

# Freedom Matters

We are a free people in a republic, under a constitution which limits the powers of government to those necessary to secure the unalienable rights of each person to their life, liberty and property. We dedicate this paper to saving and preserving our freedom.

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## Up With Freedom 21, Down With Agenda 21

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In Reno, Nevada, from July 21 to 24, 2004, the fifth annual **Freedom 21 National Conference** will occur, a movement inspired by Henry Lamb, executive vice president of the Environmental Conservation Organization (ECO) and chair of Sovereignty International. ECO's url is <<http://www.eco.freedom.org>> (the url is the material between the < > brackets). **Freedom 21** grew out of the **Wise Use** and **Property Rights** movements.

ECO is a not-for-profit organization supported by membership dues; it takes no money from any government source. ECO publishes a monthly Journal, *Ecologic Powerhouse*. Its current edition is **always free on-line** for anyone to read or download (link to it from the ECO web page). Past editions are available on-line only to ECO members, via links to past issues back to January, 1995. This premier journal is an invaluable resource for property rights articles and news stories, focused on the United States.

The **Freedom 21 National Campaign** web page is accessed at <<http://www.freedom21.org/>>. There are links there to statements on Freedom 21's Background, on its Principles and on its Agenda. Quoting from its Background statement:

"A wise and wonderful old grey-haired philosopher once said, "you never get ahead by always being against." It is time that Americans who love "the land of the free" get ahead. To do so, we need to not only be "against" those policies which infringe freedom; we must also advance those principles which ensure our freedom. Freedom 21 is an effort to identify, celebrate, and reinstate those principles into public policy at every level of governance."

The background statement identifies the **enemy of freedom** as the idea of a world government based on what amounts to a central command-and-control

government, and on the ideas of economic equality and a cradle-to-grave welfare system. Those communitarian concepts go back to the socialist movements which began in Europe in the 1800s. The Freedom 21 Background statement ends as follows:

"The Freedom 21 Campaign was launched at the Freedom 21 National Conference in St. Louis, July 9-12, 2000. The Conference adopted "Principles of Freedom" Resolution. The Freedom 21 Campaign is continuing with the development of a Freedom 21 Agenda. Participating organizations are encouraged to undertake a variety of initiatives to advance the principles of Freedom. The Freedom 21 web site will be the center of activities as the Campaign continues to build momentum. Check this site often."

The Freedom 21 Agenda is a work in progress. An on-line site at <<http://www.freedom21.org/agenda/>> gives an introduction plus links indicating its current status. The **conference program** for the Fifth Annual Convention of Freedom 21 is available via a link at <<http://www.freedom21.org/>>. **There is still time to register to attend the conference.**

I have signed with Freedom 21 as a state "captain" to initiate the bringing of its conference and national movement to the attention of property rights groups and individuals in Wisconsin. This movement offers a tremendous opportunity to connect with property rights groups across the nation. It will also serve as the impetus for our in-state groups to establish a network of connections for the exchange of information and coordination of activities. That way we can become a sufficiently potent political force to save our private property rights, the basis of national prosperity.

The 5th Freedom 21 conference includes 27 speakers, nationally visible in politics and land rights, cited on a link at <<http://www.freedom21.org/>>. These include Ron Paul, Henry Lamb, Tom DeWeese, Michael Coffman, Judge Roy Moore, Chuck Cushman, Lori Waters, Kent Snyder, Mike Hardiman, and other notables. **Truly, a moveable feast.**

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< <http://www.takebackwisconsin.com/> >  
<<http://www.PropertyRightsResearch.org>>

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