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Our 3 Core principles

- I. Protecting and Upgrading our fragile Power and Telecommunications Grid
- II. Protecting our economy by careful remembrance of historical collapses of countries that had excessive taxation,



spending, and excessive printing of currency

- III. **Protecting our personal freedoms, as enshrined in the U.S. Constitution**
- **Americans of all political stripes demand change—time to revive the Contract --from the ashes --like the legendary Phoenix: Begin "PART: II"**



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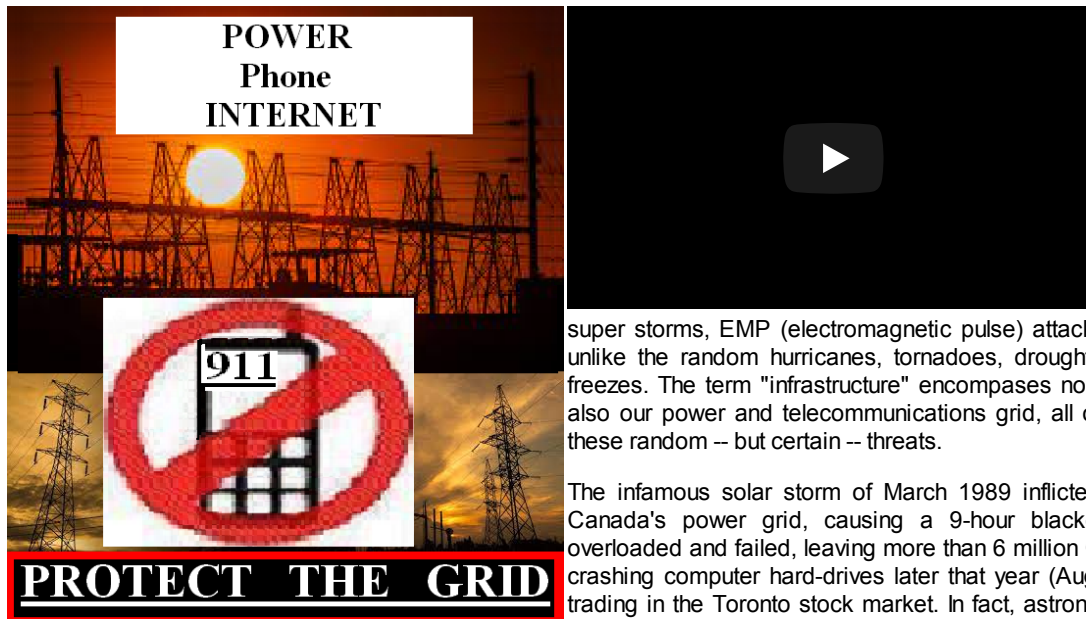


Key Legislation

- I. [Protecting the Grid](#)
- II. [Identifying and rooting out excessive unnecessary pork spending to make #1, above, possible, particularly harmful higher ed subsidies](#)
- III. [Using selected Free Market measures to make #2, above, possible, particularly CONSTITUTIONAL Uniformity in U.S. Bankruptcy Laws](#)
- IV. [Additional economic measures to assist cutting harmful "pork" spending excesses, particularly, eliminating the "Insurance Middleman" in Healthcare](#)
- V. [Identifying popular CONSTITUTIONAL Freedoms, and demanding our freedoms, particularly, allowing for Medical Marijuana \(which enjoys support of 91% of all Americans\) to be lifted from SCHEDULE I to SCHEDULE III status](#)
- VI. [FLORIDA State Agencies that fail to "communicate" with one another and exchange intelligence are not unlike the F.B.I. and C.I.A. who failed to exchange intelligence -- which allowed the 911 Terrorist attacks to happen. Point VI., here, is "unique" in all the points, insofar as it deals strictly with a STATE issue \(and not a FEDERAL issue\), however, it is included because some problems require state, county, or local solutions.](#)
- VII. [COST\\$ of COLLEGE are out of sight! We take NO position on "Free" College or Student Debt "forgiveness" \(or "cancellation" is more accurate term: Students who are victims of illegal price-gouging did not 'sin', thus 'forgiveness' is not the right term\). While students WERE victims of illegal price-gouging, a 'cancellation' of student debt would only free *some* debt slaves, but NOT end debt slavery, and thus is not the final solution. However, this situation is VERY bad, and comes in at #7 on the Top 10 list, here: ROMAN NUMERAL VII., if you will.](#)
- VIII. [Robo-calls and Telemarketers from HELL! No "Top 10" list would be complete without a formal request of lawmakers to -- finally -- get up off their OVER-PAID and UNDER-PERFORMING duffs and fix this already!](#)
- IX. [Any other legislation in which there is widespread and bipartisan support to correct egregious threats to America and/or deprivations of personal liberties \(Number IX. to be determined.\)](#)
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- I. **Protecting the Grid**

Recent solar superstorms shut down power grids, halted stock market trading, and disrupted Internet, communications (including your 911 service), and satellites:



These unpredictable solar super storms, EMP (electromagnetic pulse) attacks, and cyber-hacking are not unlike the random hurricanes, tornadoes, droughts, wildfires, floods, and hard freezes. The term "infrastructure" encompasses not just "roads and bridges" but also our power and telecommunications grid, all of which need protection from these random -- but certain -- threats.

The infamous solar storm of March 1989 inflicted major damage to Quebec, Canada's power grid, causing a 9-hour blackout when transformers were overloaded and failed, leaving more than 6 million Canadians without power, and crashing computer hard-drives later that year (August 1989), resulting in halted trading in the Toronto stock market. In fact, astronauts aboard the space shuttle Atlantis, during this solar storm, in October 1989 reported burning in their eyes as

highly-charged solar particles hit them. **The cause of this massive power / telcom outage was only Solar Flares. Period. Nothing else.**

Another solar storm hit Canada, **as well as the northeast United States, in August 2003**, causing wide-spread blackouts, this time jamming the short-wave radio frequencies used by commercial pilots, prompting contemporary observers to speculate that the Kremlin was jamming radio signals. "In space, some satellites actually tumbled out of control for several hours," NASA said.

More recently, the "Solar Storm of 2012," documented to have been even larger than the largest previous solar storm in recorded history, almost made a "direct hit" on earth, narrowly missing only because earth had moved about nine (9) days [about 2.46% of earth's 365¼-day orbit] in solar orbit from its trajectory. As earth's 'magnetic north pole' accelerates its erratic movement, earth's protective magnetic field has begun to speed up its collapse, which would leave us completely vulnerable to another solar flare event. *Register* editor, Gordon W. Watts, who was [valedictorian of his college electronics class](#), has now submitted [this research paper](#) with proposed solutions for citizens to prepare and for Federal lawmakers to "harden the grid" to protect our critical communications and power grids, now much more sensitive than mere telegraphs, which were damaged during the infamous "Carrington Event."

QUICK SURVEY -- "yes" or "no" question: Are you, the reader, "OK" with your 911 cell service, power, and Internet "going down" randomly -- as happened in QUEBEC, CANADA, just recently -- due to lawmakers' stubborn refusal to "get up off a few more pennies" and harden/upgrade the grid? -- ANSWER: YES or NO, please.

FAST FACT: The R.M.S. TITANIC had a crew manifest of 2,208 passengers the day it went down -- and a "maximum capacity" for 3,547 passengers, but had only twenty (20) lifeboats, which, in sum-total, could only accommodate 1,178 persons. WHY? Due to stubborn refusal of its owners/operators, the the White Star Line (WSL) shipping company, to "get up off a few more pennies" and purchase the needed quantity and quality of lifeboats. LIVES WERE LOST BECAUSE OF THESE OVER-PAID, DISHONEST "PENNY PINCHERS." So, likewise, our current crop of over-paid, under-performing Federal Lawmakers (U.S. Senators and Members of Congress) who do not care about aging roads and bridges, or our fragile & vulnerable power, cell-tower, and Internet Grid and Infrastructure.

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EDITORIAL COMMENT: Actually, 9 days divided by 365¼ days is NOT even "3 per cent," but rather only 2.46%, rounded to 3 significant figures. ~Editor, Gordon Wayne Watts ; [Archive Today cache](#) ; [Wayback Machine archive](#) ; [Local cached copy](#) ; [Cache at Mirror 1](#) ; [Cache at Mirror 2](#) ; [Cache at Mirror 3](#)

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"Bottom Line" QUOTE: "At the moment, no one knows when the next super solar storm will erupt. It could be 100 years away or just 100 days. It's something to think about the next time you flush." ; [Archive Today cache](#) ; [Wayback Machine archive](#) ; [Local cached copy](#) ; [Cache at Mirror 1](#) ; [Cache at Mirror 2](#) ; [Cache at Mirror 3](#)

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^^^ **PROBLEMS** ^^^

But we don't merely "gripe," "complain," or "argue" with one another; rather, we offer REAL solutions.

v v v **SOLUTIONS** v v v

First, some expired legislation, just so you can see a few good examples of what we mean when we say "Key Legislation":

- [H.R.668 - Secure High-voltage Infrastructure for Electricity from Lethal Damage Act \[112th Congress \(2011-2012\)\]](#) – aka: "SHIELD Act" – Sponsor: Rep. Franks, Trent [R-AZ-2], Cosponsors – 41 total, 37 Republican, 4 Democrat
- CRS Summary:** Secure High-voltage Infrastructure for Electricity from Lethal Damage Act or SHIELD Act - Amends the Federal Power

Act to authorize the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), with or without notice, hearing, or report, to order emergency measures to protect the reliability of either the bulk-power system or the defense critical electric infrastructure whenever the President issues a written directive or determination identifying an imminent grid security threat. LINKS:

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· [H.R.6221 - Identifying Cybersecurity Risks to Critical Infrastructure Act of 2012 \[112th Congress \(2011-2012\)\]](#) – Sponsor: Rep. Clarke, Yvette D. [D-NY-11] (Introduced 07/26/2012), Cosponsors: 4 total, 3 Democrat, 1 Republican

CRS Summary: Identifying Cybersecurity Risks to Critical Infrastructure Act of 2012 - Amends the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to require the Secretary of Homeland Security (DHS) to conduct continuous, sector-by-sector research, identification, and evaluation of cybersecurity risks to critical infrastructure in coordination with: (1) the heads of sector-specific agencies, (2) owners and operators of critical infrastructure, and (3) any private sector entity engaged in ensuring the security or resilience of critical infrastructure. [] Directs the Secretary to ensure that information relating to such risks is: (1) disseminated, to the maximum extent possible, in an unclassified version, to owners and operators of critical infrastructure within each such sector; or (2) if the information in whole or in part should be classified, share such information with owners and operators who possess the appropriate security clearances. [] Requires the Secretary to report to Congress at least semiannually on cybersecurity risks to critical infrastructure. LINKS:

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· [H.Res.762 - Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding community-based civil defense and power generation. \[112th Congress \(2011-2012\)\]](#) – Sponsor: Rep. Bartlett, Roscoe G. [RMD- 6] (Introduced 08/02/2012), Cosponsors listed: (all original cosponsors) Rep. Franks, Trent [R-AZ-2], Rep. Clarke, Yvette D. [D-NY-11], Rep. Johnson, Henry C. "Hank," Jr. [D-GA-4]

CRS Summary: Encourages: (1) every community to work with citizens, leaders, and institutions ranging from local fire halls and schools to faith-based organizations to develop its own civil defense program to create sustainable local infrastructure and planning capacity for tranquil times and disaster scenarios; (2) every citizen to develop an individual emergency plan to prepare for the absence of government assistance for extended periods; (3) each local community to foster the capability of providing at least 20% of its own critical needs, such as local power generation, food, and water, while protecting local infrastructure whenever possible from threats to centralized infrastructure; and (4) state governments and federal agencies to support the ability of local communities to become stronger, self-reliant, and better able to assist neighboring communities in times of great need. LINKS:

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· [H.R.3410 - Critical Infrastructure Protection Act \[113th Congress \(2013-2014\)\]](#) – aka: CIPA – Sponsor: Rep. Franks, Trent [R-AZ-8] (Introduced 10/30/2013), Cosponsors: 21 total, 19 Republican, 2 Democrat

CRS Summary: Critical Infrastructure Protection Act or CIPA - Amends the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to require the Secretary of Homeland Security (DHS) to: (1) include in national planning scenarios the threat of electromagnetic pulse (EMP) events; and (2) conduct outreach to educate owners and operators of critical infrastructure, emergency planners, and emergency responders at all levels of government of the threat of EMP events. LINKS:

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· [S.1846 - Critical Infrastructure Protection Act of 2016 \[114th Congress \(2015-2016\)\]](#) – aka: CIPA – Sponsor: Sen. Johnson, Ron [R-WI] (Introduced 07/23/2015), Cosponsor: Sen. Ted Cruz [R-TX]

CRS Summary: (Sec. 2) This bill amends the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to add as responsibilities of the Secretary of Homeland Security (DHS) relating to intelligence and analysis and infrastructure protection: (1) conducting an intelligence-based review and comparison of the risk and consequences to critical infrastructures of threats and hazards, including a geomagnetic disturbance (GMD) caused by a solar storm or another naturally occurring phenomenon and an electromagnetic pulse (EMP) caused by a nuclear device or non-nuclear device, including such a pulse caused by an act of terrorism; and (2) submitting and biennially updating a recommended strategy to protect and prepare the critical infrastructure of the American homeland against such threats. [] The strategy: (1) shall be developed in consultation with the relevant federal sector-specific agencies and coordinating councils for critical infrastructures, and (2) may be incorporated into a broader DHS recommendation to help protect and prepare critical infrastructure from terrorism, cyber attacks, and other threats and hazards. LINKS

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· [S.2232 - Next Generation GRID Act \[115th Congress \(2017-2018\)\]](#) – Sponsor: Sen. King, Angus S., Jr. [IME]

CRS Summary: This bill amends the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 to (1) establish a right of interconnection for distributed energy resources, (2) require each electric utility to develop an electricity distribution resource plan, (3) require each state to consider non-wire alternatives for allowing an electric utility to recover costs associated with an electricity transmission and distribution project, (4) require the Department of Energy to establish a pilot program for a distribution system operator, and (5) require each state to consider the use of performance-based incentive mechanisms to achieve its public interest goals. LINKS

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· [H.R.2962 - SMART Grid Study Act of 2013 \[113th Congress \(2013-2014\)\]](#) – Sponsor: Rep. Payne, Donald M., Jr. [D-NJ-10] (Introduced 08/01/2013), Cosponsors: 37 total, 32 Democrat, 5 Republican

CRS Summary: Saving More American Resources Today Grid Study Act of 2013 or SMART Grid Study Act of 2013 - Directs the Secretary of Homeland Security (DHS), and the heads of other federal departments and agencies, as necessary, to enter into an agreement with the National Research Council to research the future resilience and reliability of the nation's electric power transmission and distribution system. [] Names such research the "Saving More American Resources Today Study" or "SMART Study." LINKS

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NONE of the bills above were refiled in this current Congress (117th Congress, 2021-2022) by any U.S. Senators or Members of Congress, and some or all of them are very-much needed to avert disaster.

Before you contact your ([your Congressman/Congresswoman](#)) & your [U.S. Senator](#), see some *current* legislation, which you should politely but firmly demand they file -- in addition to refiling the expired legislation above.

• [S.704 - Disaster Safe Power Grid Act of 2021](#) [117th Congress (2021-2022)] – Sponsor: Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR] (Introduced 03/11/2021), Cosponsor: Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]

CRS Summary: A summary is in progress. Stay tuned. LINKS

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• [H.R.1514 - To amend the Federal Power Act to increase transmission capacity for clean energy, reduce congestion, and increase grid resilience.](#) [117th Congress (2021-2022)] – Sponsor: Rep. Peters, Scott H. [D-CA-52] (Introduced 03/02/2021)

CRS Summary: A legislative analyst in the Congressional Research Service will begin analyzing this legislation after text becomes available, according to Congress.gov's official website. Stay tuned. LINKS:

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As of 04/13/2021 text has not been received for H.R.1514 - To amend the Federal Power Act to increase transmission capacity for clean energy, reduce congestion, and increase grid resilience. Bills are generally sent to the Library of Congress from GPO, the Government Publishing Office, a day or two after they are introduced on the floor of the House or Senate. Delays can occur when there are a large number of bills to prepare or when a very large bill has to be printed.

• [H.R.1119 - Stopping Chinese Communist Involvement in the Power Grid Act](#) [117th Congress (2021-2022)] – Sponsor: Rep. Duncan, Jeff [R-SC-3] (Introduced 02/18/2021), Cosponsors: Rep. Mann, Tracey [R-KS-1] and Rep. Gaetz, Matt [R-FL-1]

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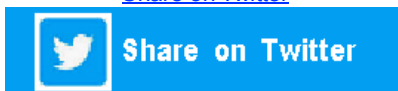
ACTION ITEMS: Contact your ([your Congressman/Congresswoman](#)) & your [U.S. Senator](#), and demand they act. You now have bill numbers, which will help their staffers understand your request. But you can speak in plain English too -- asking them to "harden" and "protect" and "upgrade" our fragile Power, Cell Phone, Computer, & Internet GRID. You can call them, and contact them through their Congressional and Senatorial webpages (look for contact links), as well as their social media. A personal visit would not hurt either, but be polite and well-prepared. And persistent.

