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## Letters to the Editor

### Corporate People?

All right, I understand there is no issue worth convening an Article V constitutional convention to remedy, but corporations as people, as Christian Gomez advocated in the November 17 issue?

I got a reality check on corporate citizens during the phony “oil shortage” in the early seventies. A Mobil Oil executive on *Meet the Press* was asked what Mobil was doing to alleviate the situation. His reply: “You have to realize Mobil is a multinational corporation so cannot be overly concerned with the needs of any one particular nation.” Spoken like a true descendant of the merchants Thomas Jefferson referred to as having “no country. The mere spot they stand on does not constitute so strong an attachment as that from which they draw their gains.”

Unlike us people, those “people” have enormous funds to sway public opinion to feather their own nests. Recently in Oregon, corporate “people” spent \$24 million in advertising (more than double the grass-roots sponsors) to defeat a measure requiring labeling of foods containing GMO’s.

Dean Wolf  
Tigard, Oregon

### Christmas, Christian Giving

As we are in the season of giving and thanks, some are again saying that taking care of the poor and needy is a “Christian thing” to do.

I totally agree, but this is “never” to be done via the government. And let me explain the difference for all those well-meaning people who don’t understand.

When those in the private sector (churches, NGOs, charitable organizations, etc.) provide for the poor, the sick, the elderly, the mentally incompetent, it is done using voluntary donations. And in such cases both parties benefit greatly because of the joy of giving. This is what the Savior taught, and it is why Christians are lauded as being compassionate and loving.

When governments dole out welfare benefits, there is no element of voluntary giving. The resources for that welfare come from taxes, which is forced confiscation (or legal plunder). We can’t choose not to pay our taxes. We *must* do it.

Both givers and receivers suffer. There is resentment from those who are taxed of their hard-earned income; and those getting the benefits feel like it is an entitlement and don’t really appreciate the gesture. In fact, they often loathe the giver.

This basic difference makes government welfare totally contrary to Christian teachings.

James Carlyle Green  
Heber City, Utah

### Global-warming Claims

Your magazine is excellent with its in-depth articles. But as to your claims that global warming is not happening, it is really hard for the layman to know whom to believe, though I lean to the skeptic side.



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Twice in 2014 the *Economist* magazine stated that Arctic sea ice is retreating as the Earth warms up due to increasing CO<sub>2</sub>. Further, they say that Arctic ice has been shrinking by 11 percent a decade for the past 35 years. They present a graphic showing the shrinkage from 1979 to 2013 and say temps in the Arctic are two degrees centigrade higher than the long-term average.

They also claim that parts of the Arctic Ocean are hotter than they have been for at least 2,000 years and that summer sea ice is melting even faster than the gloomiest forecasts and that the world could see an ice-free Arctic summer by 2020.

One almost gives up on the subject.

Ronald Brackney

*Sent via e-mail*

**The editors respond:** *As to global-warming claims made in the Economist, realize that Al Gore famously claimed that Arctic sea ice would be gone by 2014 — meaning that any ice melt is obviously less fast “than the gloomiest forecasts.” And, yes, the Arctic ice sheet has been growing in size. As to any other questions as to who is telling the truth, please see our two cover stories in this issue of The New American. We think they will allay any doubts.*



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