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— For the Inhabitants of these United States of America —

What would our founding fathers do? “Revolution is Brewing” because “We Surround Them!”

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## We, The People, Take Our Nation Back

As an unsettling discontent is swelling across our great nation, I'm reminded of the closing words of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, "a government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth."

His resolute celebration of liberty has come to symbolize the very definition of democracy itself. Yet, who among us today could muster the fatuous optimism to rally truthfully that this founding creed is practiced by our elected representatives in DC?

**Shouldn't government authority be derived from the consent of the governed?** Shouldn't our elected representatives ... represent us? Some issues that confront us as a nation transcend political parties.

During a Senate vote on October 1, Senator Dianne Feinstein (D-CA) took the podium to explain her position on the proposed bailout package. In her statement, she explained that she received 91,000 calls and emails, with 85,000 of them opposed to the measure. Even armed with the knowledge that 93% of her constituents were passionate enough to contact her office pleading for her to vote "nay", she voted in favor of the bill, claiming that "there is a great deal of confusion out there" and these people "don't under-

stand" the situation.

Our representatives ignored our demands claiming that we ordinary folks just didn't grasp the complexity of the economics involved. And yet, in five months of ongoing bailouts, this socialistic nationalization of banks, brokers, and money funds seems to have done little more than to fuel a frenzied demand for wanton bailouts and enormous loans by an ever-expanding queue of businesses that believe they are entitled to similar handouts from OUR taxpayer funds.

**Today, a revolution is brewing as tens of thousands of American patriots across our great nation are uniting in protest against out-of-control government spending.** Inspired by the Revolutionary War era Boston Tea Party protesting British taxation, in cities large and small, coast to coast, more than 150 tea parties are scheduled for tax day, April 15.

This will be the second major wave of such grassroots tea parties. The first, in March, were not covered by the mainstream media. For example, the tea parties in Cincinnati and Orlando were each joined by more than 4,000 protesters carrying signs reading "Give us liberty, not debt" and "Where's my bailout?"

On a parallel track, Glenn Beck's "We Surround Them" gatherings on March 13 united thousands in small groups around the nation. The Fox News and 912 Project servers went down several times as many thousands more logged on to join the event. In the first week, over 170,000 joined his online grassroots movement.

**We demand representation. Washington, are you listening?**

Two centuries, one score, and a dozen years ago our forefathers brought forth on this continent a new nation, conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal. They built this nation with their own sweat and they defended it with their own blood.

Many thousands of these brave men and women sacrificed their lives for their steadfast belief that state authority must be derived from the consent of the governed.

**We, The People, of this great land SHALL take our nation back.** Each election, WE will vote you out of office until we are represented by democrats, republicans, and libertarians whose character, principals, and values can NOT be purchased by the highest bidder.

The revolution is brewing !!!

## Who Wants Gun Control?

“Gun control has not worked in D.C. The only people who have guns are criminals. We have the strictest gun laws in the nation and one of the highest murder rates. It's quicker to pull your *Smith & Wesson* than to dial 911 if you're being robbed.”

Lieutenant Lowell Duckett, Special Assistant to DC Police Chief; President, Black Police Caucus, *The Washington Post*, March 22, 1996.

“If the freedom of speech is taken away, then dumb and silent we may be led, like sheep to the slaughter.” — George Washington

### Attention Criminals

**We believe in  
gun control.  
We own no  
firearms !**

Yard sign proposal for  
gun control advocates.

What one industry is enjoying enormous sales during our challenging economic times? Yes; that's right — **gun and ammo sales have been soaring for months.**

A simple Google News search for “gun sales”, “gun sales up”, or “gun sales soaring” yields hundreds of recent stories from across our nation. Many locations are enjoying 3 to 5 times the sales over the same first three months last year.

It seems that a lot of Americans fear our government will soon attempt to restrict the freedom we enjoy to bear arms granted to us by the Second Amendment. Only time will reveal whether or not these concerns are fully justified.

Wouldn't it be really ironic if laws created with the purpose of cutting back on crime and the number of murders actually had the opposite effect?

When honest citizens like us give up our guns and ammo, who is it that still has them? The government will still have them ... the military ... the police ... and, of course, the criminals.