ACTION ITEMS -- SHARING IS CARING:

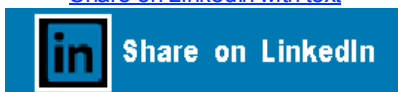
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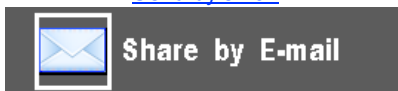
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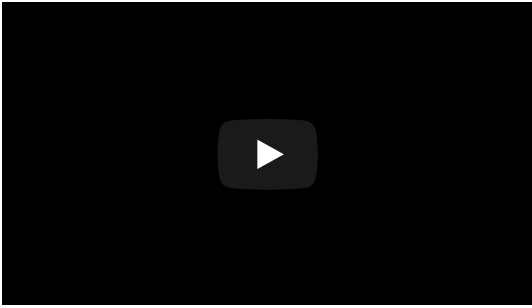
ACTION ITEMS -- Recommendations for citizens: What can I do?

• Have plenty of canned and non-perishable food & drink stored, manual can openers, water for bathing & flushing the toilet, as well as potable drinking water. Peanut butter is an especially good source of fats, proteins, and carbohydrates, and has a long shelf life. (Include Emergency First Aid Kits, prescription and over-the-counter meds, as needed, and also personal items like soap, shampoo, and plenty of toilet paper and/or wash cloths, if you run out of toilet paper—and spare clothing & underwear.)

- Have handy printouts (paper) of important names, addresses, phone numbers, and websites of key emergency contacts (friends, family, police, fire, hospital, electric power & phone companies, local news media phone numbers, to get the latest news, local emergency shelter, animal shelters, etc.), as well as hard copies of good personal, scientific, and religious reading materials (which can come in handy if computers and television grids go down). Also a map (paper printout) of your city—and surrounding cities—might be useful.
- Besides these key paperwork items, ID's, e.g. driver's license, photo ID's, Cash, Credit Cards, and several extra set of house, car, & storage building keys.
- Have printed and/or flash drive (thumbnail USB storage devices) of key paperwork (financial, insurance, & medical records, with deeds and titles to house, vehicles, etc.).
- Invest in several small magnifying glasses (which can be used to start a fire with the sunlight, as well as help you to read fine print if you're far-sighted)
- Have standby generators, backup batteries (preferably NiMH or Li-Ion rechargeable), and/or solar-powered chargers and power supplies. (This is especially needful for portable smart-phones, which need to be charged up periodically.) Portable fire extinguishers would also be useful here.
- Invest in EMP power line transient suppressors and voltage surge protection devices and/or filters;
- When storing your backup generators, leave extension cords UNPLUGGED, lest a solar or EMP event occur, and induce a large current in the lines, and “fry” your equipment. Same is true with radio and television and computer equipment: Don't put them in storage connected to power sources, antennas, etc. (Perhaps wrap “spare equipment” in several layers of aluminum foil, a “makeshift Faraday Cage,” and place this in a metal garbage can, for extra-added 'Faraday' protection.)
- Make sure that stored equipment (batteries, gasoline, tools) has not rusted or gone bad.
- Invest in 1 or 2 cheap bicycles (which will come in handy should petroleum-based fuel becomes scarce), as well as a bicycle air pump, chain oil, etc.
- Invest in some FRS (Family Radio Service), GMRS (General Mobile Radio Service), CB (Citizen's Band), and/or Ham (Amateur) radios as an 'alternate' form of local communication, should the cellular phone grid go down. [NOTE: GMRS and Amateur radios require a license from the FCC to operate, whereas FRS and Citizen's Band don't, but during a state of emergency, that may not matter.]
- Invest in several solar-powered weather radios, which include AM, FM, NOAA Weather, and local television broadcast frequencies. (Portable televisions are optimal, but, lacking that, radios that receive audio of TV broadcasts are a good substitute.)
- Invest in several small LED flashlights. (LED's, light-emitting diodes, use far less current than 'regular' incandescent light bulbs, and produce much less heat.) Some flashlights have solar and/or “hand crank” chargers.
- Have handy emergency medical kits (in the event hospitals lose power and/or become over-crowded.)
- Maintain close ties with friends, neighbours, relatives, local government (police, fire, etc.), and church & community groups, as teamwork would become necessary in the face of adversity.

AND -- Offer these proposals to lawmakers -- to supplement the above:

- Local voltage surge protection devices and/or filters, and even “double-surge” protection in critical electric power, communications, and military infrastructure; Require critical infrastructure to also include EMP power line transient suppressors;
- Upgrading cables, wireless communications systems, electric substation control boxes/houses, and operating centres to be properly hardened, shielded, and grounded with such as a “Faraday Cage”;
- Use of fiber optic-based communications, where possible (which, of course, aren't susceptible to electromagnetic pulses);
- Sufficient “backup” systems to store critical data and provide alternate power in the event of a power outage, including alternative power sources (solar, wind, etc.);
- Having “backup systems” unplugged & disconnected from the grid would help protect them greatly: Disconnecting any sensitive “backup” excitement (computers, solar panels, etc.) from wires (which could pick up an EMF pulse and induce a high-voltage current) would also greatly help, especially if they contain very little 'sensitive' electronics that could be affected by an EMP;
- “Capacitor banks,” which work like batteries to absorb & dissipate excess energy;
- Possibly even an artificial geomagnetic field (using a combination of electromagnets and permanent magnets) across the globe: Would require much international cooperation
- PREVENTION: Forecasting or predicting a solar event, and shutting down (disconnecting) sensitive equipment from the grid is a good precaution. (Proper monitoring of solar events by satellites and deep-space probes would be useful here.);
- Creating guidelines and emergency plans for “black start” and “grid hardening” measures that will improve resiliency and recovery;
- Research, preparation, & review of emergency plans for EMP & solar geomagnetic event scenarios (like is done with hurricanes and earthquakes).
- Protect critical computers / Internet from hacking & cyber-attacks and computer viruses (and not just EMP nuclear detonations or solar flares / geomagnetic storms).
- Prevention and protection in advance would cost Billions of dollars, but cleanup of the mess from a severe EMP or solar event would cost Trillions of dollars—several orders of magnitude greater in cost (not counting the emotional and social costs). Quotable quotes:
 - “An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.”
 - “A Billion in prevention is worth a Trillion in cure.”
 - “Prevention is the best medicine.”



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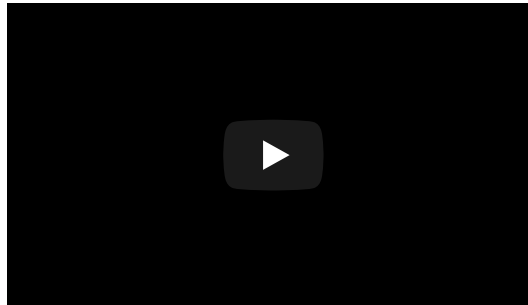
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- **II. Identifying and rooting out excessive unnecessary pork spending to make #1, above, possible, particularly harmful higher ed subsidies**



How are we to pay for much-needed upgrades to THE GRID and other key infrastructure (roads & bridges, for example) if we don't cut unnecessary "Pork" spending excesses? Here's how:



Now, there is much unnecessary and wasteful "pork" spending, as shown -- for example -- in research done by [OpenTheBooks.com](#). As well, the annotated video, above, of an old public "Tele-Town Hall" meeting with former Lakeland, Fla. Congressman, Dennis A. Ross, a Republican, is a perfect example of why we still have an "over-spending" problem: He agrees that taxpayer dollars should not be used to "make" or "back" (guarantee) student loans. However, he never filed any bills to even attempt such! (And, neither has ANY lawmaker in EITHER party!)

Why is this important, you might ask? In any recent analysis of a budget (a few recent examples here), only ONE thing can safely be cut:

- [HOUSE: Outlays vs. Revenue](#)
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- [GAO: Financial Audit: Fiscal Years 2018 and 2017](#)
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There is only ONE (1) 'sizable' thing we can cut in the current budget in outlays, e.g., spending: STUDENT DEBT, which comprises almost TEN (10%) PERCENT of total U.S. Debt, almost \$2 Trillion ÷ \$20 Trillion –or a "few trillion" more, now with COVID-19 economic spending: "Today, FSA's [student debt] portfolio is nearly 10 percent of our nation's debt. [] Stop and absorb that for a moment. Ten percent of our total national debt." Source: **U.S. Dept of Education, Sec. of Education, Betsy DeVos, 11-27-2018 speech:**

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YES: Almost Two Trillion (\$2,000,000,000,000.00) of YOUR taxpayer dollars were used to make or back student loans. Not only is this quite costly, but it is not even helpful: In fact, it is harmful: Colleges simply raise the price of tuition when they have "easy access" to "deep pockets" loans from the taxpayers, who function as a *de facto* "Sugar Daddy" to make colleges and universities rich: The student functions as merely a "passthrough" or "conduit" for this massive wealth transfer. Thus, it should NOT be called "student aide," but rather "rich college aide."

In fact, colleges and universities didn't really begin to price-gouge students until over-eager lawmakers made sure that students had easy access to taxpayer-funded student loans. (Back when college was affordable -- or free in some places -- there was no need for taxpayer-funded Student Loans; indeed, there was no need for student loans AT ALL: College was affordable -- and free in places. Yet, lawmakers of both parties were over eager to provide a solution to a non-existent problem.)

COLLEGE WAS ONCE FREE IN AMERICA: PROOF

Whether you like "Liberals" like Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-VT) or "Conservatives" like Sen. Rick Scott (R-FL), both agree that colleges was once FREE—or VERY close to it, in the past: **REPUBLICAN Senator Rick Scott**: "When I went to college in the 70's, tuition was as low as \$200 a semester, with no fees that I can remember." [Press Release](#) dated Tue. 10 Sept. 2019: [Archive Today cache](#) ; [Wayback Machine archive](#) ; [Mirror 1 archive](#) ; [Mirror 2 archive](#)

Assuming this was January of 1975, this would be equivalent to \$987.89 per semester in an October 2019. Source: [BLS.gov calculator](#) And, [WestEgg's calculator](#) gives a similar conversion: "What cost \$200 in 1975 would cost \$943.89 in 2018."

In fact, *PolitiFact* rated as "Mostly True" **DEMOCRAT SENATOR Bernie Sanders' claim** that college was once "free" in the United States: "There was a time in the United States when some public colleges and universities charged no tuition. However, tuition has never been set as a national policy -- it is a decision for each school or state government officials. And some colleges charged tuition dating back to the 1800s. [] Sanders' statement is accurate but needs clarification. We rate this statement Mostly True." Source: "[Was college once free in United States, as Bernie Sanders says?](#)," by Amy Sherman, *PolitiFact*, 09 February 2016: [Archive Today cache](#) ; [Wayback Machine archive](#) ; [Mirror 1 archive](#) ; [Mirror 2 archive](#)

Historians will recognize this phenomenon as the "Bill Bennett Hypothesis": When you subsidize anything with taxpayer dollars, costs go up.

Conservatives have, for years —for decades— have complained about excess spending of taxpayer dollars to make or guarantee student loans: "If anything, increases in financial aid in recent years have enabled colleges and universities blithely to raise their tuitions, confident that Federal loan subsidies would help cushion the increase." Source: "[Our Greedy Colleges](#)," By Dr. William J. "Bill" Bennett, former Secretary of Education under President Ronald Reagan, *The New York Times*, 18 February 1987: [Archive Today cache](#) ; [Wayback Machine archive](#)

More-recently, President Trump called on lawmakers to curb this harmful pork spending:

"[Trump Proposes Limits On Student Loan Borrowing](#)," By Zack Friedman, *FORBES*, Tue. March 19, 2019: [Google Amp cache](#) ; [Archive Today cache](#) ; [Wayback Machine archive](#)

In fact, the list of supporters for this -- and other -- spending cuts is quite long, and even includes some Democrats, at the very least, Rep. Darren Soto (D-FL-09). SOURCE:

PRESS RELEASE: "[IN FLOOR SPEECH, SOTO REJECTS REPUBLICAN DEFICIT-EXPLODING BUDGET, CALLS ON FREEDOM CAUCUS DEBT BETRAYAL](#)," by Rep. Darren Soto (D-FL-09), Washington, DC, October 26, 2017: [Archive Today cache](#) ; [Wayback Machine archive](#) ; [Other archives- Mirror-1](#) ; [Other archives- Mirror-2](#)

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So, all these lamwkaers (particularly GOP lawmakers) are "talking a big talk," but not "waklinig the walk."

Therefore, all true Conservatives (*who claim to oppose harmful pork spending excesses*) and even many like-minded Liberals (*who rightly see how such "student loan" subsidies result in HIGHER costs of college, not lower -- in addition to soaking the taxpayer, and placing undue student debt burdens on the backs of poor college students -- something which did NOT happen just a few decades back!*), should take a 2nd look at the last 2 pages of the PORK SPENDING CUTS (PDF file format) research linked above.

Here, you will find 2 versions of a bill that does precicely what almost all Republicans and many Democrats claim is needed: Either a reduction or elimination of said subsidies.

One version is merely a "loan limits" bill that reverses Student Loan limits back to previous levels (which is a spending cuts: YOUR tax dollrars are used).

The other version is an extreme -- but necesary -- measure to prohibit and eliminate tax dollars whatsoever, a drastic measure which might not be "politically" possible, as Higher Ed Swamp creatures, who get said corporate handouts therewith, would experience extreme withdrawal symptoms.

However, both versions of this bill are linked above.

VERY IMPORTANT: As no lawmaker -- of either party -- has the guts or gumption to file said bill, there IS no "bill number" to reference, but both versions of the proposed bill, linked above, are gramatically correct, insofar as they properly reference U.S. Code and reverse the harmful effects of §422 of H.R.507 (109th CONGRESS), the "College Access and Opportunity Act of 2005," a chief cause of this crippling & massive college debt, which American college students are currently experiencing—and which costs taxpayers, who make and/or back such loans.

ACTION ITEMS: Contact your ([your Congressman/Congresswoman](#)) & your [U.S. Senator](#), and demand they act. You now have a copy of the bill that needs to be filed (see above, print it out, save a copy, and send it to your lawmakers). This will help their staffers understand your request. But you can speak in plain English too -- asking them to CUT PORK SPENDING -- particularly, please stop using MY tax dollars to make or guarantee student loans to students who don't needs them, can't afford them, and are actually HARMED by said student "aid." You can call them, and contact them through their Congressional and Senatorial webpages (look for contact links), as well as their social media. A personal visit would not hurt either, but be polite and well-prepared. And persistant.

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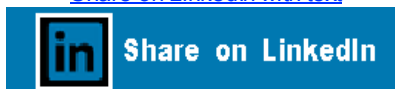
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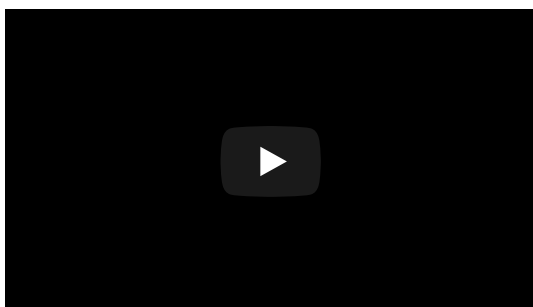
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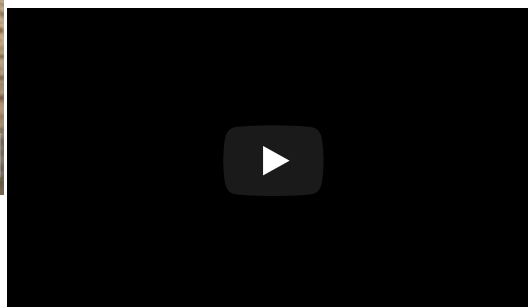
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- **III. Using selected Free Market measures to make #2, above, possible, particularly CONSTITUTIONAL Uniformity in U.S. Bankruptcy Laws**



We must ask "why" NO lawmakers (no, not even so-called "Conservative" GOP Republican lawmakers) have even *attempted* to make the much-needed pork spending cuts described above in point #2 -- and which they almost-uniformly claim they support. Here is a Free Market solution, to which even legendary Conservative talk show host, the late Rush Limbaugh, does not disagree: *Annotated video is in STEREO -- caller & room audio (LEFT), and radio show & host (RIGHT) -- speakers on: STEREO*



Now, it is a "given" that part of the reason GOP Lawmakers failed to do what they claimed to support is "partly" due to lack of honour, spine, and courage. (*That is a polite description, thank you!*) However, that can not *completely* or *fully* account for their lack of [action](#). After careful reflection, it is obvious that the lack of Bankruptcy Uniformity (as required by the U.S. Constitution's legendary "Uniformity clause," Art. I, Sec.8, clause 4) is the chief and main reason. (Anyone who disagrees, please give us a ****better**** explanation; silence is acknowledgement that the aforementioned assessment is correct.)

