on to inspire new generations of patriotic Americans. As current CEO Bill Hahn expressed

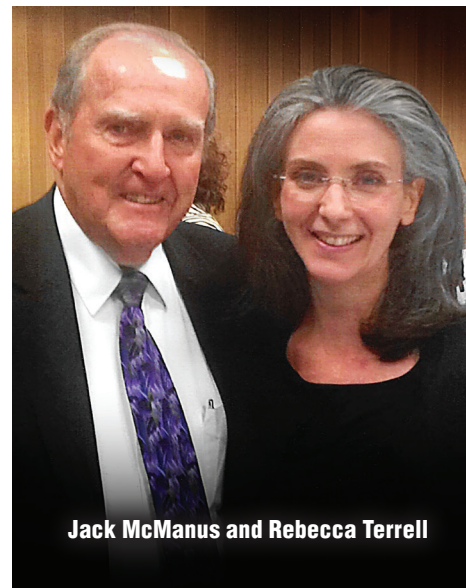
to Society staff, "He had the heart of a teacher and the mind of a storyteller, and always worked to protect what he loved: God, family, and country." May his soul rest in peace, and may he continue in eternity to pray for our nation.

(A more extensive tribute to Mr. McManus is published in the April 15 issue of *The New American* magazine.) ■

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Jack McManus and Rebecca Terrell

SUGGESTED ACTION TOOLS

Overview of America — DVD

This video explains in a simple fashion the different systems of government throughout the world and the different economic principles underlying each type of government — and why freedom means prosperity.

Sleeved DVD (2018ed, 29min, 1-10/\$1.00ea; 11-20/\$0.90ea; 21-49/\$0.80ea; 50-99/\$0.75ea; 100-999/\$0.70ea; 1,000+/\$0.64ea)

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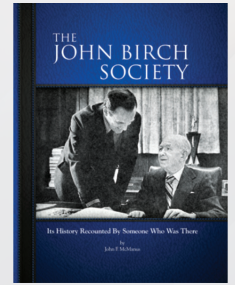
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The John Birch Society: Its History Recounted by Someone Who Was There

This book provides an inside, historical look at The John Birch Society as presented by someone who worked closely with JBS founder Robert Welch and became one of its most important leaders. (2018, 472pp, hb, 1/\$20.95ea; 2-11/\$16.95ea; 12+/\$16.00ea)

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The Federalist & How to Read the Federalist — Book Set

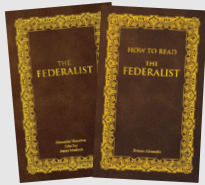
The Federalist is a powerful tool for educating others about the Constitution — and, ultimately, getting them to take action and defend it. *How to Read the Federalist* is a must-read introduction to *The Federalist*, and demonstrates the continuing relevance of the principles that guided the Founders in creating the Constitution to the modern challenges of the Deep State that we continue to face today. (2023, 454pp + 72pp)

Paperback set (1/\$37.99ea; 2+/\$34.99ea)

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Article V Convention: Will It Work?

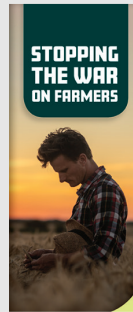
America has not had a Constitutional Convention since 1787. The result then was a blessing, but holding a new convention today could end up being disastrous for the nation. This *TNA* Special Report explains why. (2022, 48pp, 1-9/\$3.95ea; 10-24/\$1.50ea; 25-99/\$1.25ea; 100+/\$0.90ea)

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Stopping the War on Farmers — Pamphlet

How can we stop the war on farmers? Who's behind it? A big part of "The Great Reset" is centralizing political control over food systems. (2022, 4-color trifold, 1-99/\$0.25ea; 100-499/\$0.20ea; 500-999/\$0.15ea; 1,000+/\$0.10ea)

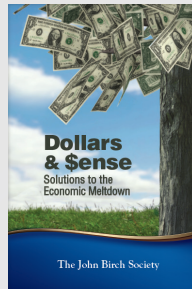
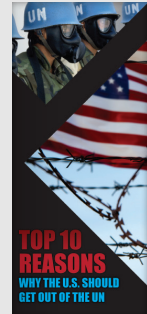
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Top 10 Reasons Why the U.S. Should Get Out of the UN — Pamphlet

Take action to preserve U.S. sovereignty — before it's too late. (2023, 4-color trifold, 1-99/\$0.25ea; 100-499/\$0.20ea; 500-999/\$0.18ea; 1,000+/\$0.15ea)

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Dollars & Sense

Dollars & Sense, by John F. McManus, is an excellent tool for teaching Americans about the nature of money and how to stop inflation. (2023ed, 40pp, 1-9/\$3.95ea; 10-24/\$3.00ea; 25-49/\$2.50ea; 50-99/\$2.00ea; 100+/\$1.75ea)

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The Truth About Inflation — Pamphlet

It is NOT "rising prices." Pass this valuable information on to other Americans so they can understand what inflation truly is and work to stop it. (2022, 4-color trifold, 1-99/\$0.25ea; 100-499/\$0.20ea; 500-999/\$0.15ea; 1,000+/\$0.10ea;)

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American Exceptionalism: What Makes America Great — Book

American Exceptionalism examines what makes America special, and shows how it is under attack — and by whom. Only by educating people about our system of government and the wonderful country given us by our Founders will we be able to restore American Exceptionalism to its original extent.

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Property Rights: As Sacred as the Laws of God — Book

This book is a comprehensive analysis of property rights, and it explores in simple language what this right of every American citizen entails. Use this book to educate your fellow citizens about the importance of the God-given right to property in maintaining a free society — and encourage them to take action to defend and restore property rights. (2022, 122pp)

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ACTION POINTS



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Law Scholar*

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STOP A CON-CON

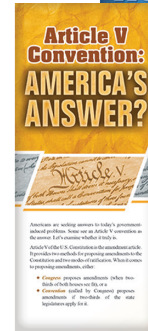
Use Article V Talking Points to Inform Others

Just as wedding vows aren't to blame for cheating spouses, the Constitution isn't to blame for corrupt politicians, and changing the former would have no effect on the latter. Adding more words telling politicians or spouses that they really shouldn't do what they've already sworn not to do would turn vow breakers into vow keepers.

The following points help reveal the folly of a constitutional convention (or whatever name its promoters choose to call it) and the wisdom of nullification:

- Point to the provision of the Constitution that isn't working. If you can't blame the Constitution, then the fault lies with those called to "preserve, protect, and defend" it.
- If there's even the *slightest* chance that the Constitution and the God-given rights it protects would be abolished at a convention, would you still support it?
- Groups advocating for an Article V convention often avoid reading Article V itself, misrepresenting it as a simple solution rather than acknowledging its many complexities and undeniable risks.
- Claims that delegates to a convention would be solely dedicated to protecting the Constitution and restoring republican government are misleading and unrealistic.
- Left-leaning delegates could use the convention to advance anti-American agendas, such as repealing the Second Amendment or creating a "right" to an abortion.
- James Madison acknowledged in *The Federalist*, No. 40, that the Philadelphia Convention of 1787 overstepped its mandate when creating a new Constitution.
- The federal government lacks constitu-

Use our Con-Con action tools, including Article V Academy, the July 11, 2022 *TNA* Special Report, and the "Article V Convention: America's Answer?" pamphlet, to help inform your state legislators.



tional authority for its current spending and tax collection practices, making a so-called Balanced Budget Amendment unnecessary and even harmful.

- Term limits fail to address the fundamental issue of public understanding and responsibility for electing representatives. They do not address the root of the problem — a lack of education about the Constitution on the part of voters.
- A convention isn't necessary, because the Tenth Amendment already recognizes the states' inherent ability to check federal power, making further amendments to that end redundant.
- The federal government, as an agent of the states, cannot legally act beyond the authority granted by the states in the Constitution.

On many topics — including marijuana, gun control, and raw milk — states are already *successfully* and *safely* nullifying unconstitutional federal edicts. The effective use of nullification is a proven and safe rem-

edy to federal overreach, not a theoretical and dangerous solution, as is a convention.

Here's what you can do *now* to help prevent your state from applying for a Con-Con, or to help rescind existing applications:

- Contact your state legislators (preferably, but not exclusively, scheduling in-person meetings with them), and discuss the points listed above. Also give them copies of the July 11, 2022 *TNA* Special Report "Article V Convention: Will It Work?" and the pamphlet "Article V Convention: America's Answer?"
- Sign up for JBS legislative alerts, at jbs.org/alerts, to stay informed about Con-Con legislation in your state.
- Be prepared to testify before your legislators at a committee hearing, or to otherwise discuss the topic with them. Use our Article V Academy (<https://gojt.us/avac>) to help prepare. ■

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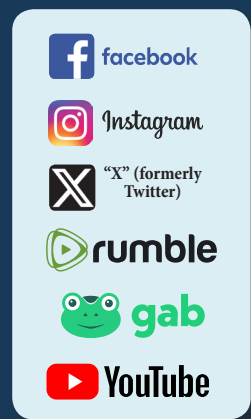


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Get Involved on Social Media

We need your participation on our social-media pages by liking, commenting on, and sharing our posts, and promoting JBS and TNA in your own posts. Although social media isn't a substitute for in-person Birching activity, it can help get our message out if used right!

If you don't have an account on these platforms, please consider creating one. If you need assistance, contact your chapter leader or field coordinator.





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by Arthur R. Thompson, *CEO Emeritus*

GET US OUT! OF THE UNITED NATIONS

Stop WHO Power Grabs by Ending UN Membership

“Power tends to corrupt, and absolute power corrupts absolutely.” This adage by Lord Acton has never been contradicted. It is a truism that must be kept in the forefront of our minds when describing any aspect of government — and it is immeasurably true about the United Nations.

The very idea of a world government is a flawed one to prevent war and the accumulation of power or create paradise on Earth. No matter who formed it, its

government structure, or the benevolent reason it was formed, a world government will follow the adage of Lord Acton and become corrupt, simply because there would be no contravening force to oppose such a government.

The UN has always desired more and more power, with one of its latest power grabs being through the World Health Organization (WHO). It is working on a global pandemic treaty that it wants the World Health Assembly to adopt in late May 2024. It has also been working on amendments to the International Health Regulations (IHR). In addition to usurping national sovereignty, both proposals would control the lives of all people even more than the draconian government controls imposed during the 2020 Covid-19 pandemic. (Additional dangers with the WHO’s pandemic treaty and IHR amendments can be found at <https://gojt.us/2p5x>.)

We should not only oppose such a treaty that surrenders American sovereignty and freedom, but also work to withdraw our

country entirely from the UN and WHO.

Have your chapter visit the local offices of your U.S. representative and senators, and urge them to cosponsor the DEFUND Act (H.R. 6645 and S. 3428). Inform them that the most effective way to stop the WHO’s power grabs — and those of other UN agencies — is to fully withdraw our country from the UN.

Build local opposition by hosting Dr. Steve Bonta in your area to speak about the UN, and generate as large an audience as possible. Have available our UN-related materials, which you can find at <https://gojt.us/6h7k>. Only by building local support for UN withdrawal can we succeed.

Speak to your local opinion molders, pointing out Lord Acton’s adage and that the current WHO actions are additional steps in the accumulation of power by and corruption in the UN. ■

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by Peter Rykowski, *Research Associate and Bulletin Editor*

STOP AGENDA 2030

Defend Farmers From Globalist Attacks

Globalist attacks against farmers and ranchers are ramping up — including in the United States. On January 29, 12 state agriculture commissioners sent a letter requesting information from six major U.S. banks — Bank of America, Citigroup, Goldman Sachs, JPMorgan Chase, Morgan Stanley, and Wells Fargo — regarding their membership in the Net-Zero Banking Alliance (NZBA), a program organized by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). Under this program, which the UN claims covers 41 percent of banking assets worldwide, participating banks must set net-zero emissions targets for 2030 and 2050.