### Government Murders

In 1911, Turkey established gun control. From 1915 to 1917, 1.5 million Armenians, unable to defend themselves, were rounded up and exterminated.

Germany established gun control in 1938 and from 1939 to 1945, over 6 million people who were unable to defend themselves were rounded up and exterminated.

China established gun control in 1935. From 1948 to 1952, 20 million political dissidents, unable to defend themselves, were rounded up and exterminated.

Guatemala established gun control in 1964. From 1964 to 1981, 100,000 Mayan Indians, unable to defend themselves, were rounded up and exterminated.

Uganda established gun control in 1970. From 1971 to 1979, 300,000 Christians, unable to defend themselves, were rounded up and exterminated.

Cambodia established gun control in 1956. From 1975 to 1977, one million educated people, unable

to defend themselves, were rounded up and exterminated.

### **Defenseless people rounded up and exterminated in the 20th Century because of gun control: 49 million.**

We should learn from the mistakes of history, shouldn't we? The next time someone talks in favor of gun control, find out which group of citizens they wish to have exterminated.

### Criminals Keep Guns

Bank robbers, home invaders, rapists, carjackers, serial killers, kidnappers, gang members, and drug dealers always keep their guns while honest citizens like us abide by new gun laws surrendering ours. In fact, criminals become more bold knowing that their victims are defenseless!

Australia banned private ownership of most guns in 1996. In just four years, armed robberies climbed 45% and homicides climbed 300%.

Do a YouTube search for “Suzanna Gratia Hupp” or “gun control”.

Google News (gun sales):

<http://news.google.com/news?um=1&ned=us&hl=en&q=gun+sales>

Google News (gun sales up):

<http://news.google.com/news?um=1&ned=us&hl=en&q=gun+sales+up>

YouTube (Suzanna Gratia Hupp):

[http://www.youtube.com/results?search\\_query=Suzanna+Gratia+Hupp](http://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=Suzanna+Gratia+Hupp)

Thomas Paine ‘We The People’ Video:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jeYscnFpEyA>

## Who Was Thomas Paine?

Thomas Paine (1737 – 1809) was a British pamphleteer, revolutionary, radical, inventor, and intellectual. He emigrated to the British American colonies in 1774 participating in the American Revolution. His principal contribution was the powerful, widely-read pamphlet *Common Sense* (1776), advocating colonial America's independence from the Kingdom of Great Britain.

Some historians refer to Paine as **The Father of the American Revolution** because of *Common Sense*. It quickly spread among the literate and became the best-selling work in eighteenth-century America. Paine initiated a public debate about independence, which had previously been rather muted.

Paine distinguished be-

tween government and society. **Society is everything constructive and good that people join together to accomplish.** Government, on the other hand, is an institution whose sole purpose is to protect us from our own vices. Government has its origins in the evil of man and is therefore a necessary evil at best. Paine said that government's sole purpose is to protect life, liberty, and property, and that a government should be judged solely on the basis of the extent to which it accomplishes this goal.

Today, he and many of our founding fathers (Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin, George Washington, *etc.*) would be appalled by the lack of representation that we, the people, have in our nation's capital. It seems

that many of our elected officials, particularly at the federal level, only represent big business, big bankers, and special interests. The ongoing bailouts, handouts, and earmarks to those who helped finance their campaigns and who promise them high-paying jobs after office is clear evidence that we, the people, are not represented.

We must remove from office each and every politician who blatantly continues in these destructive machinations. In the upcoming elections we must resolutely and prudently choose men and women whose character, principals, and values can NOT be purchased by the highest bidder.

**The revolution is brewing. Join a tea party!**

## New Tax Exemption?

Shortly after Timothy Geithner was nominated by President Obama as the Treasury Secretary, it was disclosed that he had failed to pay \$34,000 in federal taxes between 2001 and 2004. Isn't it reasonable to expect the Secretary of the Treasury, the head of the IRS, to have a record of faithfully paying his own taxes? Geithner's excuse was that he had used the computer software TurboTax to prepare his returns. But, he still didn't remit the back taxes until AFTER he was nominated.