CAVEAT: This point, "III. Using selected Free Market measures," specifically **BANKRUPTCY UNIFORMITY**, is the "lynchpin," the *Sine Qua non*, indispensable and required element -- and while arguably probably not "as important" as protecting the Power/TelComm grid (and dependant 911 cell, power, & Internet web), nonetheless, **U.S. CONSTITUTIONAL BANKRUPTCY UNIFORMITY** is the nexus -- the one "required" element, without which this entire effort will fall apart, and -- along with it -- our nation, so you have been given fair warning and notice: **Now is the time to pay attention.**

OK, as alleged above, the "pork" spending cuts did not happen in large part due to the lack of Bankruptcy Defense -- as enshrined in the U.S. Constitution, but *howor why* is this relationship true? Well, lawmakers are clearly and obviously bullied, threatened, and bribed (legal "bribes" via campaign contribs) by "powerful" Higher Education lobbyists, who benefit when "loan limits" are set unrealistically high, allowing taxpayers to provide over \$2 TRILLION DOLLAR\$ of *your* tax dollars to students, who function as a "passthrough" or "conduit" (unwilling tools) of said massive wealth transfer -- from taxpayer (you) to Higher Ed interests (colleges, universities, all with bloated budgets and salaries). Thus, there is an interest in keeping this sordid relationship at a "status quo." However, were students able to defend via Bankruptcy Defense, as the Constitution requires, this would "send a message" to lobbyists to "back off"; The "loan limits" as set by §422 of H.R.507 (109th CONGRESS), the "College Access and Opportunity Act of 2005" (which the above point seeks to reverse) would be "frustrated: Even if allowed "by law," the student borrowers would become "loan risks" with new-found "Self defense" abilities of Bankruptcy Uniformity -- and -- via the obvious Free Market pressures, here -- lenders would "back off," and lobbyists would see the "handwriting on the wall," and -- likewise -- back off. This would, of course, make Bankruptcy Uniformity possible.

A combination of loan limits (aka spending cuts, as your tax dollars are used -- see point II, above), and bankruptcy uniformity (this point,

here: Number III.) would force "from both ends" a reduction in higher ed subsidies using your tax dollars. The effects of this would be (at the least) three-fold:

- #1. First, this would save massive amounts of your taxpayer dollars: We would stop the hemorrhaging bleedout of excessive pork over spending, and thus (possibly) avert and avoid a crash of the U.S. Dollar -- and (hopefully) be able to afford much-needed infrastructure upgrades (roads, bridges, power & telcom GRID, etc.)
- #2. "COST\$ OF COLLEGE" would drop like a rock when over-eager colleges & universities (and their bloated staff & salaries) realise that their "taxpayer Sugar Daddy" is cut off: Both the regulatory loan limits (point II., above) and the Free Market pressures of students with "self defense" powers (point III., here) would force down this obscene and sordid pork from both ends, and bloated tuition inflation would be defeated.
- #3. Besides the above, whichever political party (or lawmakers & other leaders) that supported such measures would see massive and decisive results "at the ballot box": As but one example, we note the Democratic Party is much more supportive (though not completely) of such legislation than the GOP, and guess who has been winning in the last several U.S. House of Representatives elections, U.S. Senate races, and Oval Office? Enough said.

There is wide-spread, and bipartisan, support for Bankruptcy Uniformity among both lawmakers and political experts --including (but not limited to) the following: Rep. Glenn S. Grothman (R-WI-06th) -- Conservative Republican: "Primary Sponsor" of H.R.5899 - To amend title 11 of the United States Code to make debts for student loans dischargeable., 116th Congress (2019-2020), Rep. John Katko (R-NY-24th) -- Conservative Republican, and a former Federal Prosecutor: "Primary Sponsor" of H.R.770 - Discharge Student Loans in Bankruptcy Act of 2019, 116th Congress (2019-2020) -- as well as an "Original cosponsor" of H.R.2648 - Student Borrower Bankruptcy Relief Act of 2019, 116th Congress (2019-2020) -- as well as an "Original cosponsor" of H.R.2366 - Discharge Student Loans in Bankruptcy Act of 2017, 115th Congress (2017-2018) -- as well as a cosponsor of H.R.449 - Discharge Student Loans in Bankruptcy Act of 2015, 114th Congress (2015-2016), Rep. Ralph Norman (R-SC-05th) Conservative Republican: "Original cosponsor" of H.R.5899 - To amend title 11 of the United States Code to make debts for student loans dischargeable., 116th Congress (2019-2020), and Rep. Matt Gaetz (R-FL-01st) Conservative Republican (who gave an eloquent defense at the last markup committee meeting for H.R. 2648, from a previous session) -- as well as Rep. Matt Gaetz (R-FL-01st) Conservative Republican.

Lawmakers (of both parties) who support common sense Bankruptcy Uniformity keep getting reelected.

Historians will recall that things worked "just fine" back when College Student borrowers had bankruptcy defense. We compare bankruptcy defense with the 2nd Amendment: Predatory lending, tuition inflation, and the resulting costly taxpayer-funded subsidies were STOPPED before they started due to students who wielded the "Sword of Bankruptcy, but over-eager lawmakers meddled in the Free Market and made a mess when they made students defenseless. Thus Bankruptcy is now christened the "Economic 2nd Amendment," and rightly so.

We know that "Liberals" support student loan bankruptcy, but all true "Conservatives" do as well -- and rightly recognise that Bankruptcy is NOT a Liberal "Free Handout," but rather a Constitutionally-guaranteed right:

["Bankruptcy Could Help Millions Struggling Under Student Debt: In 2005, Congress took this one possible life raft away. Why?"](#), by Jon Basil Utley, publisher of *The American Conservative*, published in ***The American Conservative***, January 23, 2020: [REVIEW](#) ; [AUTHOR PROFILE](#) ; Their byline states: "The American Conservative exists to advance a Main Street conservatism. We cherish local community, the liberties bequeathed us by the Founders, the civilizational foundations of faith and family, and—we are not ashamed to use the word—peace." [Archive Today cache](#) ; [Wayback Machine archive](#) ; [Local archive](#) ; [Mirror-1 cache](#) ; [Mirror-2 cache](#) ; [Mirror-3 cache](#) ; [Mirror-4 cache](#)

Ike Brannon of the *Cato Institute*: **["Let Them Go Bankrupt"](#)**, by IKE BRANNON, ***The Weekly Standard***, February 12, 2016 at 1:15 AM: "5 MIN READ": [Washington Examiner column](#) ; [Archive Today cache-A](#) ; [Archive Today cache-B](#) ; [Wayback Machine Archive-A](#) ; [Wayback Machine Archive-B](#) ; [Archive-C](#) ; [Archive-D](#)

New York Times columnist David Brooks: **QUOTE**: "I think they [the Wall Street Protests] do tap into a couple real issues. Student loans is talked about a lot. And you [should] be able to declare bankruptcy from student loans. You should be able to get out of them under — and the second thing is Wall Street." Source: **["Shields, Brooks on Romney's Electability, Cain's 9-9 Plan, Wall St. Protests,"](#)** *PBS*, Oct 7, 2011: [Archive Today cache](#) ; [Wayback Machine archive](#) ; [Mirror-1 archive](#) ; [Mirror-2 archive](#)

National Review, founded by well-known Conservative, William F. Buckley Jr., is calling for allowing student loans to be dischargeable in bankruptcy: **["An Idea for Student Loans: Get Rid of Them: It's time to shut down the Bank of Uncle Stupid,"](#)** By KEVIN D. WILLIAMSON, ***National Review***, April 18, 2019; 6:30 AM; Quotes: "The federal government should stop making college loans itself and cease guaranteeing any such loans" and: "make student-loan debt dischargeable in ordinary bankruptcy procedures.": [Archive Today cache](#) ; [Wayback Machine archive](#) ; [Mirror-1 archive](#) ; [Mirror-2 archive](#)

From **Frank H. Buckley**, a Foundation Professor at Conservative **Antonin Scalia Law School of Law** at George Mason University and author of "The Republican Workers Party: How the Trump Victory Drove Everyone Crazy, and Why It Was Just What We Needed.": **["The silver bullet for student debt: Bankruptcy,"](#)** By Frank H. Buckley, ***The Washington Post***, August 22, 2018: [Archive Today cache](#) ; [Wayback Machine archive](#) ; [Mirror-1 archive](#) ; [Mirror-2 archive](#)

Jerome Powell, a Conservative Republican, former private equity executive, and current incumbent Chair of the Federal Reserve, who served under Presidents Barack Obama and Donald Trump, agrees:

QUOTE: "Federal Reserve chairman Jerome Powell has said he's "at a loss to explain" why student loans are treated differently than other types of debt in bankruptcy." Source: **["Big changes could be in store for student loan borrowers,"](#)** by Annie Nova (Twitter: @ANNIEREPORTRER), ***CNBC***, Published Friday, October 25, 2019, at 9:44 AM (EDT), UPDATED Saturday, October 26, 2019, at 12:07

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QUOTE: "Powell said he generally supports the idea of a vibrant education loan climate, but added that borrowers need to be informed of the risks they're taking. [] He also wondered why student debt can't be discharged in bankruptcy. [] "I'd be at a loss to explain why that should be the case," he said, while acknowledging that the issue is one for Congress to tackle. [] While Powell said he couldn't quantify what the longer-run economic effects would be, he said there is danger down the road." Source: "[Student debt could hold back economic growth, should be discharged in bankruptcy, Fed chief says](#)," by Jeff Cox (Facebook: @JEFF.COX.7528, Twitter: @JEFFCOXCNBCCOM), **CNBC**, Published Thursday, March 01, 2018, at 11:37 AM (EST), UPDATED Thursday, MAR 01, 2018, at 1:59 PM (EST), [Archive Today cache](#) ; [Wayback Machine archive](#) ; [Mirror-1 archive](#) ; [Mirror-2 archive](#)

QUOTE: "The new chairman of the Federal Reserve questioned why struggling borrowers can't discharge their student loans in bankruptcy. [] "Alone among all kinds of debt, we don't allow student loan debt to be discharged in bankruptcy," Jerome Powell told members of the Senate Banking Committee Thursday. "I'd be at a loss to explain why that should be the case." [] Powell's comments came in response to a question from Senator Brian Schatz, a Democrat from Hawaii, about whether high levels of student debt create a drag on the economy. More than 40 million Americans hold nearly \$1.4 trillion in outstanding student loans." Source: "[New Fed chair doesn't understand why student debt can't be discharged in bankruptcy: 'Alone among all kinds of debt, we don't allow student loan debt to be discharged in bankruptcy'](#)," by Jillian Berman, **MarketWatch**, Published: March 04, 2018, at 11:22 a.m. (EST), [Archive Today cache](#) ; [Wayback Machine archive](#) ; [Mirror-1 archive](#) ; [Mirror-2 archive](#)

44.7 Million Americans with student debt -- and another 40-50 Million who are cosigners, family, & friends (upwards of >100+ Million Americans) probably agree:

- Sources: [Breitbart](#) ; [BusinessInsider.com](#) ; [BusinessInsider.com \(again\)](#) ; [TheFiscalTimes.com](#)

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VERY IMPORTANT: While this is a "political" (and not "religious") project, nonetheless, almost all of our readers have some sort of religion, and it should be noted that the TOP THREE (3) RELIGIONS all support the concept of the "Golden Rule," meaning that if rich lawmakers (and their rich lobbyist friends) wish to have Bankruptcy Defense for *themselves*, then GOD ALMIGHTY demands that they afford others the same:

- **JUDAISM:** Leviticus 19:18b, Leviticus 19:34, The Golden Rule, OLD TESTAMENT (PENTATEUCH)
- **CHRISTIANITY:** Matthew 22:39b, Mark 12:31b, Luke 6:31, Matthew 7:12, The Golden Rule, NEW TESTAMENT (HOLY BIBLE)
- **ISLAM:** Surah 24:22 An-Nur, The Light, on treatment; Surah 2:275 Al-Baqarah, The Cow, on prohibitions of usurious interest; See also: Surah 3:130, The Family of Imran; Surah 4:161, The Women; Surah 30:39 al-Rum aka The Romans (THE NOBLE QUR'AN)
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But we don't merely "gripe," "complain," or "argue" with one another; rather, we offer REAL solutions.

v v **SOLUTIONS** v v v

The following bills, from prior sessions, need to be re-filed *this* session, passed, and signed into law:

- [H.R.2648 - Student Borrower Bankruptcy Relief Act of 2019 \[116th Congress \(2019-2020\)\]](#) – Sponsor: Rep. Nadler, Jerrold [D-NY-10] (Introduced 05/09/2019), Cosponsors – 29 total, 1 Republican, 28 Democrat
- **CRS Summary:** This bill permits a borrower to discharge in bankruptcy a nonprofit, government, or private student loan, or an obligation to repay an educational benefit, scholarship, or stipend. LINKS:
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• [S.1414 - Student Borrower Bankruptcy Relief Act of 2019 \[116th Congress \(2019-2020\)\]](#) – Sponsor: Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL] (Introduced 05/09/2019), Cosponsors – 21 total, 1 Independent, 20 Democrat

CRS Summary: This bill permits a borrower to discharge in bankruptcy a nonprofit, government, or private student loan, or an obligation to repay an educational benefit, scholarship, or stipend. LINKS:

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Besides violating the U.S. Constitution's UNIFORMITY CLAUSE (Art.I, Sec.8, cl.4), and Jesus' own GOLDEN RULE (see above), and that of numerous major religions, the change in U.S. Bankruptcy Law also violated both the Contract and *ex post facto* Law clauses of the U.S. CONSTITUTION -- by illegally changing the terms of many existing loan contract, which had -- as part of their terms -- Bankruptcy, Truth in Lending, Statutes of Limitations, etc. In no other industry do we allow illegal changes in existing contract, so why do we here?

Besides the egregious legal, constitutional, and moral problems with current Bankruptcy Code, the economic harm done, alone, is sufficient reason to contact lawmakers and demand they fix what they -- themselves -- broke: They offered "solutions" to non-existent problems, when Higher Ed finances were working just fine.

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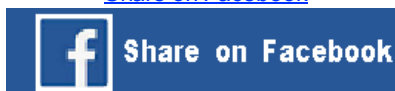
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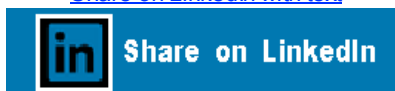
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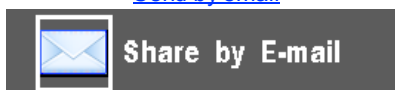
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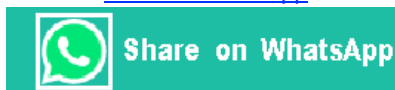
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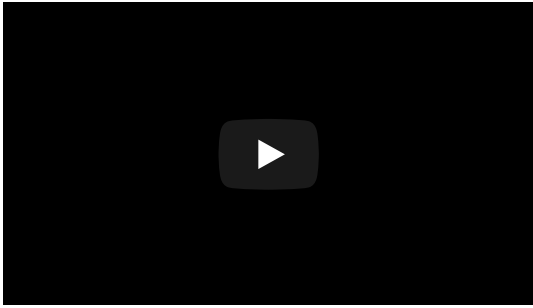


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• **IV. Additional economic measures to assist cutting harmful "pork" spending excesses, particularly, eliminating the "Insurance Middleman" in Healthcare**



While there is much disagreement over the need for "One Payer" or "Universal" or "Socialised" healthcare (run by the Federal Government, as opposed to the city, county, or state programs: AND, CONTRACT WITH AMERICA: PART II takes NO position on this point, with Founder, Gordon W. Watts, being "personally against" the Federal Government's involvement, here -- and preferring, instead, more-local programs that seem to work much better), nonetheless, affordable healthcare is a perennial favourite that comes in among the top complaints against lawmakers.

The current incarnation, the ACA (Affordable Care Act, sometimes called "ObamaCare," after former President Barack H. Obama) is an example of "one payer," and surprised many critics after it survived the removal of the "individual mandate" when GOP lawmakers overcame division, and united to fulfill longtime campaign promises -- when they passed legislation to remove the "mandate" in December of 2017. (Actually, the ACA "mandate" was NOT an actual "mandate" in the truest definition of the word: Americans were not actually "mandated" to purchase it, but if they chose not to purchase it, they were subject to a rather modest tax in most cases, with the exceptionally indigent & poor excepted. But, the word "mandate" is correct in our "colloquial" terms, insofar as most Americans were mandated to either purchase it or pay the tax.) Furthermore, Democrat lawmakers (some think unwisely, no doubt) also gave states an option to either take or refuse the ACA's Medicaid expansion funding, which, arguably, further weakened ObamaCare, when some states' governors didn't like either the

control the federal government wielded in return for tax dollars and/or the fact that the state might, eventually, have to pick up the tab for some costs.