Organize literature drops in your community to inform others about the war on farmers and the dangers of UN membership. Include the “Top 10 Reasons Why the U.S. Should Get Out of the UN” and “Stopping the War on Farmers” pamphlets in your efforts.

The commissioners highlighted “troubling environmental commitments by your banks that target our farmers, ranchers, and agriculture producers” and noted that “NZBA banks must require their customers to measure and disclose [greenhouse gas] emissions in specific sectors, including agriculture.”

They continued, “Implementing these commitments would have severe consequences for American farmers.... We are deeply troubled that your banks have given the [UNEP] authority to ‘review’ and

‘monitor’ your banks’ climate targets for ‘consistency’ with UN criteria, especially given the UNEP’s leading role in inciting Sri Lanka to adopt its disastrous fertilizer ban.” (You can read the entire letter at <https://gojt.us/tuv7>.)

This is only one of several ways globalist forces are attacking farmers in the name of fighting climate change. For example, farmers in the Midwest are facing efforts by carbon-capture-pipeline companies to seize their land via eminent domain, and the UN’s Food & Agriculture Organization has for-

mally recommended less meat consumption and other draconian agricultural restrictions.

The most effective way to stop the war on farmers and the UN's Agenda 21/2030 is to fully withdraw the United States from the UN, which is behind these schemes. To help accomplish this, please take the following actions this month:

- Visit the local district office of your U.S. representative and senators, and urge them to cosponsor the DEFUND Act (H.R. 6645 and S. 3428), which would fully withdraw our country from the UN.

Although regular emails and phone calls are important, in-person meetings are generally most effective for influencing officeholders.

- Schedule in-person meetings with your state legislators, and urge them to introduce and enact legislation protecting farmers and property rights, including by nullifying federal agriculture regulations; banning environmental, social, and governance (ESG) standards and UN programs such as Agenda 21/2030; and abolishing eminent domain for private corporations.

- As a chapter, organize literature drops in your community to inform your fellow citizens about the war on farmers and the dangers of UN membership. In addition to the “Top 10 Reasons Why the U.S. Should Get Out of the UN” and “Stopping the War on Farmers” pamphlets, give them invitations to a public chapter event where they can learn more and get connected in The John Birch Society. ■

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END THE FED

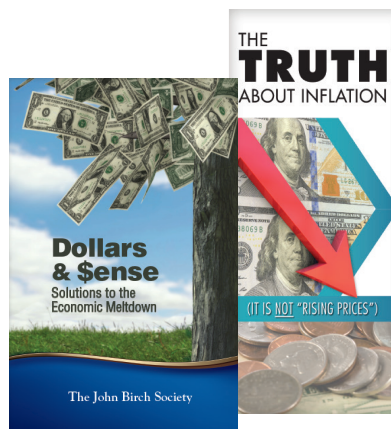
Ban CBDCs & Restore Sound Money

In state legislatures across the country, efforts are underway to ban the use of a potential central bank digital currency (CBDC) and to restore sound money by recognizing gold and silver coins as legal tender, creating bullion depositories, and eliminating taxes on gold and silver. This is important because if the Federal Reserve creates and implements a fiat digital currency — thereby replacing fiat paper money and coins — it would decimate privacy and liberty.

A CBDC would not be just a digital version of the current U.S. dollar, nor would it be like cryptocurrencies such as Bitcoin. Cryptocurrencies use blockchain technology, which is intentionally decentralized, making them untraceable and free from government or other centralized control. A CBDC would be the very opposite, being centrally controlled, traceable, and manipulable.

