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Our mission is to restore, perfect and maintain our government as a constitutional republic that is dedicated to defending our unalienable rights as individuals to life, liberty and property.

2009 Census: Who's Keeping Track?

By Michael Byrne

Reports are beginning to circulate detailing how this year's constitutionally-mandated census will be conducted. Each census-taker is being asked to personally obtain data from over 1,000 households. Included in that data will be Global Positioning System coordinates for each and every household's front door.

Since millions upon millions of renters move regularly, the idea that their specific location will be ascertained and logged is almost laughable, since the information will be so quickly wrong.

But why do they need this GPS information? The potential consequences of the government holding that much information are almost sinister. Because of the advance of technology, citizens are now in a position where they have to completely trust that the government will never misuse information that it has collected on its citizens. In pre-WWII Germany, Italy, and for over 80 years, behind the iron curtain, governments declared troublesome citizens "enemies of the state," and now the long arm of the government could reach out even from space and eliminate a citizen.

Constitutionally, we need to know how many Americans there are so we can determine where district lines will be drawn for elections. **That's it; that's all we need to know.** All other functions of the census are constructions of modern-day bureaucrats and the politicians who hired them.

Researchers, not-for-profit special interest groups, political action campaigns, and yes—other private citizens should not have access to the personal details of your life nor should they be able to influence public policy based on data they collected from this census.

The most basic outrage of this is how much money an army of GPS-wielding citizens will cost. And what will happen with the expensive mountain of GPS units purchased by you, the taxpayer, for a ONE-time operation??

Is this what you all work for, vote for, hope for? Are you comfortable knowing that a society moving towards controlling its citizens so closely appears to be gaining momentum by the hour?

Get involved. It's time to consider the future.

Socialism 101

by Michael Byrne

If you eavesdrop on conversations around the community you may hear the word "inflation." This happens when the money supply is increased artificially. This is what our government is doing when they bail out the banks, investment firms, insurance companies, etc.

Browse the internet - look up some historical accounts of where this has happened before, and what the results were in the societies where the inflation took off. Here are some passages I suggest you find:

"A Roman who was born under Theodosius and died under Romulus Augustus had seventy years in which to pass through the changes which Austria has seen in three."

-When Money Dies: The Nightmare of the Weimar Collapse

"Frau Eisenmenger was then induced to exchange her government securities for industrial shares. Her grandson developed scurvy. Two days after Christmas, the first food train arrived in Vienna from Switzerland. The prices of the new food, strictly rationed as it was, were four times as high as the previous official prices."

-Defying Hitler: A Memoir by Sebastian Haffner.

If you had spent your whole life striving to achieve financial security and saving your money responsibly, ask yourself: what would be the consequences if prices were to rise fourfold annually? Each year your money would buy less. How long did you plan for it to last? How much interest does it earn? Does the interest amount to more money than the price increases?

Look up Argentina and inflation. The run on the banks there caused riots in the streets. Savings accounts were first frozen, then seized. Could it happen here? Some argue that in a less violent way, it is already. Taxes are confiscated from the people who earn the money. If the people wanted to give the money to the government we could call it a donation, a voluntary contribution. But since the government has used the force of law to demand it, what else would you call it but *confiscation*?

The top marginal rate when Ronald Reagan came into office was 70%. Would you willingly give the government even half of everything you earn? If you make a practice of keeping track of every penny you earn and every penny you spend (including on taxes), you will find you are much closer to 50% than you'd thought.

Look, research. And listen. Before it is too late.

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