

Government, by the People, for the People...

Really Think so?



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How About Wholesale Corruption of Government - Thanks to Corporate 'Personhood'

As I've written before that the government's 'existence', its reason for being established, was to protect the People's liberty and Rights but, were anyone to honestly 'look' at the facts objectively, I contend that a case can be made that the catalysts that render this nation and its government non-responsive to its People and generally dysfunctional are a direct result of private sector [special interest] influence. I know, this sounds very obvious - yeah, yeah, [roll your eyes] - what can you do? But let's provide some blatantly obvious examples before we suggest a solution.

*First: America's government is broke and reaching a tipping point of falling off a cliff into economic collapse. Leaving aside the dumb things the government spends retarded amounts of money on for a second, isn't it odd that the government "borrows" currency (at interest) from a private corporation (the Federal Reserve) thereby increasing its 'debt' in spite of the fact that our Constitution authorizes them (indeed, orders them) to issue currency as needed through the Treasury, which costs the country nothing? Think about that. If you could issue currency for things necessary for your existence such as housing, food, clothing without going into debt, life would be pretty easy, wouldn't you say? Well, our Constitution allows for government to do just that - to "issue" debt-free currency. So why the hell do they go to **private banks** to borrow funding for their needs? Quite simply, because a bunch of rich bankers, through their lobbying efforts, paid off ['influenced'] enough folks in government back in 1913 to let them do it.*

Second: We have one hell of an unemployment problem where roughly a third of Americans who should be employed either aren't or are underemployed [PhDs serving coffee, etc.]. It began under Nixon but has been on-going through every administration. In particular, the concept of 'Fast Track' trade talks allowed the executive branch to select countries for, set the substance of, and then negotiate and sign trade agreements – all before Congress had a vote on the matter. These powers resulted in, among a plethora of other economic fiascos, the North American Free

Trade Agreement (NAFTA), the 1995 World Trade Organization (WTO), and various expansions of the NAFTA model (including the Central America Free Trade Agreement (CAFTA) passed in 2005 by a one vote margin). The last grant of Fast Track expired in June 2007, but Fast Track's extraordinary procedures nonetheless applied to the agreements signed with Korea, Colombia and Panama under the previous authority and passed in 2011. The result of these policies were nothing less than the devastation of American manufacturing. Thousands of businesses and millions of jobs gone - offshoring most well paying manufacturing jobs and the erosion of the nation's tax base which directly [negatively] effects schools, hospital, highways and infrastructure and, in short, the transformation of America to 'third world' status. At who's behest was this carried out? Big business and special interests through their lobbying efforts.

Third: Foreign aid & policy (snicker) Here's how this works. You're new to Congress or the Senate, you're met by folks representing AIPAC and you're invited to Israel for "briefings" on the nuances of the middle east. AIPAC promises to kick a bag of cash into your fundraising slush funds. You agree to vote for more foreign aid to Israel. This year's 'public' totals (not counting the off-the-books stuff) is well over 3 BILLION dollars not counting the \$488 million increase which would pay for procurement and development of additional rocket and missile interception systems, another \$268 million for the development of the Arrow 3 and the Magic Wand systems, a further \$220 million to be allocated to finance the purchase of extra batteries for the Iron Dome missile defense system and the additions to the budget just keep (incrementally) being added and added. So, from the endless (every year) 3+ billion dollars in aid, which is ALL unlawful under Title 22, Chapter 39, Subchapter III, Section § 2778 see here: (<http://resistancetononsense.wordpress.com/2011/02/05/mideast-nukes-illegal-government-aid/>), the Israelis, through AIPAC, recycle a few million shekels (your tax dollars) to their bought and paid for minions in Congress and the Senate (I dare you to look how your representative votes on aid to Israel) and this becomes a self perpetuating special interest lobbying effort all under the guise of 'freedom of speech' at US taxpayer expense.

Fourth: Government agencies and their real roles in regulation, enforcement, oversight and all that gobbledygook might be considered. We all know the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) is owned by the Wall Street banks. Their Chairman/director is routinely picked from the ranks of Wall Street bankers. The result (unlike Iceland) is that no bankers, brokers or executives that have been directly linked to fraud and other criminal acts have been jailed for their crimes in spite of what the 'laws' called for. How's this come about? Corporate special interests get to "influence" the SEC and banking regulators as well as Congress to loosen the regulations and/or NOT enforce the 'Laws'. This is called "lobbying" under the guise of 'freedom of speech'.

How about the FDA? The FDA will cost taxpayers 4.5 BILLION dollars in 2013 so they can insure the 'food' and 'drugs' we are exposed to are safe. Yet just one example of their ineptitude is highlighted by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) comments, on its own website, the concern that as many as 30 million Americans could be at risk for cancer after receiving a Polio vaccination during the 1955 – 1963 time frame. This possibility exists because the vaccine in question was found to be contaminated with the (simian virus) SV40 [virus](#). Most Americans received multiple doses of this vaccine that was administered to almost 100 million people. (<http://investmentwatchblog.com/cdc-admits-as-many-as-30-million-americans-could-be-at-risk-for-cancer-due-to-polio-vaccine/#JFPXW4zghuvFgts.99>) Indeed, many vaccines, according to medical studies & the courts themselves cause autism and brain damage yet, the government and FDA refuse to stop their sale/use but rather, pass laws to protect the manufacturers of these poisons. This resulted, recently, in the US Supreme Court ruling (MUTUAL PHARMACEUTICAL CO., INC. v. BARTLETT.) that Pharmaceutical companies are exempt from lawsuits. So, just 'who' do these clowns work for? They work for the corporate special interests who "lobby" the FDA under the guise of 'petitioning government' and 'freedom of speech'.

Were you remotely interested in further examples you could look at any number of (unsurpressed) clinical studies covering subjects like GMO foods causing cancers (prostate, breast, thyroid) and its overt toxicity, fluoride in your water supply causing bone cancer and other toxic neurologic effects, statins, (prescribed everywhere for control of cholesterol) resulting in liver failure, causing Lupus like syndrome, inducing skeletal muscle toxicity and 300 other negative effects or high fructose corn syrup which more studies than can be counted have tied this product to obesity, diabetes, tooth infections and decay, LDL cholesterol and triglycerides increases, anemia, fatigue, mood swings as well as heart attacks and heart disease yet, it's in damn near everything you or your children eat. Agencies, like this, tasked with 'protecting the public' allow these products rather than ban them (as is their mission) and why? Because big business and corporate special interests make lots of profits pushing them on the public and they are 'allowed' to 'influence' the FDA under guise of 'petitioning government' and 'freedom of speech' to keep these agencies from doing their job. So, special interests lobbying, corporate rights "to petition government" under the guise of "freedom of speech" bring us enforcement agencies such as the SEC (costing 1.675 BILLION) and the FDA (costing, as stated above, 4.5 BILLION), that enforce nothing and leave the largest and richest corporations untouchable by the laws and by NOT doing their jobs cause untold harm to the American public.

Another example is the government's border security agencies (DHS) who's mission statement claims: "**We will ensure safe and secure borders**" while leaving our borders wide open while costing us \$59.0 billion to operate, plus \$48.7 billion in discretionary funding and an additional

\$5.5 billion for the Disaster Relief Fund. That's \$113 BILLION and change (according to their documents) for this gang of thugs to NOT do their job which would adversely effect business who make far more profits if the boarders are open to illegals. This is interesting in that Federal Law, Section 8 USC 1324 (a)(1)(A)(iv)(b)(iii) states very clearly: "A person (including a group of persons, business, organization, or local government) **commits a federal felony** when she or he: assists an illegal alien she/he should reasonably know is illegally in the U.S. or who lacks employment authorization, by transporting, sheltering, or assisting him or her to obtain employment, or encourages that illegal alien to remain in the U.S. by referring him or her to an employer or by acting as employer or agent for an employer in any way, or knowingly assists illegal aliens due to personal convictions." Thus, their NOT doing their job is, indeed, a felony.

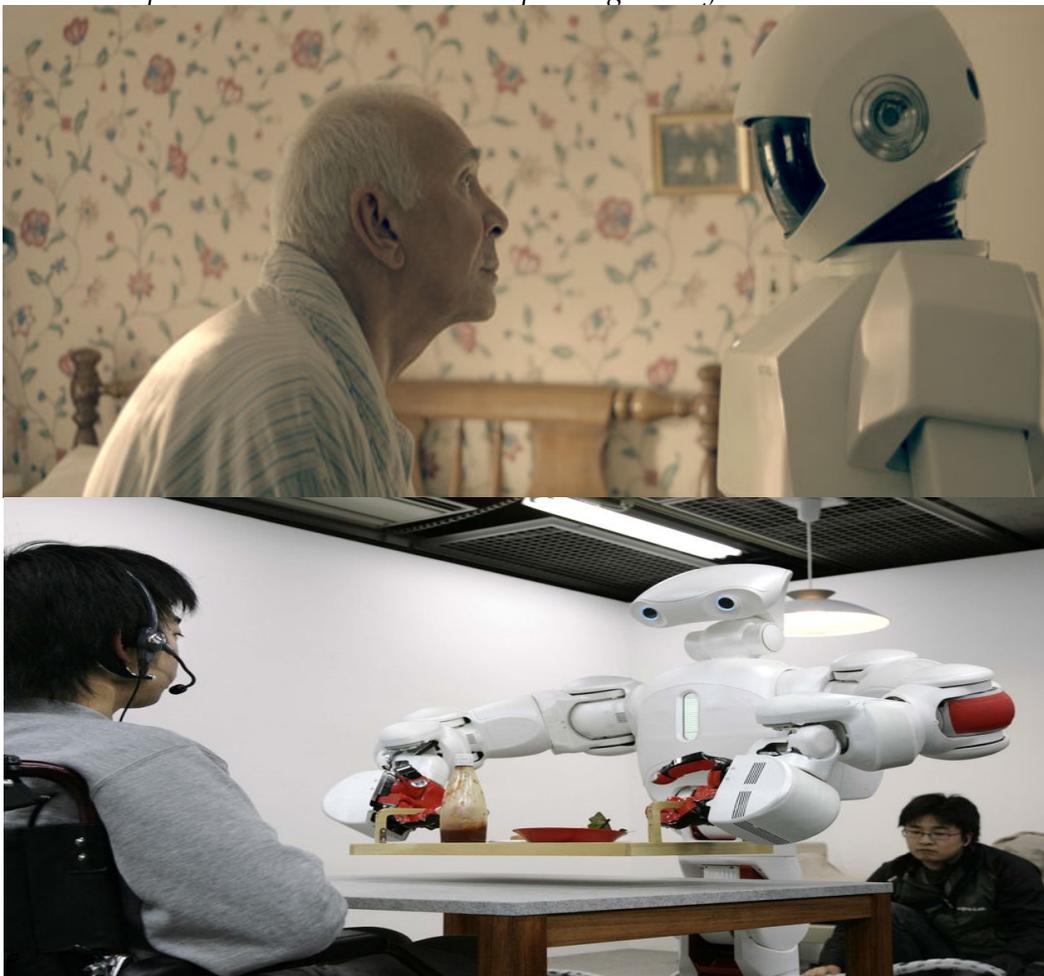
Think the courts will help? Not after the Supreme Court's decision in the Citizens United case where they decided that the rights of corporations trump the Rights of Citizens in the election process and lobbying such that the government is now CLEARLY responsive to corporations over the People they are supposed to work for. So we have no decent jobs left because the big businesses lobby to insure they can move them off shore. We have agencies of the government not doing their jobs (indeed, committing felonies) because businesses lobby to insure they don't, no one seems to be enforcing the law except against little girls selling lemonade, we have a government, in cahoots with mega-banking Wall Street interests, pushing us over an economic cliff into financial armageddon and ALL these things we have compliments of "Corporate Personhood" and the deluded belief that these corporations (these "artificial people" granted existence by the state) have the same Rights as you "to petition government".

There is a Latin phrase "Casus belli" which translates to English as the "case for war". When much of what's wrong with the operation of the United States federal government stems from the very notion of "Corporate Personhood", when artificial beings known as 'corporations' hold more sway over this government than human Citizens due to their being granted 'Rights' that only breathing 'people' have a right to claim, than it must be acknowledged that this "Casus belli" of the downfall of the American Republic needs to be addressed if we are to reclaim or, indeed, see to the very survival of our Republic.

In my opinion, a Constitutional Amendment (versus legislation that can be challenged) should be voted on declaring that corporations (created by the state to essentially be 'artificial people') have no Rights to free speech or to "petition government" under the First Amendment. Simply stated: Rights articulated in our Constitution were and are intended for Citizens or 'natural people' not artificial constructs.

What would the result of such an Amendment have? Quite simply, activities of lobbying groups and political action committees, (corporations) hidden under the guise of “freedom of speech” and the People’s Rights to “petition the Government” would be recategorized (correctly) as attempts to bribe public officials. Virtually overnight, lobbyists would cease to be a factor in politics since they could no longer contribute to campaigns, write legislation or in any way interact with members of government without being prosecuted for bribery and subversion of government. Lobbying organizations representing foreign governments such as AIPAC would be outlawed and their membership and affiliates (representing foreign interests) rendered impotent. All actions by corporate PACs attempting to have influence over government would be no longer construed as ‘free speech’ or ‘petitioning government’ but (rightfully) as attempts to coerce public officials and effect public policy for ‘special interests’.

Ask yourself if an artificial ‘person’ such as a corporation should be equal in value and Rights a person (indeed, have more input in government than you)? Ask yourself if an artificial construct like that pictured below should have equal Rights to yours.



If your answer is rightfully "NO" then ask yourself if so much that is 'wrong' with this country can be equated or tied directly to one concept, that corporations (being artificial people) have the same Rights as you, why we shouldn't stop this before corporations further sodomized our Republic?