Much to the surprise of many Conservatives, ObamaCare survived both assaults, and is alive today. But, the "affordable" care act has been criticised by many as NOT being "affordable," and the chorus is loud enough such that there is no need for the author of this section to take time to "carefully document" this claim, as is normally done on this page. However, as but one example, this author knows one anonymous friend, who lives in a state that did not take the "expansion," and is exceptionally indigent, and this individual attempted to sign up for ObamaCare -- and was denied, because he/she would have had to have paid huge, and unaffordable, sums of money -- which, if course, he/she was unable to pay, being exceptionally indigent and poor. This individual reports that he/she was, later, able to successfully sign up for a "county" program that offered much the same services. AND (more-importantly) was "affordable" in its costs to the taxpayers who funded it. This point is a key point, so we shall -- as White House press secretary, Jen Psaki, might say -- "circle back" to this point, later.



Which begs the question... "why" is the the ACA *not* affordable for all Americans seeking it (and, some argue, taxpayers who fund it)?

It did not take long to get to the bottom of this investigation: The ACA has an "insurance middleman," that is, the recipient of taxpayer dollars, which, in turn, funds the healthcare proper. This is not sane, reasonable, or justified, because "insurance" as we know it is an American economic concept which is supposed to protect a small entity (an individual or company) -- a "shock absorber," so to speak -- from the economic uncertainties associated with unexpected events, accidents, etc. (Think: Car Insurance, House Insurance, etc., for the individual or company.) However, the Federal Government *needs* no such "shock absorber." As a result, there are unnecessary added costs for the "middleman."

Remember when we said that we would "circle back" to this point? Here we are: The aforementioned investigation revealed something very shocking: County indigent healthcare programs, which did NOT have an "insurance middleman" (but rather, were "one payer," in the use of the taxpayer dollars to pay hospitals and doctors directly) offered much the same services (cataract or heart surgery, if needed, regular checkups, assistance with prescription meds, etc.), and covered lots of people (anyone under an arbitrary poverty standard -- but (and more-importantly) was "affordable" to the taxpayer, footing the bill. All Democrats and Liberals reading this should rise in support (because this is proof that the concept of "Socialised Healthcare" can work, not unlike it has worked for "Social Security," a FEDERAL program which is indeed "socialism," by the very definition, and even as ascribed in its name, "Social" Security). All Republicans and Conservatives reading this should rise in support (not only because of the "cost cutting" measures -- a "fiscally Conservative" concept, but also because of resounding support from no less than former President Donald J. Trump).

In fact, in anecdotal and informal surveys done by principal author of this section, CWA:II Founder, Gordon W. Watts, ALL survey respondents were "for" this legislation. This even included one unnamed "politically Conservative" employee of a private healthcare insurance, which he, himself, admitted would stand to lose were this passed into law. (As this author recalls it, this gentleman told the undersigned author that it would be a good thing, even if his insurance company lost out, because it would help more than hurt, overall.)

SOURCE: "[Executive Order on Lowering Prices for Patients by Eliminating Kickbacks to Middlemen](#)," HEALTHCARE, by President Donald J. Trump, EXECUTIVE ORDERS, Issued on: July 24, 2020: [Archive Today cache](#) ; [Wayback Machibe archive](#)

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This is, however, all meaningless unless an actual "solution" can be found to this problem -- preferably, a "working example," to show that this concept actually works. *Do we?*

PROOF: We have "PolkCare" (Polk County, Florida) and Hillsborough County (Florida) indigent healthcare— two county plans that are "universal healthcare" (e.g., directly tax people through sales tax, which are affordable: A ½ cent and 1-cent sales tax respectively), this "answers the question," posed above, namely: Do we have such examples? ANSWER: YES.

Both "county" plans are [[a]] affordable, [[b]] cover LOTS of people, and [[c]] cover them very well, with regular checkups, and provisions for cataract and heart surgery, to name a few. Before giving documented proof, it should be acknowledged that these county plans are, in some peoples' views, "less powerful" than the ACA, in what precise services are offered, or possibly in "gaps" of who is covered (i.e., how poor one must be in order to qualify). But, in the view of this writer, who has seen first-hand both plans (having lived in both FLORIDA counties), there is an applicable first order approximation, so we shall proceed to examine the facts. (And, even assuming *arguendo* the county services to be somehow "lacking," this does not necessarily mean that this point is incorrect in its claim to "cut costs," both to taxpayers and patients, who would have a lighter burden were this deadweight removed.)

POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA

In Polk County, Florida, a Republican stronghold along the I-4 corridor, even these "Conservative" voters permitted the 1/2-cent local sales tax, which pays for this. QUOTE: "Polk County's indigent care plan is moving closer to expanded services along the Interstate 4 corridor, bolstered by recent approval for a \$4 million low-income-pool grant. The \$4 million is a mixture of \$2.3 million in new funding and \$1.7 million from Polk's half-cent local sales tax for indigent care." Source: "[Polk Care Plan to Expand Services](#)," By Robin Williams Adams, *THE LEDGER*, Posted Oct 22, 2012 at 12:01 AM: [Archive Today cache](#) ; [Wayback Machibe archive](#)

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, FLORIDA

QUOTES: Florida Politics reports that "Helen Gordon Davis, the first woman from Hillsborough County elected to serve in the Florida Legislature, died from congestive heart failure on Monday. She was 88," and -- importantly -- goes on to say that, as lawmaker, Davis did

many things, including (but not limited to) how she "placed a one cent tax for indigent healthcare in Hillsborough County." Source: "[Pioneer Helen Gordon Davis passes away at the age of 88](#)," By Mitch Perry, *FLORIDA POLITICS*, May 18, 2015: [Archive Today cache](#) ; [Wayback Machibe archive](#)

See also: "[FY20 – FY21: Adopted Budget](#)," *HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, FLORIDA*, Fiscal Years 2020-2021: [Wayback Machibe archive](#)

The "insurance" or "medicine" middleman not only sucks up unnecessary taxes, but also creates a *de facto* monopoly in some cases, yet another problem which should be fixed by Federal Lawmakers, and meet the needs of constituents -- and not lobbyists of these large insurance companies:

QUOTE: "Walt Bogdanich, Barry Meier and Mary Williams Walsh of The Times won the award for health care reporting for "Medicine's Middlemen," a series that showed how two companies cornered a market on drugs and medical supplies for many hospitals, inflating costs and sometimes leading to the distribution of inferior medical products." Source: "[Times and Boston Globe Win Polk Awards for Reporting](#)," By Robert D. McFadden, *THE NEW YORK TIMES*, Feb. 24, 2003: [Archive Today cache](#) ; [Wayback Machine archive](#)

Both campaign contributions as well as threats to "primary" lawmakers and/or kick them off committees, have long been documented to have been used by lobbyists to cheat taxpayers in these areas—at least the 3rd example, as documented in this column: "[I]t's documented that then-Speaker Marco Rubio punished [Dennis] Ross and one other representative for voting against the costly, and risky, reinsurance bill that made Citizens Property Insurance the largest property insurer in Florida. [] Ross voted to get the tax dollar "off the hook" for this liberal tax-and-spend boondoggle, and was booted off a committee for it. Now that he's in Congress, he seems afraid to do the right thing." Source: "[Polk Perspective: Rescue taxpayers from mounting student debt](#)," By Gordon Wayne Watts, guest columnist, *The Ledger*, 16 November 2018: [Archive Today cache](#) ; [Wayback Machine archive](#)

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But we don't merely "gripe," "complain," or "argue" with one another; rather, we offer REAL solutions.

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Demand that lawmakers satisfy the long-standing concerns of "Conservative" constituents (who support President Trump's attempts to cut pork spending), as well as "Liberal" constituents (who demand that the Federal Government -- if it is involved in Socialised or One-Payer Healthcare) get rid of the greedy, fat-cat "Insurance Middleman," thus making any Federal incarnation of Healthcare less "unaffordable" and more "efficient" and "affordable." (Or, alternatively, as some "Conservatives" suggest, perhaps demand the Federal Government "get out" of the "Healthcare" business, leaving it to a "States' Rights," issue, where States, Counties, and Cities have shown themselves more efficient, here.)

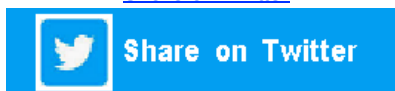
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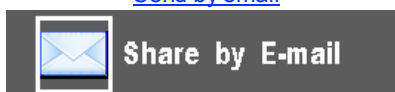
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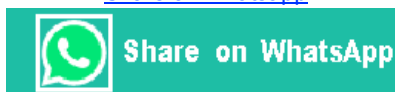
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• **V. Identifying popular CONSTITUTIONAL Freedoms, and demanding our freedoms, particularly, allowing for Medical Marijuana to be lifted from SCHEDULE I to SCHEDULE III status**



Medical Marijuana enjoys the support of Ninety-One (91%) Percent all Americans, which is one of the most popular (if not *the* most popular) item on this "Top 10" List

As noted in the [FAQ writeup](#) by the undersigned researcher, the 2018 Florida "statewide" election results were a "sweep" for the GOP—except in one notable exception: Gov. Ron DeSantis (R-FL) **NARROWLY** beat Democrat, Tallahassee mayor Andrew Gillum; Atty. Gen. Ashley Moody (R-FL) had a close call in her victory over Democrat, State Representative Sean Shaw; Florida CFO Jimmy Patronis (R-FL) barely beat out Democrat businessman Jeremy Ring, a former state senator; Moreover, when retired Senator Bill Nelson (D-FL) ran for a fourth term against former Governor Rick Scott (R-FL), the race ended up being the most expensive Senate race in U.S. History. In the end, Sen. Rick Scott (R-FL) very, very narrowly beat out Bill Nelson, by a 50.07% to 49.92% victory. **However, there was one notable exception:** *Anyone want to hazard a guess?* Yes, that's right: Florida AG Commissioner Nicole "Nikki" Fried went on to beat Republican opponent Matt Caldwell, a popular former state representative and a 7th

generation Florida native, whose family has a long history of being farmers—and who has attained the highest state certification in his field and is qualified as an expert witness in multiple states and federal court.

Sources:

* [BillTrack50.com \(Legislator Detail\)](#) ; [Archive Today cache](#) ; [Wayback Machine archive](#)

* [LeeGov.com \(Inauguration\)](#) ; [Archive Today cache](#) ; [Wayback Machine archive](#)

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* ["CALDWELL: Bio and questionnaires,"](#) By Matt Caldwell, candidate for Fla. Ag Commissioner, *The Florida Times-Union*, Posted Oct 11, 2018 at 2:01 AM, Updated Oct 11, 2018 at 9:39 AM: [Archive Today cache](#) ; [Wayback Machine Archive](#)

So, what has the loss of this "rising GOP star" to do with "Medical Marijuana?"

That's right: Astute historians will recall that Fried's campaign promises (which she's kept) were very strongly supportive of expanding access to Medical Marijuana.

And why is all that important? Well, for one, Article 10, Section 29, of the FLORIDA CONSTITUTION, "Medical marijuana production, possession and use," was put into the Florida Constitution, when, by an overwhelmingly strong super-majority of 6,518,919 votes to 2,621,845 votes, **Amendment 2, "Use of Marijuana for Debilitating Medical Conditions," passed with over 71.3% of the statewide vote.** In fact, even GOP stronghold, Polk County, FL, voted in favour by a 179,018 to 101,578 margin, garnering a **victory with 63.8% of the vote (rounded to 3 sig figs).**

Bottom Line: In Florida, a well-known "swing state," where most elections are won by razor-thin majorities, the GOP picked up a win in ALL state-wide races—except one: Nikki Fried, the Democrat, beat her challenger...*what's his name?* **That's right: We forget...because he LOST.** And *why?* Fried won chiefly because of her "strong stance" in favour of Medical Marijuana—an area where the GOP is notoriously weak. Moreover, the GOP lost the U.S. House of Representatives in that election—to Speaker, Rep. Nancy Pelosi (D-CA-12) and House Democrats. If the national support for Medical Marijuana is similar to Florida's polling, this might have been a factor, and that seems to be true, with even more in favour of "legalization for recreational or medical purposes"—about nine-one (91%) percent to be precise:

QUOTE: "Around nine-in-ten Americans favor legalization for recreational or medical purposes [] In addition to asking respondents about whether marijuana use should be legal in general, the Center asked a separate group of respondents about legalizing marijuana for medical and recreational use. Nearly six-in-ten Americans (59%) favor legalizing marijuana for medical and recreational use, while another 32% say it should be legal for medical use only. Only 8% say it should not be legal." [Boldface Ariel font in original; paragraph line break denoted by '[]' double brackets] Source: ["Two-thirds of Americans support marijuana legalization,"](#) By Andrew Daniller, *Pew Research*, November 14, 2019: [Local copy](#) ; [Archive Today cache](#) ; [Wayback Machine archive](#) ; [Mirror-1 archive](#) ;

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IMPORTANT ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE: CWA: Part II, this project, notes that while support for both "recreational" (legal) and "medical" marijuana enjoys the support of Fifty-Nine (59%) Percent of Americans, this does not quite meet the "60%" threshold for our support; and, as such, we take NO position or stance on the issue of "legal" or "recreational" pot. Those who support it – as well as those who oppose it – are welcome here. But, with over 91% (the 32% who support medical use only, plus the 59% who support both medical and recreational use) supporting "medical" marijuana, this is about the closest one can come to "a mandate" from the voters – Americans, who are represented by Federal Lawmakers – U.S. Senators and Members of Congress.

Thus, while there is a "good case" to be made for making marijuana "legal" for adults (as is alcohol and cigarettes), we will perforce remain neutral on the more controversial aspects of the law, here – instead, presenting polling and scientific data from both sides for the benefit of the public and for lawmakers.

"Medical Marijuana," on the other hand, has a stronger argument: Doctors can regulate it—and, indeed, allow much more dangerous "prescription" drugs—not the least of which include Desoxyn (prescription methamphetamine) and Propofol (the drug that killed pop singer, Michael Jackson).

Sources:

[Drugs.com/propofol.html](#)

* "[Propofol: the drug that killed Michael Jackson](#)," By Peter Wehrwein, **HARVARD MEDICAL SCHOOL**, POSTED NOVEMBER 07, 2011, 5:02 PM: [Archive Today cache](#) ; [Wayback Machine archive](#)

* "[PROPOFOL: A REVIEW OF ITS ROLE IN PEDIATRIC ANESTHESIA AND SEDATION](#)," By Vidya Chidambaran, MD, Andrew Costandi, MD, and Ajay D'Mello, MD, **National Institutes of Health**, doi: 10.1007/s40263-015-0259-6, Author manuscript; available in PMC July 01, 2016: [Archive Today cache](#) ; [Wayback Machine archive](#) [*Italics not in original; added for clarity re pediatric prescription of this drug for children.*]

* [Drugs.com/pro/desoxyn.html](#)

* [WebMd.com on Desoxyn \(prescription methamphetamine\)](#)

Clearly, if we can prescribe **kids** (children) both Methamphetamine and Propofol, and adults can buy beer and wine without any prescription, then taking Marijuana off of "Schedule 1" (totally illegal) status should be no big deal.

Put another way: If there's a strong argument for "recreational" or "legalised" pot (as we do for cigarettes and alcohol), there's an even stronger argument for "Medical Marijuana" (where a doctor has to approve / supervise).

It is worthwhile to look at a few "pro" and "con" arguments, as a primer for this issue—should the reader want to consider more than mere "Medical" or "prescription" use—as addressed in the "Key Legislation," in this section.

There are five (5) chief concerns with making "medical marijuana" available by prescription: (#1) First, the 'absolute' health risks; (#2) Secondly, its alleged effect of being a "gateway" drug to stronger, more harmful, drugs; (#3) Potential addiction; and, (#4) Impaired driving (motor skills) or operation of heavy machinery. (#5) We must look also at potential Health benefits.

In summary, all 5 issues do not appear to pose serious concerns or threats with "Medical" or "Prescription" use, and are addressed in the FAQ writeup, linked below:

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Significant findings from the scientific research include the following:

While "heavy" cannabis smoking was significantly associated with more than a twofold risk of developing lung cancer according to one 40-year study (and this, even after statistical adjustment for baseline tobacco use, alcohol use, respiratory conditions, & socioeconomic status – which suggests that too much of anything can be harmful in excess), nonetheless, for people who *aren't* heavy pot smokers, there is very good news:

* **QUOTE:** “**Marijuana smoking and lung cancer** [] Studies examining the association of marijuana smoking and diagnoses of lung cancer included 1 large retrospective cohort study (n = 64855), 25 case-control studies, 24, 31 and 1 case series³² (Table 6). The cohort study demonstrated that past and current use of marijuana was not associated with an increased odds of lung cancer, after adjusting for tobacco use in men (odds ratio [OR], 0.9; 95% confidence interval [CI], 0.5-1.7) or women (OR, 1.1; 95% CI, 0.5-2.6).” [*Underline added for clarity; bold in original*]

* **Source:** “[The Association Between Marijuana Smoking and Lung Cancer: A Systematic Review](#),” by Reena Mehra, MD, MS; Brent A. Moore, PhD; Kristina Crothers, MD; et al., *JAMA* (The Journal of the American Medical Association is a peer-reviewed medical journal), Arch Intern Med. 2006;166(13):1359-1367. [doi:10.1001/archinte.166.13.1359](https://doi.org/10.1001/archinte.166.13.1359), July 10, 2006

Moreover, even the NIH does not claim hard evidence for cannabis being a "Gateway Drug."

QUOTE: “For example, rats previously administered THC show heightened behavioral response not only when further exposed to THC but also when exposed to other drugs such as morphine—a phenomenon called cross-sensitization.⁵⁰ [] These findings are consistent with the idea of marijuana as a "gateway drug.”, however even the NIH goes on to admit that “However, the majority of people who use marijuana do not go on to use other, "harder" substances.”

Source: “[Is marijuana a gateway drug?](#),” unattributed and undated article, NIH: National Institute on Drug Abuse: [Wayback Machine archive](#)

Motor skill impairment (driving a car) was "dose dependant," and, according to the scientific research cited in the FAQ paper, linked above, pot did not pose any significant threat to driving in low doses, which again reminds us that too much of anything (excess prescription meds, or even excess "staying awake" hours) can impair driving, but in moderation, no significant threat exists.

POT BENEFITS: Both science and religion offer support for these claims.

RELIGION: “And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to every thing that creepeth upon the earth, wherein there is life, **I have given every green herb for meat:** and it was so...Every moving thing that liveth shall be meat for you; **even as the green herb have I given you all things.**” Genesis 1:30 ; Genesis 9:3, Holy Bible (KJV) [Emphasis added by boldface and underline for clarity; not in original]

SCIENCE: “According to the National Institutes of Health, people have used marijuana, or cannabis, to treat their ailments for at least 3,000 years.” Source: “[Marijuana: Good or bad?](#),” Written by David Railton on August 2, 2018 - Fact checked by Jasmin Collier, Newsletter: *Medical News Today*, ; [Wayback Machine archive](#)

EPILEPSY:

Secondly, “cannabidiol, a substance that is present in marijuana, received approval in June 2018 as a treatment for some types of **epilepsy**,” *Ibid*. [Emphasis added by bold underlined; not in original]

Longer quote: “In June 2018, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved the use of a medication containing cannabidiol (CBD) to treat two rare, severe, and specific types of epilepsy — called Lennox-Gastaut syndrome and Dravet syndrome — that are difficult to control with other types of medication. This CBD-based drug is known as Epidiolex. [] CBD is one of many substances that occurs in cannabis. It is not psychoactive. The drug for treating these conditions involves a purified form of CBD. The approval was based on the findings of research and clinical trials. [] A study published in 2017 found that the use of CBD resulted in far fewer seizures among children with Dravet syndrome, compared with a placebo.” *Ibid*.

See also: “[FDA Approves First Drug Comprised of an Active Ingredient Derived from Marijuana to Treat Rare, Severe Forms of Epilepsy](#),” Press Release, FDA (Food and Drug Administration), June 25, 2018, and annotated as “Content current as of: 03/27/2020”: [Wayback Machine archive](#)

See also this quote: “**CONCLUSIONS** [] Among patients with the Dravet syndrome, cannabidiol resulted in a greater reduction in convulsive-seizure frequency than placebo and was associated with higher rates of adverse events. (Funded by GW Pharmaceuticals; ClinicalTrials.gov number, NCT02091375.)” [Font face, size, and bold in original] Source: “[Trial of Cannabidiol for Drug-Resistant Seizures in the Dravet Syndrome](#),” by Dr. Orrin Devinsky, M.D., et. al., *NEJM (The New England Journal of Medicine)*, N Engl J Med 2017; 376:2011-2020, DOI: [10.1056/NEJMoa1611618](https://doi.org/10.1056/NEJMoa1611618), May 25, 2017: [ResearchGate \(cross-post\)](#) ; [Wayback Machine archive](#)

Other research not listed here (for the sake of brevity: please refer to the FAQ doc, linked above) include scientific research to support claims that cannabis is useful to help beat alcoholism & drug addiction; pain management for chronic pain; and, research that shows that pot may actually *help* lung capacity — as well as help reduce inflammation, and offer therapeutic help with neurological and mental disorders, as well as nausea, muscle spasms, anxiety, multiple sclerosis, low appetite, sleep problems, and even autism.

^^^ **PROBLEMS** ^^^

But we don't merely "gripe," "complain," or "argue" with one another; rather, we offer REAL solutions.

v v **SOLUTIONS** v v v

The following bills, from prior sessions, need to be re-filed this session, passed, and signed into law:

· [H.R.712 - VA Medicinal Cannabis Research Act of 2019 \[116th Congress \(2019-2020\)\]](#) – Sponsor: Rep. Correa, J. Luis [D-CA-46] (Introduced 01/23/2019), Cosponsors – 105 total, 9 Republican, 96 Democrat

CRS Summary: This bill requires the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to conduct a clinical trial of the effects of medical-grade

cannabis on the health outcomes of covered veterans diagnosed with chronic pain, and also those diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder. Covered veterans are those who are enrolled in the VA patient enrollment system for hospital care and medical services.

LINKS:

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• [H.R.2191 - Veterans Cannabis Use for Safe Healing Act \[116th Congress \(2019-2020\)\]](#) – Sponsor: Rep. Steube, W. Gregory [R-FL-17] (Introduced 04/09/2019), Cosponsors – 19 total, 8 Republican, 11 Democrat

CRS Summary: This bill prohibits the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) from denying a veteran any VA benefit due to participation in a state-approved marijuana program. For veterans participating in these approved programs, the VA must ensure its health care providers (1) discuss marijuana use with such veterans and adjust treatment plans accordingly, and (2) record such use in the veterans' medical records. [] Under the bill, the VA shall authorize physicians and other VA health care providers to provide recommendations to veterans who are residents of states with approved programs. LINKS:

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• [H.R.4323 - Marijuana 1-to-3 Act of 2019 \[116th Congress \(2019-2020\)\]](#) – Sponsor: Rep. Steube, W. Gregory [R-FL-17] (Introduced 09/12/2019), Cosponsor: Rep. Gaetz, Matt [R-FL-1]* * = Original cosponsor

CRS Summary: This bill directs the Drug Enforcement Administration to transfer marijuana from schedule I to schedule III of the Controlled Substances Act. (A schedule I controlled substance is a drug, substance, or chemical that has a high potential for abuse; that has no currently accepted medical use; and that is subject to regulatory controls and administrative, civil, and criminal penalties under the Controlled Substances Act. A schedule III controlled substance is a drug, substance, or chemical that has less potential for abuse than a schedule I or II substance; that has a currently accepted medical use; and that has low or moderate risk of dependence if abused.) LINKS:

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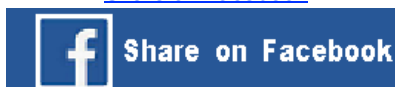
The following bills are from the current 2021-2022 session and warrant your attention:

- [S.253 - Cannabidiol and Marijuana Research Expansion Act 117th Congress \(2021-2022\)](#), Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA] (Introduced 02/04/2021)
- [S.862 - CLAIM Act: To create a safe harbor for insurers engaging in the business of insurance in connection with a cannabis-related legitimate business, and for other purposes.](#) 117th Congress (2021-2022), Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ] (Introduced 03/18/2021)
- [S.910 - SAFE Banking Act of 2021 To create protections for financial institutions that provide financial services to cannabis-related legitimate businesses and service providers for such businesses, and for other purposes.](#) 117th Congress (2021-2022), Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR] (Introduced 03/23/2021)
- [S.1183 - A bill to allow veterans to use, possess, or transport medical marijuana and to discuss the use of medical marijuana with a physician of the Department of Veterans Affairs as authorized by a State or Indian Tribe, and for other purposes.](#) 117th Congress (2021-2022), Sen. Schatz, Brian [D-HI] (Introduced 04/15/2021)
- [H.R.365 - Marijuana 1-to-3 Act of 2021 117th Congress \(2021-2022\)](#), Rep. Steube, W. Gregory [R-FL-17] (Introduced 01/19/2021)
- [H.R.430 - Veterans Cannabis Use for Safe Healing Act 117th Congress \(2021-2022\)](#), Rep. Steube, W. Gregory [R-FL-17] (Introduced 01/21/2021)
- [H.R.1614 - To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide that marijuana use, possession, and distribution may not be considered for determinations of whether a person is a person of good moral character, and for other purposes.](#) 117th Congress (2021-2022), Rep. Boyle, Brendan F. [D-PA-2] (Introduced 03/08/2021)
- [H.R.1996 - SAFE Banking Act of 2021: AN ACT To create protections for financial institutions that provide financial services to cannabis-related legitimate businesses and service providers for such businesses, and for other purposes.](#) 117th Congress (2021-2022), Rep. Perlmutter, Ed [D-CO-7] (Introduced 03/18/2021)
- [H.R.2588 - To allow veterans to use, possess, or transport medical marijuana and to discuss the use of medical marijuana with a physician of the Department of Veterans Affairs as authorized by a State or Indian Tribe, and for other purposes.](#) 117th Congress (2021-2022), Rep. Lee, Barbara [D-CA-13] (Introduced 04/15/2021)
- [H.R.2830 - To protect the Second Amendment rights of adults whose use of marijuana is permitted by State or tribal law.](#) 117th Congress (2021-2022), Rep. Young, Don [R-AK-At Large] (Introduced 04/22/2021)

ACTION ITEMS: Contact your ([your Congressman/Congresswoman](#)) & your [U.S. Senator](#), and demand they act. You now have bill numbers, which will help their staffers understand your request. But you can speak in plain English too – asking them to LISTEN TO THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE on this issue – where NINETY-ONE (91%) PERCENT SPEAK in support of Medical Marijuana – and we keep getting ignored!! You can call them, and contact them through their Congressional and Senatorial webpages (look for contact links), as well as their social media. A personal visit would not hurt either, but be polite and well-prepared. And persistent.

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You may also [donate](#) if you can't do anything else; that is critical since we are taking time off from "paying" jobs to do this much-needed volunteer work. Nonetheless, it is even more important to politely, but firmly (and consistently) demand our over-paid, under-performing lawmakers (who make around \$200 GRAND per year – much more than our staff) to do their job: FILE THE BILLS ALREADY, and stop merely sucking down our taxpayer dollars. **ACTION ITEMS:** Contact your ([your Congressman/Congresswoman](#)) & your [U.S. Senator](#), and demand they act. You now have bill numbers, which will help their staffers understand your request. But you can speak in plain English too – asking them to listen to the 91% approval rating for Medical Marijuana - and act: You can call them, and contact them through their Congressional and Senatorial webpages (look for contact links), as well as their social media. A personal visit would not hurt either, but be polite and well-prepared. And persistent.

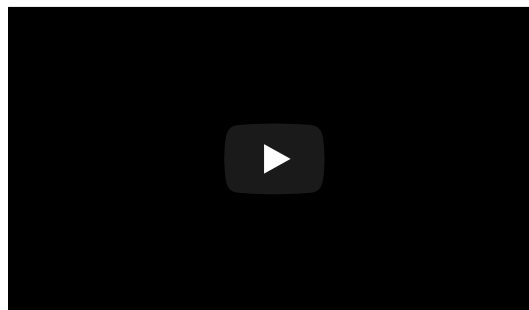
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- VI. FLORIDA State Agencies that fail to "communicate" with one another and exchange intelligence are not unlike the F.B.I. and C.I.A. who failed to exchange intelligence -- which allowed the 911 Terrorist attacks to happen. Point VI., here, is "unique" in all the points, insofar as it deals strictly with a STATE issue (and not a FEDERAL issue), however, it is included because some problems require state, county, or local solutions.



State Agencies

Here, we have a "huge" screwup that could be prevented by a "simple" solution: When CWA:II Founder, Gordon W. Watts, of Plant City, Florida, was listening to Florida news/talk radio station [WLKF-Talk 1430AM/96.7FM](#) (in neighbouring Lakeland, Florida), he heard the [Legal Eagle](#) call-in radio talk show, hosted by his good friend Atty. Tony Dodds, Esq., a long-time and well-respected local lawyer -- where Tony describes just such a situation -- and which merits our attention.



Tony was describing a new type of unemployment scam, in which people make claims against employers for whom they never worked. Why is this in need of our attention? Well, as Tony eloquently points out, had the [The Fla. Dept. of Economic Opportunity](#) simply had access to basic employment information from [The Fla. Dept. of Revenue](#), they would have clearly seen that Mr. Dodds had NO employees on the payroll -- much less the dishonest scammer alleging they were entitled to unemployment comp from Tony's law office. This would've save a lot of headache and pain on the part of Tony, who had to jump through all kinds of Bureaucratic Red Tape hoops to simply stop a problem that should have never occurred in the first place -- had two Fla. agencies simply exchanged data to flag such spam.

Without further ado, it might be informative to simply watch the video, and here are video notes with appropriate time-stamps.

Title: "The Legal Eagle Show (WLKF Talk1430, 96.7FM) Unemployment Comp fraud in Fla-what YOU can do about it"

00:00 -- INTRO -- 00:30

00:30 -- Segment 1 topic: Unemployment Comp Scam -- 08:05

08:05 -- Host, Tony Dodds, invites listeners to call in & throws out his contact info -- 09:22

09:22 -- Caller: Gordon offers encouraging word & asks what listeners can do -- 11:45

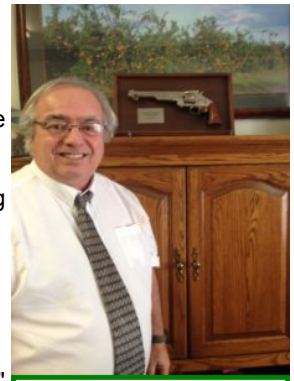
11:45 -- Host: Listeners can contact Florida state lawmakers to demand that 2 state agencies communicate with one another -- 13:28

13:28 -- Caller offers comparison to how F.B.I. & C.I.A. refused to exchange intelligence data -- thus allowing terrorist attacks -- 13:55

13:55 -- Host continues to clarify -- 20:01

20:01 -- Concluding comments on Segment 1, Unemployment Comp fraud -- 21:25

21:25 -- Segment 2 topic: Gun Control legislation is introduced. EDITOR'S NOTE: Since this is a "Fair Use" clip, the 2nd segment is NOT being included in its entirety -- "Fair Use" means for research, commentary, criticism, & parody, so only the twenty-two (22) minutes of "on topic" audio material from this show is being featured for news & commentary use -- to respect the copyright laws and rights of the rightful copyright owners of this show, most likely the radio station and host -- but whomever they are. -- Editor-in-Chief, Gordon Wayne Watts, *The Register* -- reporting on this news item. -- 22:00



Atty. Tony Dodds, Esq.
LAKELAND, Florida

^^^ **PROBLEM** ^^^

We don't just complain, but rather seek real solutions!

v v v **SOLUTIONS** v v v

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* MyFloridaHouse.gov/representatives

* FLSenate.gov/Senators

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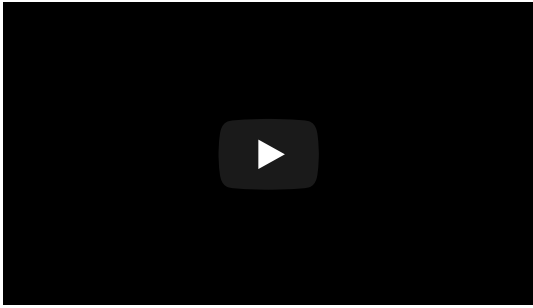
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Remember, folks: Some problems are solved ONLY at the state, county, city, or local level: Have handy ALL contact information for lawmaker -- not just our FEDERAL lawmakers.



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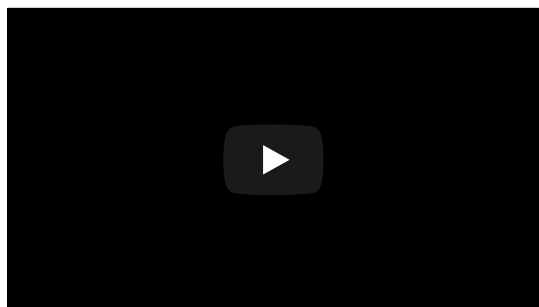
- VII. COST\$ of COLLEGE are out of sight! We take NO position on "Free" College or Student Debt "forgiveness" (or "cancellation" is more accurate term: Students who are victims of illegal price-gouging did not 'sin', thus 'forgiveness' is not the right term). While students WERE victims of illegal price-gouging, a 'cancellation' of student debt would only free *some* debt slaves, but NOT end debt slavery, and thus is not the final solution. However, this situation is VERY bad, and comes in at #7 on the Top 10 list, here: ROMAN NUMERAL VII., if you will.

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CAVEAT: This section -- "VII. COST\$ of COLLEGE" -- is the *most emotional* section of the entirety of this project -- with people "dug in" on both sides, and willing to shoot you "hate daggers" or look for even *thinking* about disagreeing, so please pay close attention from here on out, lest you miss the actual solution -- and be "caught up" on "hating on" your brother man, who sees things differently. Remember: There is a reason why he/she sees it differently -- and it may be because both of you have refused to look at my solution -- which will work for BOTH the "left-wing Liberal Democrats" (who make the most noise about this) and the "right-wing Conservative Republicans" (as is Conservative Founder, Gordon W. Watts).



by documented evidence. **But, before we get going, one thing needs to be cleared up:** A very common occurrence are loud mouth complainers coming onto Mr. Watts' personal Facebook and accusing him of supporting "Free College" or "Loan Forgiveness," which are false allegations, as all of his recent columns in *The Ledger* will attest -- and even his call-in to Brian Kilmeade's talk radio show. These accusations are false for no less than three (3) reasons: First, it did not happen. Secondly, Mr. Watts, a Conservative, believes in 'personal responsibility,' and does not "personally" support a free handout. Third and most-importantly is this, so pay attention: Even

Above is are recent annotated call-ins to both the BRIAN KILMEADE show and C*SPAN, by 2 different callers, which prove instructive, but make claims that need to be proved

though Mr. Watts will shortly prove that American college students have been ripped off, cheated (in both legal, moral, and Constitutional terms) multiple ways, "forgiving" the student debt (either by Exec Order or legislation) will not end debt slavery, and only free some debt slaves: This would be just as wrong (morally) as Abe Lincoln freeing only *SOME* slaves -- but adamantly refusing to end slavery as we know it. **Things get easier, even if a bit lengthy/interesting -- so, take a deep breath: If you've made it this far, then it's "all downhill" and easy from here on out.**

Put another way, LIBERALS who wish to support CWA:ll, this project (and help straighten out over-paid, wayward lawmakers) now see that we are NOT "against" you. And, CONSERVATIVES who wish to support CWA:ll, but are "wary and suspicious" of Mr. Watts' "Conservative Creds," need look no further than HERE:

- "To be clear, I'm conservative and don't seek free college, loan forgiveness, or liberal free handouts. But tuition is technically a tax. [] Funding to an arm of government (state colleges), and students are sorely overtaxed." *Source*: "[Polk Perspective: Offer relief for taxes dressed up as 'loans'](#)," By Gordon Wayne Watts, Guest columnist, *The Ledger*, Posted Tuesday, Nov 19, 2019 at 12:02 AM: [Archive Today cache](#) ; [Wayback Machine archive](#) ; [Local cache](#) ; [Mirror-1 archive](#) ; [Mirror-2 archive](#) ; [Mirror-3 archive](#) ; ["More to see" folder](#)"
- Sen. Rick Scott (R-FL), another Conservative, agrees with Mr. Watts: QUOTE: "**WASHINGTON, D.C.** -- Today, Senator Rick Scott released the following statement after reports that the Florida Board of Governors is considering a tuition increase for state university students. As Governor, Senator Scott fought to hold the line on tuition by vetoing tuition increases, eliminating automatic inflationary tuition increases, freezing tuition, greatly limiting tuition differential, and appointing leaders who share his goal of providing an affordable higher education to Florida students and families...**Senator Rick Scott** said, "[Raising tuition on families is a tax increase](#). And, it's a tax increase that harms Floridians' ability to achieve the American dream of earning a higher education diploma. As families are still struggling to recover from the coronavirus, leaders in Florida should absolutely not consider raising tuition." [Editor's Note: Boldface emphasis in original; not added. But underline is NOT in original; added for clarity.] SOURCE: "[Sen. Rick Scott to Florida Board of Governors: Do Not Raise Tuition on Florida Students](#)," Press Release dated: Monday, November 30, 2020: [Archive Today cache](#) ; [Wayback Machine archive](#) ; [Local cache](#) ; [Mirror-1 archive](#) ; [Mirror-2 archive](#) ; [Mirror-3 archive](#)
- See also: "[Rick Scott: Raising Tuition on Families is a Tax Increase](#)," by Kevin Derby, *Florida Daily*, Tuesday, 01 December 2020: [Archive Today cache](#) ; [Wayback Machine archive](#) ; [Local cache](#) ; [Mirror-1 archive](#) ; [Mirror-2 archive](#) ; [Mirror-3 archive](#)
- As [stated above, in Section II](#), College WAS free in the United States in places -- and very close to it everywhere else, as both Republican Rick Scott and Liberal Senator Bernie Sanders both agree -- and as proved true by multiple fact-checkers. So, if we had Free College in the past, then supporting "affordable" college in the "here and now" is not unreasonable or obscenely Liberal.
- BONUS: The next time you "get down" on someone wanting to be able to get an education without being in debt for three lifetimes, just remember: The doctor, nurse, electrician, airplane pilot, and so on ALL need an education to avoid killing someone (maybe you?) on a semi-regular basis. "Affordable College," a concept which we used to support (but don't now) threatens national security (and lives) -- as other nations surpass us in this, and other, areas.
- All those old-timers (who got free -- or very affordable college) and are now saying "he took the loan out, so he should repay it" (no matter how much illegal obscene price-gouging occurs) should re-read the point just above.

One last warning: LIBERALS who wish to "jump ship" and leave now: If you abandon ship now, then you will NEVER get relief from the twin curses of skyrocketing tuition and the resultant collegiate debt that crushes you, so remember: #Teamwork #TogetherWeCan. CONSERVATIVES who wish to "jump ship" and leave now: If you abandon ship now, then you will NEVER see lawmakers finally stop spending your tax dollars to make or back (guarantee) collegiate loans, and this hemorrhaging will bleed us to death and crash the dollar - and it will be *your* fault for refusing to abide by the twin solutions of #Teamwork and #TogetherWeCan. That was your last warning: Govern yourself accordingly.

OK, with the strong admonitions and exhortations out of the way, we can conduct business -- and "make a plan" to use the Free Press to send a message to lawmakers -- not just to "complain about" problems, but propose what we want done as a solution. **Firstly (1st)**, [cutting pork spending subsidies](#), and **secondly (2nd)**, using [Constitutional Bankruptcy Uniformity](#), as a Free Market pressure to effect the pork cuts, per above, lay the solid foundations we need for action, but still lacking is a clear agreement of all parties in understanding the origins and causes -- and hard facts -- from documented sources -- to justify "workable" solutions: **A third (3rd) solution** might include the government using "price controls" as is done in insurance, electric utilities, and Internet prices. **A fourth (4th) -- "Liberal" -- solution** might include simply funding Higher ed like we do Public Ed: With a slight increase in tax dollars. This project takes NO position (either supporting or opposing) this 4th possible solution, but notes that it could not be much worse than the current condition: Both taxpayers and students getting crushed: As this 4th method might actually cost *less* tax dollars (because government can control costs), it should appeal to fellow-Conservatives; and, as students would get relief from crushing debt, this might appeal to so-called Liberals. But, as there is no clear-cut "60% or more" consensus on this method (which would involve slight tax increases, as is done with Public Ed), this matter is left to the conscience of each voter, while we focus on items where 60% plus consensus exists -- and which, if done -- might make "moot" these 3rd and 4th possible solutions.

**** A CLEAR UNDERSTANDING of FACTS ****

We must come to agreement on certain facts before we can move on -- particularly because some of this is not well-known: We must be "on the same page," if we are to "have a plan," no?

- **1. CONFLICT OF INTEREST:** My "conflict of interest" statement: PROOF that I (Gordon W. Watts) don't stand to gain if "loan forgiveness" is given.
- **2. BLACK AMERICANS:** Anything that hurt Americans, here, hurts Black Americans are about 2-3 times the average rate. VERY IMPORTANT.
- **3. CONTRACT LAW:** Illegal change in existing loan contracts ALONE justifies nullification.
- **4. CONSTITUTIONAL PROTECTIONS:** Unconstitutional violation of bankruptcy uniformity ALONE justifies nullification.

- **5. PRICE-GOUGING:** Illegal price-gouging for current generation vs "college was free" for old timers ALONE justifies loan cancellation.
- **6. SCARY C.B.O. REPORT:** Currently, taxpayers are "ahead" and should ask nothing for a debt that has already been "more than paid" slightly over TWO times.
- **7. OVER 100 MILLION AMERICANS:** This hurts over 45 Million Americans with student debt and another 40-50 Million who are cosigners, family/friends, etc., about 100M Americans.
- **8. COLLEGE WAS ONCE FREE IN AMERICA: MORE PROOF:** From eleven (11) different sources -- both Conservative, Liberal, and otherwise, damning proof of price-gouging: If college was once FREE (or VERY close to it, and American Higher Ed still the BEST in the world), then why can't we do it now? Thus, our 5 and 6-digit price-tags for an education are NOT anything but illegal price-gouging: AGAIN: Illegal price-gouging for current generation vs "college was free" for old timers ALONE justifies loan cancellation.
- **9. CONCLUSION:** The ""Higher Ed" lending system is an EPIC FAIL and must be ELIMINATED YESTERDAY ALREADY. Eliminating Debt Slavery is justified, and -- if not done, it will ensure our next generation is uneducated and over-burdened with debt, as well as crash the dollar due to the obscene spending that is done.

1. CONFLICT OF INTEREST: A lot of people are thinking "this guy, Gordon Watts, is not conservative because he makes strong arguments that college students were/are cheating, and hint or imply at forgiveness, cancellation, free college, etc." FLASE. ... I, CWA:II Founder, Gordon W. Watts, do not have a conflict of interest in this regard.

Conflict of Interest Statement: Do I have any "conflicts of interest," in this regard? (I.e., am I trying to get the government to "forgive" or "pay" any student debt that I may have?) Short answer: NO.

Long answer (because there's always "one in the crowd," that likes to get loud):

First off, while I do have student debt, it is, technically, paid for *en toto*: PAID IN FULL. Based on my current IBR (Income Based Repayment) plan, my monthly payments are \$0.00 per month, and thus if I continue to "rock the boat," this neat IBR plan just may evaporate in a mist of smoke and disappear. Proof that I'm on the IBR (Income-based Repayment) plan of zero dollars per month repayment. PROOF:

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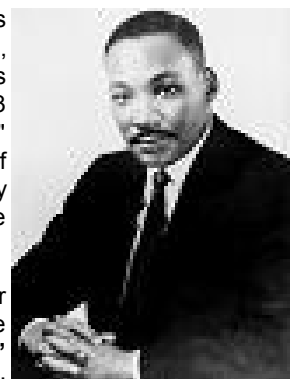
Thus, it is safe to say that, while Mr. Watts may be wrong, he does not have a "conflict of interest" to "go in" with the Liberals and defend them unless they just so happen to be correct on a few points -- "Costs of College" being one of them.

Besides this, Mr. Watts is lost lots of money in no less than three areas: (#1) Costs to create website domain name, hosting, etc.; (#2) Costs to trademark his new, trademark phrase "CONTRACT WITH AMERICA: PART II"; and, (#3) Time/Money lost from an actual "paying" job (which is probably easier, less controversial, less time-consuming, etc.)

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2. BLACK AMERICANS: A lot Americans are hurt (more than 45 Americans Million with student debt, and another 40-50 Million who are cosigners, family/friends, etc.) -- that is, over One-Hundred (100,000,000) Million Americans are crushed beyond repair -- but this crushing harms Black Americans at 2-3 times the average (and already heavy) rate, which makes this crisis even more pressing. While "reparations" specifically to Blacks would probably not be a workable solution, nonetheless, if the twin curses of "skyrocketing tuition" and "soaring collegiate debt" harm Blacks in a disproportionate manner, then any solutions should HELP Black Americans in a disproportionate manner -- which would offer relief. But first, we must lay the foundations of documented facts and proof:



QUOTE: "Four years after graduating college, black students owe nearly twice as much student debt as their white peers do and are three times more likely to default on those loans, according to a new paper by the Brookings Institution." SOURCE: "[Black College Grads Have Twice as Much Student Debt as Whites](#)," by Kerri Anne Renzulli, **TIME**, Oct 21, 2016: [Archive Today cache](#) ; [Wayback Machine archive](#) ; See also: SOURCE: "[REPORT: Black-white disparity in student loan debt more than triples after graduation](#)," by Judith Scott-Clayton and Jing Li, **The Brookings Institution**, Thursday, October 20, 2016: [Archive Today cache](#) ; [Wayback Machine archive](#)

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3. CONTRACT LAW: A lot violations of the U.S. Constitution occurred in this area of American Higher education, but one of the most egregious was the illegal change to existing loan contracts of honest Americans who were only trying to better themselves by hard work and study in college -- and are rewarded with this by this illegal change in the terms -- changing the rules after the horse race has started, so to speak -- quite illegal -- and unconstitutional -- and something that should matter to so-called "Conservatives."

The U.S. Constitution, in Art. I, Sec. 10, clause 1, strictly forbids changes in existing contracts by lawmakers:

"Section 10: Powers Denied to the States... No State shall...pass any Bill of Attainder, ex post facto Law, or Law impairing the Obligation of Contracts." SOURCE: [U.S. CONSTITUTION](#), Art. I, Sec. 10, cl.1

Legal Scholars recognize this as a valid interpretation of the CONSTITUTION:

QUOTE: "It is not illegal to alter a contract once it has been signed. However, it must be materially changed, meaning that if an important part of the contract is altered by the change, it must be made by mutual consent of both parties. If only one party modifies the contract without the agreement of the other, then it is unlikely the changes will be enforceable." Source: "[Contract Alteration: Everything You Need to Know](#)," by *UpCounsel*, © 2020 *UpCounsel, Inc.*, small quote used under "Fair Use": [Archive Today cache](#) ; [Wayback Machibe archive](#)

Many students took out loans prior to 1998, but bankruptcy availability was REMOVED from existing loan contracts. This is quite illegal—that was a valid contract, and the student borrowers did NOT consent to any change. This violated case law on contracts, as well as the CONTRACT CLAUSE of the U.S. Constitution. And it constituted deceptive lending: Had students known that they would lack standard consumer protections (Statutes of Limitations, Bankruptcy defense, Truth in Lending, Fair Debt & Collection standards Usury laws, Rights to Refinance, etc.), many would NOT have taken out said loans. That would be like you buying a car, and finding out that the brakes, transmission, and engine were all shot—and defective. NO one would expect you to pay on that! #DeceptiveLending, hello? **PROOF:**

QUOTE: "BAPCPA also removed bankruptcy protections on student debt for private student loans. This was the culmination of several decades of reduced protections on student loans, starting in the late 1970s. First student loans weren't dischargeable in bankruptcy during their first five years. Then, in 1996, Social Security payments became eligible to be garnished to pay student loans. In 1998, the statute of limitations was removed so that public student loans were never dischargeable. BAPCPA extended all this to private loans. At the time, the private lender Sallie Mae pushed for this reform above all others. A study by Mark Kantrowitz found that this change did little to increase the availability of private student loans to students with poor credit, which is precisely what it was supposed to do (Konczal 2011)." SOURCE: "[A NEW REPORT BY THE ROOSEVELT INSTITUTE AIMS TO ESTABLISH A SOLID DEFINITION OF FINANCIALIZATION](#)." : [Wayback Machine archive](#)

SEE ALSO: "In 1998 The Higher Education Amendments of 1998 removed bankruptcy discharge for student loans after seven years in repayment, and made student loans almost entirely non-dischargeable.6 The law took effect on October 7, 1998 and thus borrowers who reached their seventh year of repayment before the reform had discharge available, while borrowers who reached their seventh year of repayment after the reform were unable to discharge their students loans in bankruptcy." [] "6There are rare cases in which students loan borrowers can prove undue hardship and discharge student loans. See appendix A for more on student loan bankruptcy." SOURCE: "[Future Conferences - Financial Management Association – Title: "Strategic Default on Student Loans."](#)", by Constantine Yannelis † , † Department of Finance, NYU Stern School of Business, New York, NY 10012. constantine.yannelis@stern.nyu.edu, October 2016, Abstract: [Wayback Machine archive](#)

Of course, this alone -- the deception, fraud, and illegal changes in loan contracts -- alone would justify full cancellation, according to these legal scholars.

Random "Other" THOUGHTS:

It may be possible that ABSOLUTELY NO money at all would be needed to cancel the loans. If you read any of Ron Paul's stuff on monetary policy, all loans are created "out of thin air." Literally. When you go out to eat, and put it on your credit card (not debit card, that's different), that debt is CREATED "out of thin air," – fiat money – and not backed by any gold AT ALL! – just by you signing an agreement to pay it. Visa/ MasterCard covers your bill, and that creates a debt that you now agree to pay. When you buy a house, and the bank cuts a check to the owner you are buying from, you don't think that bank actually "spits out" \$250,000, *do you?*

NO. They create that debt "out of thin air," backed only by your promise to pay. Student loans are the same way. You don't think that colleges actually have all that money "in a bank account" allotted to student loans / tuition, *do you?* NO. They have you sign an agreement that you are borrowing X-amount of dollars, and that you agree to pay it back. That's it. Then they enter the paid amount on your college account and cut you a check for the rest. It's all "funny money" created "out of thin air." But then you have to work and pay it back with actual hard work and REAL money. Government and banks create money out of thin air all the time (for their own greedy selves! But not for us, hello!?). Canceling it would not cost anyone a dime. But they don't want to tell the public that, because it would likely cause an armed revolt. Like the recent riots, arson burnings, looting, & protests of late.

In fact, many of these "old timers," who complain "they took out the debt, they should repay," will likely face a HEART ATTACK, STROKE, CANCER—or worse! And be faced with but TWO choices: Take out a HUGE medical debt, or die— graveyard dead! And, then the college students (who were told to either go to colleges & work hard OR BE UNABLE TO GET A NORMAL JOB) will tell these "old timers" to go pound sand—and repay *their* debt... #DoubleStandards and #Karma Thus, if readers don't like the idea of students getting off scot free, then -- instead -- they must demand lawmakers PREVENT all this violence like this: Restore bankruptcy fairness for students -- which would make the lender (Dept of Ed using YOUR tax dollars) slow up on the bleedout pork spending waste --and loan limits, as outlined in this project.

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4. CONSTITUTIONAL PROTECTIONS: A lot of other constitutional violations have occurred:

"Section 8: Powers of Congress [] The Congress shall have Power To...establish a uniform Rule of Naturalization, and uniform Laws on the subject of Bankruptcies throughout the United States." SOURCE: [U.S. CONSTITUTION](#), Art. I, Sec. 8, cl.4

As [shown earlier](#), U.S. Bankruptcy Code is not uniform: Ask any college student if you don't believe -- and look again at the actual law. Of

course, Uniformity is a special type of Equal Protection, which current law violates, and many scholars would argue that this -- alone -- justifies full and complete cancellation of all collegiate debt. For those who think they are harsh, just remember: Police, when gathering evidence, can NOT gather it illegally, without -- say -- probable cause and/or a search warrant -- as the law requires: Thus, even if the police gather evidence and prove a criminal to be guilty, nonetheless, the judge will say that this evidence is inadmissible, and that the guilty party must get off scot free. In like manner, the bankruptcy code egregiously violates the U.S. Constitution in this regard also, and thus scholars would argue that a full debt cancellation is in order for this reason alone: Just like the rule for cops/courts is in place to "send a message" to cops to NOT break the law, likewise this concept is applicable here, too. !!!Moving on...

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5. PRICE-GOUGING: A lot of illegal price-gouging is present in costs of college. (If we complain about the illegalities of price-gouging over "small" things like food, water, gas, & oil, why not costs of college, which now run into the 6-digit range!?)

As [documented above, in Section II](#), College was once FREE in the United States in places -- and very close to it everywhere else, as both Republican Rick Scott and Liberal Senator Bernie Sanders both agree -- and as proved true by multiple fact-checkers. So, if we had Free College in the past, then our collective demands to lawmakers to put a STOP to illegal price-gouging (making education affordable - - once again) is not unreasonable. Below, you will find a helpful graph illustrating the 2 extremes: "Liberal" free handouts, and "Liberal" over-taxation, with the "Conservative" view in the middle: Affordable college. See e.g.: "[Higher-Ed Tuition Costs: The 'Conservative' view is not on either extreme Students are told from an early age that an education is the only way to success, and yet when they follow the inevitable path, they are lured into a trap -a debt-trap,](#)" by Gordon Wayne Watts, *The Register*, Published: Monday, 28 September 2009 ; Last Modified: Saturday, 06 July 2019: [Local copy \(PDF format\)](#) ; ARCHIVED (*.html webpage) CACHES: [via: GoDaddy](#) ; [via: Host Gator](#) ; [via: Lycos/Tripod](#) ; [via Archive Today](#) ; [via The Wayback Machine](#)

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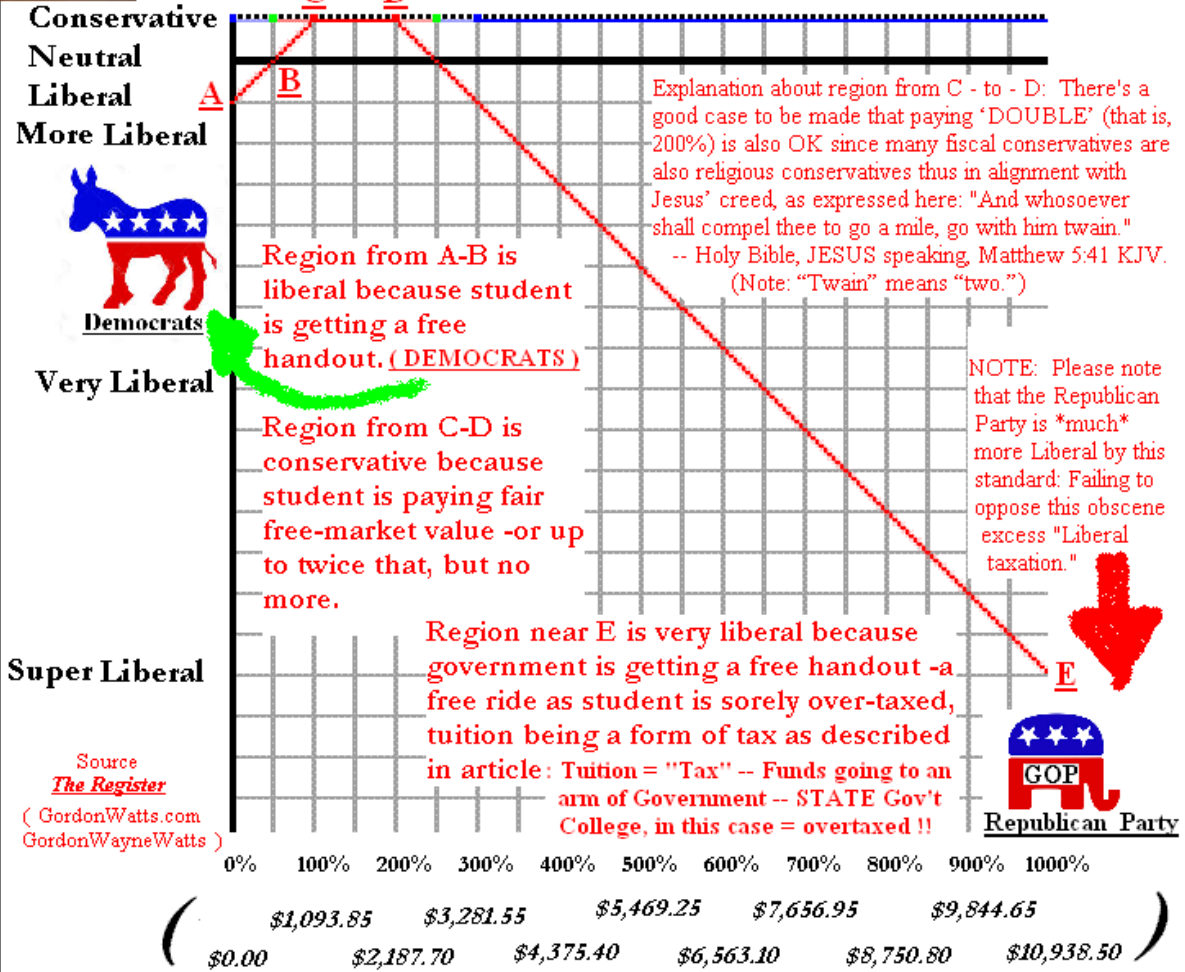


In THIS Complex (deep) MEME :

Notable Democratic U.S. Presidential candidates for the 2020 American presidential election cycle who support *FUTURE* "Free College," and/or *PAST* collegiate "Loan Forgiveness," and/or another unaffordable "Liberal Free Handout." --various low-quality images used under "Fair Use" for commentary, criticism, etc.

Political Ideology :

as measured by how much tuition per school year respondent demands of each University/College student



Percent of actual free-market value
(Amount in 2008/2009 U.S. Dollars)

(Where \$1,093.85 is 100% of the free-market value of one school year of higher education as shown by the inflation-adjusted cost of tuition before government subsidies distorted the market -as described in the related article.)

UPDATED FIGURE 1

Source for: "Updated Figure 1" : *The Register* (GordonWatts.com, GordonWayneWatts) Editor-in-Chief, Gordon Wayne Watts

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6. SCARY C.B.O. REPORT: Currently, taxpayers are "ahead" and should ask nothing for a debt that has already been "more than paid" slightly over TWO times. If -- however -- taxpayers don't get out of the Ponzi scheme now, the higher ed bubble will burst, thus crashing the

dollar, hurting all of the next generation who will be unable to go to college, thus making America a bunch of uneducated over-indebted fools -- and help no one but a small elite class profiting off the backs of taxpayers and students.

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7. OVER 100 MILLION AMERICANS: This hurts over 45 Million Americans with student debt and another 40-50 Million who are cosigners, family/friends, etc., about 100M Americans..

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8. COLLEGE WAS ONCE FREE IN AMERICA: MORE PROOF: From eleven (11) different sources -- both Conservative, Liberal, and otherwise, damning proof of price-gouging: If college was once FREE (or VERY close to it, and American Higher Ed still the BEST in the world), then why can't we do it now? Thus, our 5 and 6-digit price-tags for an education are NOT anything but illegal price-gouging: AGAIN: Illegal price-gouging for current generation vs "college was free" for old timers ALONE justifies loan cancellation.

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Founding father, Thomas Jefferson, says it should be:

QUOTE: "As part of his work in revising the laws of Virginia during the late 1770s and early 1780s, Thomas Jefferson put forth a bill that has become one of his most enduring works on the subject of education: Bill 79, "A Bill for the More General Diffusion of Knowledge." Its oft-quoted preamble reads as follows: Whereas it appeareth that however certain forms of government are better calculated than others to protect individuals in the free exercise of their natural rights,...it is better that such should be sought for and educated at the common expence of all, than that the happiness of all should be confided to the weak or wicked." Source: "[A Bill for the More General Diffusion of Knowledge](#)," By Thomas Jefferson, U.S. Founding Father; Article by Anna Berkes, April 2009; An article courtesy of *The Thomas Jefferson Encyclopedia*; Links: [Monticello.org](#) ; [Archive Today cache](#) ; [Wayback Machine archive](#) ; [Local cache](#) ; [Mirror-1 archive](#) ; [Mirror-2 archive](#) ; [Mirror-3 archive](#)

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QUOTE: **REPUBLICAN Senator Rick Scott:** "When I went to college in the 70's, tuition was as low as \$200 a semester, with no fees that I can remember."

Source: "[Press Release](#)," dated Tue. 10 Sept. 2019: By U.S. Sen. Rick Scott (R-FL), [SENATE.gov](#), Links: [Senate.gov](#) ; [Archive Today cache](#) ; [Wayback Machine archive](#) ; [Local cache](#) ; [Mirror-1 archive](#) ; [Mirror-2 archive](#) ; [Mirror-3 archive](#)

Assuming this was January of 1975, this would be equivalent to \$987.89 per semester in October 2019. Source: [BLS.gov calculator](#) And, [WestEgg's calculator](#) gives a similar conversion: "What cost \$200 in 1975 would cost \$943.89 in 2018."

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ANSWER: **LIBERAL Senator Bernie Sanders** says: "YES"

Source: "[Was college once free in United States, as Bernie Sanders says?](#)," by Amy Sherman, *PolitiFact*, 09 February 2016; Links: [PolitiFact](#) ; [Archive Today cache](#) ; [Wayback Machine archive](#) ; [Local cache](#) ; [Mirror-1 archive](#) ; [Mirror-2 archive](#) ; [Mirror-3 archive](#)

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FACT: Former Republican strategist and chief of staff to former Florida Gov. Bob Martinez (R-FL), and *TAMPA BAY TIMES* columnist, Mac Stipanovich, comes very close to admitting to having received a Liberal "FREE HANDOUT," and FREE COLLEGE.

QUOTE: "First, a confession. My children did not need to borrow money to go to college. Nor will my grandchildren. And I was able to make do back in the day with the G.I. Bill and working as a construction laborer twenty hours a week. So I lack the personal experience with student loans that might make me more sympathetic to the idea that about \$1 trillion of the roughly \$1.7 trillion owed to the federal government should just be wiped off the books by forgiving up to \$50,000 of the principal owed by every borrower. This would totally extinguish the student loans of 80 percent of all debtors, or approximately 35 million people." Source: "[Forgiving student loan debts? A ham-handed idea | Column: Politics aside, the policy justifications for across the board student loan forgiveness are dubious, writes columnist Mac Stipanovich.](#)," by Mac Stipanovich, *The Tampa Bay Times*, Published online, Wednesday, 24 Feb. 2021, Updated Feb. 25, 2021, and in print, Sunday, 28 Feb. 2021; Word Count, including footer, 767 words; Links: [TampaBay.com](#) ; [www.TampaBay.com](#) ; [Archive Today cache-A](#) ; [Archive Today cache-B](#) ; [Wayback Machine archive-A](#) ; [Wayback Machine archive-B](#) ; [Local cache](#) ; [Mirror-1 archive](#) ; [Mirror-2 archive](#) ; [Mirror-3 archive](#) **About author -- According to the column, and small Fair Use quote:** "Mac Stipanovich was chief of staff to former Florida Gov. Bob Martinez and a longtime Republican strategist who is currently registered No Party Affiliation."

Editor's Note: Re-read the above. This apparently meant that an entry-level labour job, working part-time (20-hrs/week), could pay 100%-total & complete full-time "costs of college" (food and gas; room & board; tuition & books; and, rent, if need be) without need for ANY student loans -- back when college was "free" or "very close to it." This project, **CONTRACT WITH AMERICA: PART II(TM)**, neither supports nor opposes "free" college or "loan forgiveness," but rather points out the facts, testimony, and documented sources and bone-hard **TRUTH**. ~Page Editor

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ANSWER: Well-known fact-checker, *PolitiFact*, rated this claim by LIBERAL Senator Bernie Sanders (I-VT) as "Mostly True."



QUOTE: "There are at least nine advanced countries that offer free college, including the recent addition of Germany. [] There was a time in the United States when *some* public colleges and universities charged no tuition. However, tuition has never been set as a national policy -- it is a decision for each school or state government officials. And some colleges charged tuition dating back to the 1800s. [] Sanders' statement is accurate but needs clarification. We rate this statement Mostly True." Source: "[Was college once free in United States, as Bernie Sanders says?](#)," by Amy Sherman, *PolitiFact*, 09 February 2016; Links: [PolitiFact](#) ; [Archive Today cache](#) ; [Wayback Machine archive](#) ; [Local cache](#) ; [Mirror-1 archive](#) ; [Mirror-2 archive](#) ; [Mirror-3 archive](#)

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ANSWER: Legendary *TIME Magazine* basically says: "YES."

QUOTE: "Last March, the Federal Reserve reported student debt across the U.S. at about \$1.2 trillion. Meanwhile, more than two-thirds of new alumni have debt, at an average of \$35,000 per graduate. Such problems are hot issues in the current presidential race, with Sen. Bernie Sanders proposing perhaps the most sweeping solution: free tuition at all U.S. public colleges. [] For some today, that plan might seem radical, but free tuition isn't unheard of...The University of Florida, for example, was free for in-state students for many decades. Though the exact timeline is hard to track because of differing language in the school catalogs — like a "registration and instructional fee" that emerged in 1959 — the word "tuition" for Florida residents didn't pop up until 1969, University Archivist Peggy McBride says." Source: "[What Happened When American States Tried Providing Tuition-Free College](#)," by Michael Stone, *TIME*, April 4, 2016, 11:00 AM (EDT), Links: [TIME.com](#) ; [Archive Today cache](#) ; [Wayback Machine archive-A](#) ; [Wayback Machine archive-B](#) ; [Local cache](#) ; [Mirror-1 archive](#) ; [Mirror-2 archive](#) ; [Mirror-3 archive](#)

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The Register ANSWER: Conservative online paper, *The Register*, basically says: "YES."

QUOTE: "In the 1956-57 school year, one source[1] reports a year of college cost \$138, and another source[2] is in close agreement. But remember we have to adjust for inflation: The \$138 figure is about \$1,062.71 in 2008 dollars[7], probably the same for 2009, considering the year's inflation[3] was about 0.1%. However, nowadays, the same year of college costs about \$10,066, about a 10X increase. Other sources[4-6] indicate a cost of \$6,142.58 for tuition and \$6,920.94 for housing, for a total of \$13,063.52 per year, even higher than the \$10,066 fig." Source: "[Higher-Ed Tuition Costs: The 'Conservative' view is not on either extreme: Students are told from an early age that an education is the only way to success, and yet when they follow the inevitable path, they are lured into a trap - a debt-trap.](#)," by Gordon Wayne Watts, Editor-in-Chief, *The Register*, Published: Monday, 28 September 2009 ; Last Modified: Saturday, 06 July 2019; Links: [GordonWatts.com](#) ; [GordonWayneWatts.com](#) ; [ThirstForJustice.net](#) ; [Tripod.com](#) ; [Archive Today cache](#) ; [Wayback Machine archive](#) ; PDF file formats: [Local cache](#) ; [Mirror-1 archive](#) ; [Mirror-2 archive](#) ; [Mirror-3 archive](#) ; [Wayback Machine archive](#)

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ANSWER: *Saving For College* says: "YES."