Former Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle was President Barack Obama's nominee for the Secretary of Health and Human Services. During the vetting process, it was publically revealed that he owed around \$100,000 in back taxes. He did pay them AFTER President Obama nominated him. He ultimately withdrew, though, due to the growing controversy.

Note the similarity here. Both men knew they owed back taxes BEFORE being nominated, but neither one paid them until AFTER being nominated.

Since the administration has established this precedent for taxes, perhaps we should make a special request when paying our own taxes this year. Along with your payment, attach a post-it™ note: "Please consider waiving or forgiving my taxes this year under the 'Geithner-Dashell Exemption' in which I am not obligated to pay them unless and until the President of these United States nominates me for a cabinet level position in his administration."



## What is an American?

*The following is an excerpt from an article by Peter Ferrara (September 25, 2001).*

An American is English ... or French, or Italian, Irish, German, Spanish, Polish, Russian, or Greek. An American may also be African, Indian, Chinese, Japanese, Australian, Iranian, Asian, Arab, Pakistani, or Afghan.

An American is Christian, or he could be Jewish, or Buddhist, or Muslim. In fact, there are more Muslims in America than in Afghanistan. The only difference is that in America they are free to worship as each of them choose.

An American is also free to believe in no religion. For that he will answer only to God, not to the government, or to armed thugs claiming to speak for the government and for God.

An American is from the most prosperous land in the history of the world. The root of that prosperity can be found in the Declaration of Independence, which recognizes the God-given right of each man and woman to the pursuit of happiness.

An American is generous. Ameri-

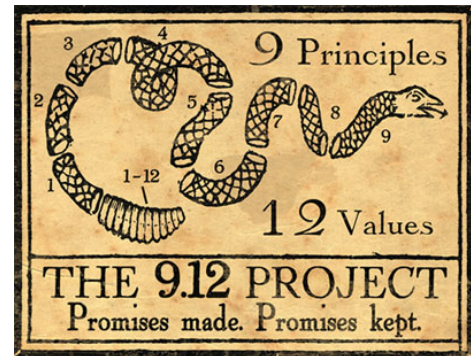
cans have helped out just about every other nation in the world in their time of need.

**An American is free to criticize his government's officials when they are wrong, in his or her own opinion. Then he is free to replace them, by majority vote.**

Americans welcome people from all lands, all cultures, all religions, because they are not afraid. They are not afraid that their history, their religion, their beliefs, will be overrun, or forgotten. That is because they know they are free to hold to their religion, their beliefs, their history, as each of them choose.

And just as Americans welcome all, they enjoy the best that everyone has to bring, from all over the world. The best science, the best technology, the best products, the best books, the best music, the best food, the best athletes.

Americans welcome the best, but they also welcome the least. The national symbol of America, the Statue of Liberty, welcomes your tired and your poor, the wretched refuse of your teeming shores, the homeless, tempest tossed.



**She'll Still Be  
Paying On  
The Stimulus  
When We're  
All Dead.**



**Congress, Stop Stealing  
From Our Children!**

*Generational Theft Poster by Jane Q Republican*

"Let us have faith that right makes might, and in that faith, let us, to the end, dare to do our duty as we understand it." — Abraham Lincoln

Google News (tea parties):

<http://news.google.com/news?q=tea+parties>

The 912 Project:

<http://www.the912project.com/>

We Surround Them:

<http://www.glennbeck.com/content/articles/article/198/21018/>

New American Tea Party:

<http://newamericanteaparty.com/>

Tax Day Tea Party Site:

<http://taxdayteaparty.com/index.html>

Tea Party Planning Guide:

<http://taxdayteaparty.com/guide.html>

WorldNetDaily Tea Party List:

<http://www.worldnetdaily.com/index.php?fa=PAGE.view&pageId=91398>

Surround Them Forum:

<http://www.surroundthem.us/>

Tax Day Tea Party Invitation Video:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OWGCXY2dAdI>

Feinstein Refusal to Represent Video:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sZFwRAfkV1g>

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<http://michellemalkin.com/2009/03/12/tea-party-update-revolution-is-brewing/>

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[http://clerk.house.gov/member\\_info/index.html](http://clerk.house.gov/member_info/index.html)

US Senate (Member Directory):

[http://www.senate.gov/general/contact\\_information/senators\\_cfm.cfm](http://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm)