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The “New NAFTA” Power Grab

Following an agreement with Canada, President Trump claimed victory in the negotiations to replace NAFTA:

The president said it fulfills his campaign pledge to replace NAFTA, which he called “perhaps the worst trade deal ever made,” and claimed it will transform the U.S. back into a “manufacturing powerhouse.”

“Throughout the campaign I promised to renegotiate NAFTA and today we have kept that promise,” he said during a news conference, calling it “truly historic news for our nation and indeed the world.”

— *The Hill*, 10-1-18

The reality, as we know, however, is greatly different. NAFTA was

much more than a “trade deal.” And so is its proposed replacement — “The United States–Mexico–Canada Agreement” (USMCA). Both are merely *disguised as “trade pacts.”* They are really intended to evolve into an Internationalist-controlled regional government, à la the European Union.

As with NAFTA, the new agreement establishes a regional bureaucracy to “manage” trade. The total number of pages for the treaty, its annexes, and side letters amounts to more than 1,800 pages.

At first, the proposal might seem more honest without “free trade” in the name — less doublespeak. Not so. The USMCA sets up a regional “Free Trade Commission” to manage trade. And the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative website (ustr.gov) lists the USMCA as a Free Trade Agreement.

And so, the agreement still

postures as something that “free trade conservatives” would support. But there is little “free” in a regional bureaucracy that would *manage* trade. And, as with the old NAFTA, the USMCA is an unconstitutional alienation of U.S. sovereignty. Its Free Trade Commission, for example, can modify the agreement without the approval of Congress.

Internationalist Support for USMCA

Just as Henry Kissinger and David Rockefeller both championed NAFTA, so Richard N. Haass, the current President of the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR), endorses the proposed USMCA. In an October

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Internationalists in full control: “The United States–Mexico–Canada Agreement” (USMCA) reinforces the Insider regionalism strategy to achieve world government, using trade as a *pretext*. Above right, U.S. Trade Rep. Robert Lighthizer, the chief U.S. negotiator, hypes the finished agreement. Lighthizer is a member of the Internationalists’ Council on Foreign Relations (CFR). CFR President Richard N. Haass enthusiastically tweeted: “USMCA is NAFTA plus TPP plus a few tweaks.... Ideally, US participation in TPP by another name would be next....” Of course, the media and trade orgs embrace the pretext.



2 tweet, Haass stated:

USMCA is NAFTA plus TPP plus a few tweaks. Whatever...if @realDonaldTrump and the Congress are now prepared to embrace a pro-trade agenda, it is all to the good. Ideally, US participation in TPP by another name would be next; failing that, a US-Japan FTA would be second best.

And what else would we expect from an agreement negotiated by Robert Lighthizer? The U.S. Trade Representative is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, which has long championed Internationalist-run world government. Lighthizer, when tapped by Trump, was also a partner at a CFR corporate-member law firm.

The USMCA agreement clearly supports the Internationalist agenda. The text demands compliance with rules of the World Trade Organization, the International Labor Organization (a specialized agency of the UN system), and other international agreements, some never ratified by the U.S., such as the UN's Law of the Sea Treaty.

As an example of the Internationalist ties, Article 23.2 states: "The Parties affirm their obligations as members of the ILO, including those stated in the ILO Declaration on Rights at Work and the ILO Declaration on Social Justice for a Fair Globalization (2008)."

Trump supporters should ask themselves why Trump is supporting this subversion. Is he really being taken in by his advisors or has he been on board with the Insider agenda all along?

Before the USMCA can take effect, Congress must pass an implementing bill, which could be addressed in the lame duck session after the November midterm elections. If Congress approves the USMCA, not only will the U.S. move another step toward totalitarian world government,

but the approval will also neutralize much of the needed future opposition from conservatives and conservative lawmakers, as it will be regarded as the product of an "outsider," conservative president.

Recommended action: 1) Urge your representative and senators to oppose implementation of the USMCA; 2) Alert others to the danger.

Grow to Win!

In an effort to help members promote our website and scorecard, we emailed the following four post alerts during October to those on our list:

- "The 'Deep State' Deception" — an extension of the opening essay in last month's *Report*;
- "GOP Fails to Protect the Unborn — Mike Lee";
- "UN Climate-Change Hysteria"; and
- "Your Money Is Their Money! Part 2," linking to our scorecard post of the House-Senate compromise on H.R. 6157 (House Roll Call 405).

Particularly Worth Sharing

The "UN Climate-Change Hysteria" post discusses the recently released report of the U.N. Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC). The IPCC issued its hysterical pretext for

Internationalist management of the planet as follow-up to the earlier Paris accords.

Particularly worth sharing is a dissenting lecture by Dr. Richard S. Lindzen. Formerly an atmospheric physicist at MIT, Dr. Lindzen has impeccable credentials in climatology and is a member of the U.S. National Academy of Sciences. He delivered his lecture, entitled "Global Warming for the Two Cultures," for the Global Warming Foundation in London.

Dr. Lindzen explained what really drives climate change and how non-scientists and non-specialists were being bamboozled by the "carbon dioxide is the enemy" propaganda. In conclusion, he said:

So there you have it. An implausible conjecture backed by false evidence and repeated incessantly has become politically correct "knowledge," and is used to promote the overturn of industrial civilization. What we will be leaving our grandchildren is not a planet damaged by industrial progress, but a record of unfathomable silliness as well as a landscape degraded by rusting wind farms and decaying solar panel arrays.

Our website post contains a link



CFR President Richard N. Haass (center): In contrast to the CFR's public image above as a *neutral* think-tank, its members have long dominated federal policy to advance Internationalist-run world government and its steppingstones, such as USMCA.

to the full lecture. The lecture is worth reading for those who would like to know more about how the Internationalists have distorted science to justify their alarms. However, we recommend sharing our post with even the non-technically inclined.

With these recent post alerts, website traffic is up. Let's turn the upswing into a torrent of interest. Think of whom you have access to who would also be interested.

Follow-up Is Critical

Of course, it's all too easy to forget our larger objective in sharing these posts — to help Freedom First Society “Grow to Win.” We recall the proverb, “When you're up to your neck in alligators, it's easy to forget that your initial objective was to drain the swamp.”

To use our website posts effectively, follow-up is essential. We must

compete for a prospect's attention to create that spark of interest in joining Freedom First Society.

A good first follow-up step is always to ask for a reaction. The reaction can help you judge your progress with the prospect and decide what else to recommend. Suggesting the prospect sign up for the alerts is another step. And, of course, when you uncover serious interest, we recommend inviting the prospect to a presentation of the Freedom First Society.

Congress: Just Vote the Constitution!

Just prior to the September 30th deadline, the GOP-led House and Senate “compromised” on two minibuses providing approximately 3/4 of the discretionary spending for the new fiscal year. (See House Roll Call 399, 9-13-18, and House Roll Call 405, 9-26-18).

Unfortunately, the compromises catered to the big-government Democrats. While a core of congressional conservatives opposed the spending spree, *only two House Democrats* opposed the first minibus, and only five opposed the second. And President Trump has signed both into law.

Neither wishful thinking nor partisan politics will change Congress. Only a much better informed electorate will. Most Americans have no idea how their congressmen are voting. Our online scorecard can help them see through the political hype.

Each of us has a unique circle of influence. If we tap those circles more aggressively, we can create a firestorm of interest in our scorecard. We now have two tools to help members do just that — post-alert emails and our new scorecard trifold.

Although the new trifold can be sent through the mail, its main purpose is to improve the impact of face-to-face contacts. Whenever we discover that prospects have some concern about government, we can emphasize the need for constructive action and leave

them with a pamphlet, urging them to read it and respond.

It takes just a moment to share a post alert with a friend or colleague. Of course, it takes longer to think of the many others who might like to receive alerts and to build a useful email list. Although our emphasis should be on those whom we might interest in joining Freedom First Society, consider other opportunities to publicize our scorecard as well.

For example, we can make congressional staff aware of our scorecard by sharing alerts. The staff of those congressmen who are voting well might find it advantageous to publicize our scorecard if they knew about it. Sharing our alert re Senator Mike Lee's opposition to the last spending minibus comes to mind as such an opportunity.

Recommended action: Help build traffic to our online congressional scorecard: Share scorecard alerts, links to scored votes, and our new scorecard trifold widely (25 for \$5, 50 for \$7, 100 for \$10, plus \$2 shipping & handling).

Save Our Constitution!

by Andrew Carver

This month we continue, with our fourth installment, a series on the major groups pushing for a destructive Article V Con-con.

Three organized movements urging a Con-con are similar, in that they purport to turn the tables on officials who use federal-government power unconstitutionally. (Thus, all three imply that changing the Constitution is the way to enforce it!) These three comprise pushes for: 1) the Countermand Amendment, 2) “Equal Application” of all laws passed — to Congress-members as to the People, and 3) Term Limits for Congress.

The “Countermand Amendment”

The originating organization behind this push is unclear. But what appears to be the main webpage for this proposal (<http://citizeninitiatives.org/>)



Share the scorecard trifold: Americans need help to see past the political hype!



countermand_amendment.htm) says, in part:

State Legislatures in the several States shall have the authority to Countermand and rescind any Congressional Statute, Judicial decision, Executive Order, Treaty, government agency's regulatory ruling, or any other government or non-government mandate (including excessive spending and credit) imposed on them when in the opinion of 60 percent of State Legislatures the law or ruling adversely affects their States' interest.... This Countermand authority shall also apply to existing laws and rulings.