QUOTE: "Sen. Sanders was particularly vocal in citing the fact that free tuition is not unprecedented in the United States or abroad. [] He wasn't wrong...Institutions of higher learning founded in the early days of the American experiment were sometimes tuition free, though they did charge for room and board...There were early rumbles of a more wide-reaching tuition-free policy. In his 1778 "Bill for the More General Diffusion of Knowledge," Thomas Jefferson proposed not only free primary and secondary school education, but also free advanced education for high-performing students." Source: "[History of Student Loans: The Free Tuition Movement](#)," by Richard Pallardy, *Saving For College*, February 1, 2019; Links: [SavingForCollege.com](#) ; [Archive Today cache](#) ; [Wayback Machine archive](#) ; [Local cache](#) ; [Mirror-1 archive](#) ; [Mirror-2 archive](#) ; [Mirror-3 archive](#)

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ANSWER: *PEOPLE'S WORLD* says: "YES" -- and proves that *lots* of lawmakers were "FREE HANDOUT LIBERALS," in this regard

QUOTE: "WASHINGTON— When people involved in the fight to cancel student debt demand free college education they are not calling for a new, radical idea. Countless numbers of lawmakers, for example, got their educations at free colleges that they now say are out of reach to the nation's students." Source: "[Free college was once the norm all over America](#)," By Jamal Rich, *PEOPLE'S WORLD*, September 11, 2020, 10:24 AM (CDT), Links: [PeoplesWorld.com](#) ; [Archive Today cache](#) ; [Wayback Machine archive](#) ; [Local cache \(via Archive Today\)](#) ; [Local cache \(via Wayback Machine\)](#) ; [Mirror-1 archive \(via Archive Today\)](#) ; [Mirror-1 archive \(via Wayback Machine\)](#) ; [Mirror-2 archive \(via Archive Today\)](#) ; [Mirror-2 archive \(via Wayback Machine\)](#) ; [Mirror-3 \(via Archive Today\)](#) ; [Mirror-3 archive \(via Wayback Machine\)](#)

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ANSWER: No pun intended,... but: *YES! Magazine* says: "YES!"

QUOTE: "During the 19th century, college education in the United States was offered largely for free. [] Photo by Keystone/Getty Images. [] Students didn't have to worry about tuition and debt until higher education became more about personal gain than contributing to society. [] The increase in student loan debt should come as no surprise given the increasing cost of college." Source: "[College Was Once Free and For the Public Good—What Happened?](#)," By Thomas Adam, *YES! Magazine*, "4 MIN READ," July 20, 2017, Links: [YesMagazine.com](#) ; [Archive Today cache](#) ; [Wayback Machine archive-A](#) ; [Wayback Machine archive-B](#) ; [Local cache \(Portrait view\)](#) ; [Local cache \(Landscape view\)](#) ; [Mirror-1 archive \(Portrait view\)](#) ; [Mirror-1 archive \(Landscape view\)](#) ; [Mirror-2 archive \(Portrait view\)](#) ; [Mirror-2 archive \(Landscape view\)](#) ; [Mirror-3](#)

Besides welfare reform, and the balanced budget (which Clinton and some Democrats supported), other legislation proposed to accomplish these goals included, but was not limited, to the following:

- Tax cuts and other middle-class tax relief for small businesses, families, and seniors;
- A permanent line-item veto;
- Measures to reduce crime ;
- Term limits for lawmakers;
- Social Security reform and Tort reform; and,
- A Constitutional amendment formally requiring a balanced budget

Sources for the above:

- "[The Revolution Last Time: What Gingrich's '94 takeover can teach Boehner \(and McConnell\) about the next two years.](#)," By Rich Galen, *POLITICO MAGAZINE*, November 04, 2014: [Archive Today cache](#) ; [Wayback Machine archive](#)
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- "[Contract with America.](#)" *WIKIPEDIA*

Since that 1994 movement, known as "Contract With America," very little has been said or done about it -- and almost NOTHING about any "Part 2," is being done here, as with my Trademark segue and followup to this legendary movement.

Only three (3) such examples even come close:

- **#1.** The first mention of any proposed "Part II" was by Newt Gingrich, himself, in a brief speech at a political rally in 1998:

1st small Fair Use Quote:

"House Speaker Newt Gingrich outlined "Contract with America: Part II," credited the Republican Party with turning the nation's economy around and hit President Clinton on the morality issue at a GOP political rally Sunday."

2nd small Fair Use Quote:

""Where do we go from here?" asked Gingrich.

He outlined four goals along the lines of the Contract with America.

Gingrich said he would like to:

- * make winning the war on drugs and violent crime the highest priority;
- * create a world-class educational system;
- * take the budget surplus and return it to taxpayers;
- * and put a cap on income tax of 25 percent. That would be the total taxes, including state, federal and local.

Gingrich also said the GOP is going block the IRS from taxing meals that casinos provide employees while on the job."

Source: "[Gingrich attacks Clinton on issues of morality.](#)" By unattributed staff writers -- and from the archives, *Las Vegas Sun*, Monday, May 4, 1998 | 9:44 a.m.: [Archive Today cache](#) ; [Wayback Machine archive](#)

- **#2.** More recently, an unknown blogger posted a vague mention of a part II, as suggested by the title:

Quote: "And why is this chuckle-head smiling? He has an "Agreement with America"....the fine print of which is "I've got mine. I'm gonna get more of mine. You got nothin'. Tough luck."

This is round one of the class struggle version 2.0 Business who export jobs while getting tax bailouts, wall street, and the blessed 2% are in this contract. They are the ones dictating the fine print - the proverbial "after I've eaten, you can have what I don't want"."

Source: "[Contract with America Part II.](#)" by an "Unknown" blogger, *Opus One Media*, Attribution and date shown: "Posted 23rd September 2010 by Unknown" ; [Archive Today cache](#) ; [Wayback Machine archive](#)

- **#3.** However, the best attempt at any "Part II" followup was done back in 2010, by legendary conservative talk show host, author, attorney, and filmmaker, Larry Elder

Talk show host, Larry Elder, also known as "The Sage from South Central," was apparently quite dissatisfied with President Obama's fiscal commission, and sarcastically said that it supposedly offers an "aggressive prescription" to reduce the federal deficit. He went on to say, and I quote (italics in original) that "It's not just the debt and deficit, stupid. It's the size, scope and bloat of the federal government. Here's *my* plan:"

So, without any further ado, here are the 14 points he outlined:

- #1. He said that we are at an impasse with regard to entitlement programs for the elderly, disabled, etc. Direct quote: "1) Accept the political reality that a) taxes cannot be raised, and b) entitlement spending (Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid) cannot be cut for current or near-future beneficiaries. Voters will not vote to raise their taxes. Voters will not vote to cut off their money. And politicians want votes."
- #2. His proposed solution for #1, above, was not to cut spending (what you'd expect from a fellow-Conservative), but rather to sell Federal Land (a one-time transaction), and then to tax it, to generate additional revenue.
- #3. To sell or contract out government enterprises (Amtrak, U.S. Post Office, etc.). I'm not sure why this would generate revenue, unless he thinks that we are losing money on these ventures.
- #4. Shut down and eliminate several Federal Departments -- including the Departments of Energy, Education, Labor, and HUD. (I agree here: This would both cut spending and also stop actions that many Americans consider invasive and controlling, if control was allowed to revert to a state or local level.)
5. (Brief quote) ""Grandfather" workers 55 years of age or older into existing Medicare and Social Security plans. Offer those under 55 the option of setting up private savings accounts in lieu of Social Security." I'm not sure if this would save money, but it might.
- #6. (Direct quote of point 6) 6) Grandfather everyone currently on Medicaid, and then admit no more people and end the program at the federal level. Charity is not allowed by the Constitution, and it should be left to the states — even better, left to the private and nonprofit sectors.

Once voters — of whom many are on Social Security or will be within 10 years — realize that they will not be "hurt," they'll be more likely to support this plan and to vote in politicians who do.

I agree that off-times states run programs better than the Federal Government (think: local county indigent care versus the "Affordable Care Act," which is neither affordable, nor covers people at the very bottom of the wage scale, if that state has not "expanded" to merge state and federal programs to allow this.

- #7. Enact legislation to stop giving tax writeoffs (e.g., incentives) for businesses that offer health insurance to their employees. He wryly asks the rhetorical question: "People don't get car insurance or homeowners insurance through their employers. Why get health insurance via their employers?"
- #8. He seeks a Constitutional Amendment that "limits the federal government to a small fixed percentage of GDP." (By this, does he mean a limitation on how much they can spend? What happens to the other portion of the GDP? He doesn't say. But cuts on wasteful spending are a good thing.)
- #9. Atty. Elder also seeks to abolish the I.R.S. (This reminds me of another famous quote: "When I say cut taxes, I don't mean fiddle with the code. I mean abolish the income tax and the IRS, and replace them with nothing." — Ron Paul) I imagine this might save some money, but we'd have to cut Federal services and replace them with state/local services, and hope they ran as efficiently.
- #10. Elder seeks to pass a constitutional amendment to deny American citizenship to children of illegal aliens. he compellingly argues that "Illegal immigration is unfair to those lawfully trying to gain entry, costs taxpayers money and affects the country's culture."
- #11. He seeks to establish a "truly temporary guest-worker program" (which would appeal to Conservatives), while at the same time to "increase the number of, and ease the process for, legal immigrants — tailored to high-end, well-educated foreigners who would add to the industrial capital of the nation" (which would appeal to some Liberals in favour of easing immigration restrictions, and some Conservatives who favour business interests).
- #12. On immigration, Elder seeks, among other things, to "Close the borders" and Mandate E-Verify for all workers.
- #13. He would also like a Constitutional amendment to overturn any U.S. Supreme Court decisions that place restrictions or otherwise prohibit states from "denying free public education and medical benefits, including emergency benefits, to illegal aliens." (Denying emergency benefits seems a bit cruel or a possible overstep, as this would presumably include denying 911 service or a visit to the emergency room, but generally, states' rights would seem to allow states to grant or deny most welfare benefits, as they see fit.)
- #14. Elder would seek legislation to "End all non-defense foreign aid, including contributions to the International Monetary Fund and to the World Bank," and tell other countries — such as Japan — to defend themselves. I agree that this would benefit Americans, and further, I think that our continued military "interventions" cost money, blood, and international goodwill, and should not be undertaken unless a grave threat exists.

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As you can see, Atty. Elder has several fiscally Conservative points, as both this project and Gingrich's original plan had. But, as important as immigration is, it is quite possible that there is not an overwhelming and bipartisan support for sealing the borders. Gingrich limited items on his agenda strictly to "60% issues," that is, issues that garnered support of at least 60% of Americans: QUOTE: "Extensive public opinion polling revealed that at least 60 percent of Americans supported all ten of the specific items in the Contract." Source: "[The Contract with America: Implementing New Ideas in the U.S.](#)," By Jeffrey Gayner, Research Associate, *The Heritage Foundation*, October 12, 1995, 16 min read: [Archive Today cache](#) ; [Wayback Machine archive](#)

QUOTE: "Newt Gingrich, for instance, came to power in 1995 not on the back of a series of divisive culture-wars policies, but rather on a platform comprised of "sixty-percent issues"—that is, policies that the polls showed had at least sixty percent of the public supporting them. Even as the GOP became more and more ideologically rigid and tribalistic, leading Republican officeholders to back increasingly unpopular policy proposals, its members still sought to appeal, at least rhetorically, to a broader electorate."

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**** VERY IMPORTANT: So, for the reasons above, as important as abortion, gay marriage (or the opposition to it), immigration, and even the Federal Minimum Wage debate are to many people, these issues do not have at least a sixty (60%) percent support for one side or the other -- and are thus not included in this "PART II" version, and for the same reasons that Gingrich also did not include them in his *original* "Contract": In order to garner support for a whole "set of issues" on diverse topics (where one issue might alienate or "turn off" a potential supporter, even if the other 4 or 5 looked "good"), it is necessary to limit issues SOLELY to those "sixty-percent" (or more) issues, as Gingrich had required.**

CONCLUSION

Thus, in conclusion, when reviewing the history of the *original* "Contract With America," I rightly credit both Larry Elder and Newt Gingrich regarding their efforts to "get going" a potential "part 2" plan, but -- as it is obvious -- they never followed through with it, thus, no Common Law rights of "in use" commerce exist with them here, and I am on solid Common Law and statutory legal grounds to trademark the phrase: "CONTRACT WITH AMERICA: PART II," as indeed, I am the best, first, last, and only genuine and serious "Part II" author -- outside passing mention in casual conversation, and as a "one-time" mention, with no real plans to follow through and put any such plans into use "in commerce," in the "marketplace of ideas." Thus, I stand by my assertion of my trademark use of the title phrase of my website and project.

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Founder emeritus, Robert Franklin Delano "Bobby" Watts

Robert Franklin "Bobby" Watts (1/27/1935 - 5/3/2018), briefly worked for "[Big Daddy](#)" [Don Garlits](#), the [highly recognised, honoured](#), and legendary "[King of Drag Racing](#)," and still [ranked #1 drag racer](#) in the world, when they lived in the Central Florida area, before Mr. Watts



passed away -- and before Don moved to Ocala, FL, where he presently has the "Don Garlits Museum" of Drag Racing.

Bobby Watts was the owner of the "Bobby Watts Speed Shop & Engine Parts" shop, known for selling auto parts and giving advice - both for "regular" cars & vehicles, as well as race car applications. More-importantly, however, he is the father of CWA: PART II Founder, Gordon W. Watts. And, relevant to this project,

Bobby founded "PROJECT AMERICA," which laid the foundations for CONTRACRT WITH AMERICA: PART II.

Meet the Staff

In other words, Gordon saw the similarities between Newt Gingrich's *original* "CONTRACRT WITH AMERICA" and his father's "PROJECT AMERICA," but seeing that both Gingrich and the elder Watts dropped their projects, Gordon "picked them back up," and merged them into one project -- this one.

We have already discussed the original CWA by Gingrich, Armeay, and Bill Clinton (the latter not an architect, but a willing participant). However, below, are the tenents to the elder Watts's "[PROJECT AMERICA](#)":

In the mid-1980's, Bobby began "Project America," an informal project to use "straight talk" to address several injustices he saw present, and, as a solution, to do the following:

1. Advocate a closer work relationship between American citizens and our government, increasing trust and respect;
2. Stronger National Defense;
3. Oppose Communism;
4. Restoring the availability of prayer in public schools (for those who who prefer this option), while also allowing those others (probably in a minority) to have available other facilities (as an option, and not compelling anyone or using government to either support or oppose any religion or the free exercise thereof);
5. A hard crackdown on hard drugs, both users and pushers, with cooperation between citizens and police. No mention of medical marijuana, which presumably would have been OK for necessary medical conditions and with medical prescription and supervision;
6. Promotion of educational T.V. documentaries which showed youth the advantages of Democracy over Communism, or, for that matter, living conditions in ANY other country without as many freedoms. This would hopefully increase gratitude and appreciation and be thankful for our country;
7. Oppose any things that threaten the American way of life;
8. A local project was to help Mexican American and other local Hispanic migrant workers, who fell upon hard times due to economic or cold weather conditions. (While many of the points above seem "Conservative," this last point clearly shows that my father was NOT prejudiced, and indeed opposed any bias, hate, or prejudice based on colour, race, gender, or socioeconomic status.)

** Editor's Note: These goals seem like they would resonate with both Conservatives and Liberals, but we face new challenges these days, more economic, and less military, threats loom large and in charge -- and demand our immediate action.

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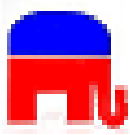
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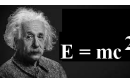
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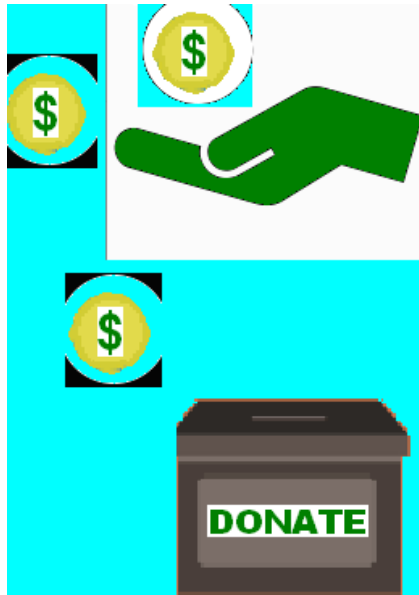
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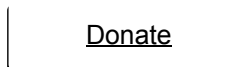
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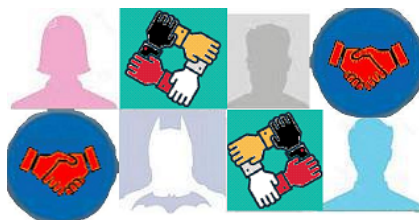
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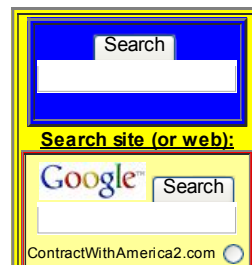
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