While a CBDC would be used to pay for goods and services, just as the dollar is used, every individual transaction could be recorded and traced. Additionally, CBDCs can be “programmed,” or manipulated, for only “approved” purchases and transac-

Inform your state legislators about sound money by giving them copies of the *Dollars & Sense* booklet and “The Truth About Inflation” pamphlet.



tions. In other words, they can be restricted from being used to purchase firearms, gas stoves, or other goods the federal government may no longer want Americans to purchase or own. A CBDC could also block certain individuals from using the funds, just as the Canadian government froze the funds of truckers and other individuals who participated in the pro-freedom, anti-Covid-tyranny demonstrations. Imagine how Joe Biden and U.S. Attorney General Merrick Garland would use that kind of power over people they deem to be “domestic terrorists” or “far-right MAGA extremists.” Furthermore, CBDCs could also be used to easily redistribute wealth — a socialist dream.

For these reasons, it is imperative that states ban, or nullify, any potential CBDC. From Hawaii to the East Coast, state legislation has been introduced that would do just that. Visit <https://gojt.us/iib9> to access our state legislative alerts. Click on your state to see if there is an alert to ban CBDCs. If not, look for a state that does, and show those bills to your state legislators so they can introduce one in your state.

Likewise, pro-sound-money bills have been introduced in many states. These bills would, among other important actions, recognize gold and silver as legal tender in accordance with Article I, Section 10 of the U.S. Constitution. Banning CBDCs and restoring sound money are essential to keeping our Republic.

This month, schedule a legislative day at the state Capitol (if your legislature is still in session) or with your legislators locally, and urge them to enact legislation 1) banning CBDCs and 2) restoring sound money. And if any such bills are pending in your state legislature, be sure to testify in favor of them at legislative hearings. As you inform your legislators, give them copies of the booklet *Dollars & Sense*, written by the late John F. McManus, and “The Truth About Inflation” pamphlet. Both are available at ShopJBS.org. We also encourage JBS chapters to host Alex Newman in their areas to give his presentation “CBDCs: Central Bank and Digital Slavery.” ■

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GROWING JBS



by Lizbeth Cohen,
JBS Director of
Communications

JBS Attends CPAC 2024

This February, The John Birch Society saw great success at the Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC) in Washington, D.C., whose theme this year was “Where Globalism Goes to Die.”

People from all age groups and walks of life visited our booth, asking questions about who we are, what we do, and the different issues affecting our nation, and sharing their concerns with us. Others were already familiar with our organization and its mission and simply wanted to stop by and encourage us to keep up the good fight.

The New American had an adjacent booth that served as an added attraction. Visitors stopped to listen while *TNA* senior editor Veronika Kyrylenko interviewed high-ranking officials and prominent figures including Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton, MyPillow CEO Mike Lindell, and Dr. Robert Malone.

It was exciting to see how many Americans have awakened to the reality of the threat of globalism, likely because they experienced the worldwide Covid mandates, lockdowns, and vaccine-related tragedies. One of the attendees asserted that ours was the most visited and exciting booth on the floor. We believe that the fruitful conversations with those who visited us at CPAC — and the hundreds of pieces of materials we distributed — will result in many joining our efforts to protect American freedom and independence as they realize the JBS possesses the experience, resources, and organizational structure needed to get the job done.

Also noteworthy is that over the last two years, we have observed what seems like a major change in the CPAC leadership, which now appears to stand behind those working to expose and stop globalism, judging by the title of this year’s event and the slate of speakers who highlighted the relentless attacks on America’s liberties and freedoms by Communist forces trying to overtake our country. These speakers included two Latin American presidents (Javier Milei of Argentina and Nayib Bukele of El Salvador) with strong anti-globalist stances; U.S. Representative Matt Gaetz (R-Fla.), who passionately echoed our long-time support for getting out of the United Nations; and, of course,

former President Donald Trump, whose witty presentation was greatly applauded and well-received.