Calls for the Countermand Amendment have been introduced in several legislatures and passed in at least one (Alaska).

“Equal Application” Amendment

What we call the “Equal Application” amendment — more often called simply “the 28th Amendment” — is another peculiar proposal, whose originators are likewise difficult to identify. It states:

Congress shall make no law that applies to the citizens of the United States that does not apply equally to the Senators and/or Representatives; and, Congress shall make no law that applies to the Senators and/or Representatives that does not apply equally to the citizens of the United States.

On the surface, this sounds reasonable; but it hides serious pitfalls. A link to a helpful rebuttal of this proposal is provided in the “Convenient Links to Discussed Resources” section of our email of this *Action Report*.

Term Limits Amendment

By contrast, the group pushing the congressional “Term Limits Amendment” is clear (see <https://www.termlimits.com/about/board-of-directors/>). The “Term Limits” idea is a familiar one. But since “term limits” is one of the three topics mentioned in applications for a “Convention of States,” (see our *September Action Report*), applications for the Term Limits Art. V Con-con are sometimes upstaged, where the legislature is

considering a COS call as well. Thus, the proposal has passed in only three states (including Alabama this year: see <https://www.termlimits.com/progress/>).

Recommended action: Approach friends and neighbors and make them aware of the dangers of an Article V Con-con.

A Friendly Reminder

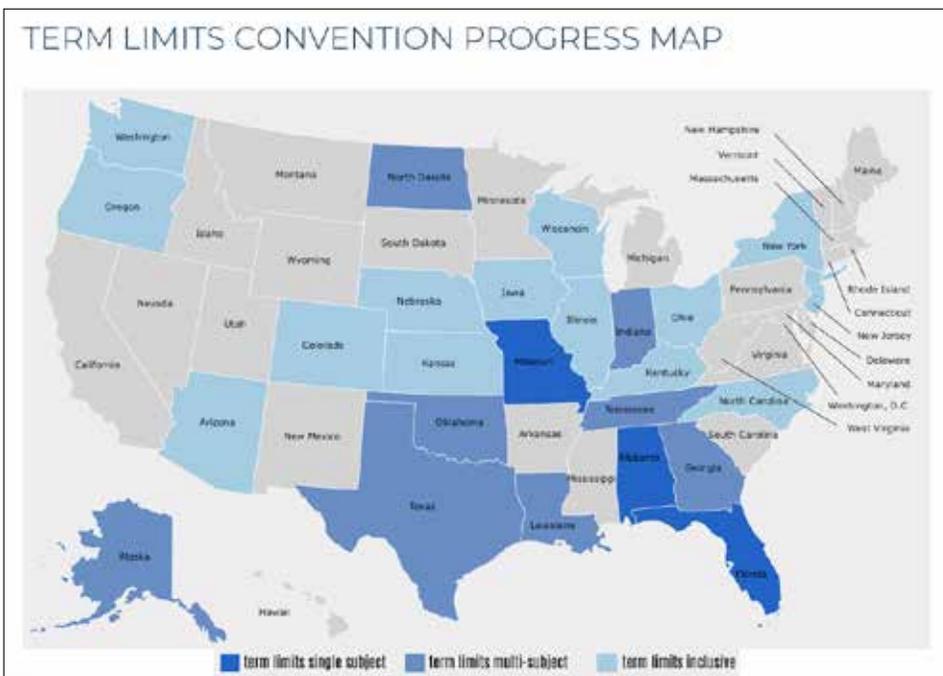
The early response to Mr. Smith's October 10th letter to members has been very encouraging. We thank again those who responded to this financial appeal. Their generosity and sacrifice are deeply appreciated, and, we might add, necessary if our essential mission is to succeed.

We also realize that you have many demands on your time. We suspect, therefore, that some members will put the letter aside who might otherwise like to respond. And so, this friendly reminder. We want to make sure that those who have already responded can count on as many others as possible following their example.

Action Summary

Note: Some requests below are ongoing from previous *Action Reports*.

1. **Share** recent website post alerts. **Follow up.** **Invite** good prospects to join FFS.
2. **Schedule** a live group-presentation of “Organize for Victory!” by FFS President G. Vance Smith.
3. **Build** public pressure on Congress to roll back unconstitutional programs. **Share** our FFS website scorecards for the current (115th) Congress (online and hardcopy) and our new trifold.
4. **Share** the case against a Con-con and **recruit** new soldiers into the battle to Save Our Constitution!



One of several threats: The U.S. Term Limits website calls for an Article V Con-con.