



## Letters to the Editor

### Understanding Hopelessness

While reading *The Life of John Birch* by Robert Welch, I realized that as encouraging as the TNA article “Standing Against Defeat” in the August 24 issue was, it missed dealing with what causes defeatism. Robert Welch wrote that John Birch stood against the communists because they took food from their citizens by force, and in the United States you have a chance to make a better life. Well, the problem is that though governments in the United States don’t use force to steal food, they do use oppressive taxes. Also, today getting a college degree leads to starving in order to pay off school debts, or you can default, ruining your credit.

Having federal policy send jobs overseas takes a toll on the health of an American physically, spiritually, and mentally after years of not being able to find another good-paying job. Defeatism comes from worrying about being homeless, owing to oppressive taxes. Defeatism also comes from wishing you could buy a slice of pizza while people on welfare buy whatever frozen pizza is on sale, week after week. Or not having a \$1.89 to buy Little Bites while someone on welfare spends \$46.99 on cupcakes, along with \$25 on a birthday cake. Hope is lost when you walk down condom- and drug needle-infested streets knowing that it’s quite possible your tax dollars paid for them.

We really need to address the root cause of defeatism. Thankfully articles such as “Standing Against Defeat” keep defeatism from turning into depression. It also allows those that feel defeated to have a little hope to keep going.

Jason Hencore  
*Sent via online*

### Calling Out Progressives

One debating tactic that should be used against progressives is calling their bluff. For example, according to progressives, global climate change is man-made, the global climate has just a few years left before complete disaster destroys the world, America is the evil perpetrator of global warming, and therefore, America must immediately and radically reduce its carbon emissions footprint. Call their bluff.

If these things are true, then America must immediately close its borders and refuse entry to any and all legal and illegal immigration — the more people living in the U.S.A. means the greater America’s evil carbon footprint. The same goes for the water supply in the southwest. More immigration directly results in the rapid evisceration of what little water supply is left. *Ergo*, close the borders immediately.

Randy Fritz  
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### Citizen Police

As TNA writers William F. Jasper and Alex Newman pointed out, we citizens are supposed to be responsible for law enforcement. I suggest that creating a separate caste of police officers was a mistake, and has led to an us-versus-them mentality in many police officers and citizens. I would suggest at least a blurring of the lines.



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The bulk of police should be reservists, people with private-sector jobs who could work nights and weekends (when there is generally more crime), or teachers or college students who could work during the summer.

There should also be citizens carrying openly and others carrying concealed weapons.

Perhaps a small cadre of citizens — carefully selected and trained — might be full-time policemen, and chiefs of police might be selected from their ranks. As part of their job requirements, each of them (even the chief) would be required to walk a beat for at least one duty day per week, to bring them in contact with citizens, and they would also be required to be active in a church, synagogue, or club where they would interact with more citizens.

This system would be less costly and more flexible than our current one and would largely erase the line between law enforcement and the rest of us.

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