From our perspective, this is a welcome turn of events, considering the contentious history between the JBS and the American Conservative Union, CPAC’s parent organization, which back in 2012 disinvited the JBS as a CPAC sponsor without explaining its decision.

We recognize that the path to embracing Americanism and taking an active stance in the fight to protect America from the globalists’ efforts to establish a New World Order can be a long one for many. We hope that this is the case with the organizers of CPAC. We stand ready to offer guidance with the many resources and tools we have developed through the years to gear up soldiers, new and old, in the battle against the enemies of freedom.

To learn more about our experience at CPAC 2024, read the article “Is America Finally Ready to Fight Globalism?” in the March 25 issue of *TNA*. We also encourage you to watch the videos “CPAC 2024 Motto Attacks Globalism, Echoes 60-year JBS Campaign” (<https://gojt.us/bywt>) and “Did the Establishment Just Turn Against Globalism?” (<https://gojt.us/hgfv>). ■

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Staff and members pose next to the JBS booth at CPAC.



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STANDING IN THE GAP

In biblical times, the phrase “standing in the gap” referred to the act of risking one’s life to defend a city against invading enemies. Cities back then were protected by walls, and if the walls were breached, the city became vulnerable to destruction. In such a situation, the only way to keep the city safe was for brave individuals to stand in the gap in the wall and fight against the enemy.

The John Birch Society and its members have been standing in the gap since 1958, defending the principles of the Declaration of Independence, which proclaims that our personal rights come from God, not from government. We invite you to join us for an event featuring courageous individuals who stood in the gap to defend what our forefathers created in 1776, and emerged victorious!

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JBS SUCCESSES

The John Birch Society’s Impact in Indiana and Michigan

by Rhonda Miller, *Field Coordinator for Indiana and Michigan*

The John Birch Society has seen several encouraging victories in Indiana and Michigan in the last few months. In one instance, we were recently asked to help rural Michigan residents stop the United Nations’ Agenda 2030 in their community. On February 12, citizens of Edwardsburg, Michigan, packed their local township board meeting to oppose the re-zoning of agricultural land to commercial and residential. A developer had been targeting this small community for months, while the residents stood firm on protecting their quiet, rural town. That night, the residents stood shoulder to shoulder, took on the UN agenda, and *won!* After two hours of debate with overwhelming opposition from residents, supported by the JBS, the board voted nearly unanimously to deny re-zoning the land.

Meanwhile, in Indiana, JBS members have had tremendous success in waking up Hoosiers in the heartland to the globalist agenda. Members have hosted several Agenda 2030 speaking engagements since the beginning of this year, with more on the schedule in the coming weeks.

Additionally, JBS members, partnering with Hoosiers for Medical Liberty, stopped the expansion of school-based



Residents of Edwardsburg, Michigan, attend a town board meeting in opposition to an Agenda 2030-inspired proposal to re-zone agricultural land.

health clinics in the Hoosier State. A total ban of these clinics, which threaten parents’ rights over their children, is on the horizon.

Lastly, JBS members were instrumental in stopping an Article V Con-Con resolution — H.J.R. 3, which would have applied for a convention to propose a congressional term-limits amendment — from advancing in the Senate Judiciary Committee. They even changed the mind of one Democratic senator on the committee. The committee voted 6-5 against the resolution on February 21. ■

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The John Birch Society and *The New American* regularly produce informative videos on important issues relevant to the fight for freedom. Although not an action item, we encourage you to watch these videos and share them with others.



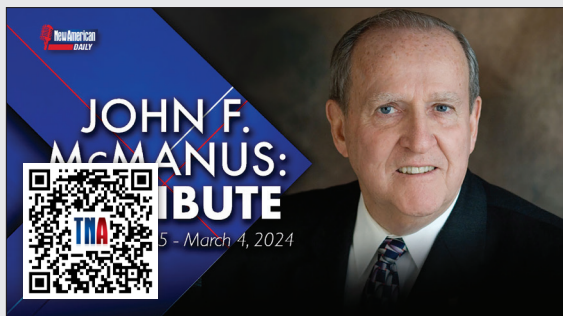
Answers to Save America | Activate America

In this video, Art Thompson, CEO emeritus of the JBS, notes that in order to be an effective activist, one must understand the basic principles the United States was founded upon. This includes understanding the Declaration of Independence, U.S. Constitution, and fundamental American principles such as private property and God-given rights. Thompson recommends reading and promoting the books *American Exceptionalism: What Makes America Great* and *Property Rights: As Sacred as the Laws of God* to help educate oneself and others: <https://jbs.org/video/activate/answers-to-save-america-activate-america/>. ■



UN's Next Goals: End National Militaries, Establish Global Military, Disarm You

This episode of *The New American Daily* discusses the United Nations' subversive plan to establish a one-world government and disarm nations and citizens. Although the UN has in recent years focused on climate change as an excuse for "global governance," giving the global body a monopoly on force is on the agenda for the Summit of the Future being held this September in New York City: <https://thenewamerican.com/video/uns-next-goals-end-national-militaries-establish-global-military-disarm-you-2/>. ■



John F. McManus: A Tribute

John F. McManus was a man who spent his life fighting for his country, first as a Marine, then as a Bircher. McManus, or "Jack" as his friends and colleagues knew him, passed away on March 4 at the age of 89. In this episode of *The New American Daily*, Gary Benoit, William F. Jasper, Steve Bonta, Bill Hahn, and Paul Dragu discuss Jack's legacy as a patriot and a great example of a man: <https://thenewamerican.com/video/john-f-mcmanus-a-tribute/>. ■

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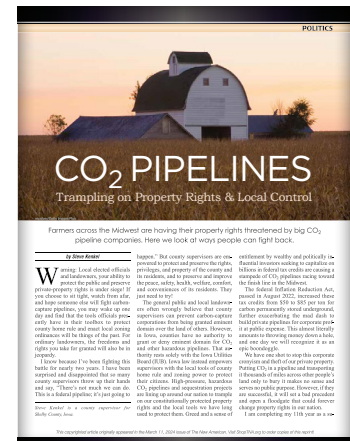
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PENDING LEGISLATION



by Peter Rykowski,
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and Bulletin Editor

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You can subscribe to federal and 50-state legislative alert text updates by texting "JBS" to 1-800-527-8721.

Federal Alerts

- ❑ "Get US Out! of the UN": Congress must enact H.R. 6645 and S. 3428, the DEFUND Act, to fully withdraw the United States from the United Nations and its related agencies: <https://gojt.us/p6y5>.
- ❑ "Get US Out! of the WHO — Support H.R. 79": Congress must withdraw the United States from the World Health Organization, which threatens national sovereignty and medical freedom: <https://gojt.us/zz72>.
- ❑ "Stop Radical Mass-migration Policies": Mass migration is a tool of

the Deep State to fundamentally alter the United States. Congress must take strong action to secure the border and end incentives that encourage migration: <https://gojt.us/rs9m>.

- ❑ "Enact H.R. 7047 to Defund the WEF": Congress should follow the Constitution and put American interests first by defunding the World Economic Forum: <https://gojt.us/ed4e>.

State Alerts

- ❑ "Stop Article V Constitutional Convention Resolutions": A Con-Con could decimate Americans' constitutionally guaranteed freedoms. State legislators must reject any new applications for a convention and rescind all existing applications: <https://gojt.us/pw48>.
- ❑ "Nullify Unconstitutional Federal Spending": States can use nullification to rein in unconstitutional federal spending, just as they can use it to stop other federal usurpations: <https://gojt.us/kqme>.
- ❑ "Outlaw Subversive Agenda 2030 Schemes": State legislators must enact strong legislation banning all state and local government involvement in schemes that advance the UN's Agenda 2030: <https://gojt.us/f2h3>.
- ❑ "Nullify the WHO's 'Pandemic Treaty' and IHR Amendments": State governments must enact strong legislation nullifying the WHO's proposed power grabs: <https://gojt.us/56dh>. ■

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— James Timms,
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Bill Hahn



Harsh Reality of a "Convention of States"

Robert Brown debunks claims made by the Convention of States and its co-founder Mark Meckler. Brown examines what really happened at the 1787 Convention, the text

of the 12 state commissions, what the delegates said about their commissions, and the implications of a modern-day Article V convention.

Nullification: The Rightful Remedy

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

Robert Brown



Inside the United Nations — 20 Years Later

The United Nations is almost 80 years old, and has changed a lot over the decades. But the essential goals of the organization remain

completely contrary to the interests of a free and independent United States. The danger of a sudden and radical transformation of the UN into a true world government has never been more acute. In this presentation, Dr. Bonta examines what has been happening recently with the UN, and explores prospects for the near-term future — including the possibility that the United States will eventually withdraw from the organization.

Dr. Steve Bonta

Featured speakers can attend events in-person or digitally through Zoom. For more speakers and updated information, or to schedule, contact JBS Headquarters at 920-749-3780 or go to jbs.org/speakers.





April 2024

Member Action Checklist

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



Action Item 1

See “Use Article V Talking Points to Inform Others”

on page 5 for specifics and take action:

- Discuss with your state legislators the talking points listed under this Action Item. Also give them copies of the July 11, 2022 TNA Special Report “Article V Convention: Will It Work?” and the pamphlet “Article V Convention: America’s Answer?”
- Sign up for JBS legislative alerts to stay informed about Con-Con legislation in your state: <https://jbs.org/alerts/>.
- Review the Article V Academy tutorial videos to prepare for discussing this issue with your legislators: <https://gojt.us/avac>.



Action Item 2

See “Stop WHO Power Grabs by Ending UN Membership”

on page 6 for specifics and take action:

- Contact and meet with your U.S. representative and senators, and urge them to support the DEFUND Act (H.R. 6645 and S. 3428).
- Book Steve Bonta to speak about the United Nations. At the presentation, promote and distribute JBS/TNA materials about the UN.



Action Item 3

See “Defend Farmers From Globalist Attacks”

on page 6 for specifics and take action:

- Urge your U.S. representative and senators to support the DEFUND Act.
- Contact and meet with your state legislators, and urge them to introduce and enact strong legislation protecting farmers and property rights.
- Distribute the materials listed under this Action Item via literature drops in your community.



Action Item 4

See “Ban CBDCs & Restore Sound Money”

on page 7 for specifics and take action:

- Contact and meet with your state legislators, and urge them to enact legislation banning a potential central bank digital currency and restoring sound money.
- Give your legislators copies of the *Dollars & Sense* booklet and “The Truth About Inflation” pamphlet.
- Book Alex Newman to speak about central bank digital currencies.

SECESSION? WHY NOT NULLIFICATION?

PAST AND PERSPECTIVE

SECESSION? WHY NOT NULLIFICATION?

America’s federal system of government provides constitutional means to rein in unconstitutional federal overreach and secure liberty. Those means include nullification.



by Gary Bennett

The current showdown on the border between the Biden administration and the state of Texas seems to have caused much more heightened interest in the issue of secession than in nullification.

It should be just the opposite. Texas is not engaging in a secessionist act by exercising its right to protect its border and its people. True enough, it is defying a U.S. Supreme Court order, but this order is not the law of the land. It is a mere ruling behind the Constitution that cannot our federal system of government to state secede either as a single state or perhaps in a new compact with a handful of states.

But here, it is reasonable to ask, could a state be upholding the Constitution by defying the federal government via nullification? And how could nullification be employed by the states to end federal overreach? To answer these questions,

more states secede than the Union, and nullification occurs when one or more states refuse to abide by unconstitutional federal acts. Any state that secedes is no longer under the Constitution; any state that nullifies unconstitutional federal laws, orders, or rulings is upholding the Constitution.

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