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Taking Action: Dutch Farmers Harness Action to Win Big

As *TNA* Senior Editor William F. Jasper presented [in this issue's cover story](#), the craze of ESG seemed to be building since the introduction of “woke” investing began a few years ago. However, because of a Biden-era federal rule encouraging retirement fund managers to use ESG, states are pushing back. States created the federal government with limited powers, leaving the vast majority of governing powers to the states and the people.



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Farmers protesting in the Netherlands

Whenever there is a federal action in an area in which the federal government has not been granted power by the Constitution, the states are duty-bound to nullify the action. That nullification can come in a variety of forms, including taking legislative action against the usurpation or merely doing nothing to comply with the stated federal action.

In previous issues of this magazine, we've covered the plight of Dutch farmers as they struggled to preserve and protect their way of life. In the name of achieving sustainable development goals enshrined in the United Nations' Agenda 2030, up to a third of these farmers faced going out of business. The government's crazed actions to reduce nitrogen emissions lit a proverbial fire under farmers and their many supporters.

Protests began in 2019, and occurred in 2020, 2021, and 2022. They restarted in early 2023 when negotiations broke down between the farmers and the government. While the mighty weight of government made it seem inevitable that the farmers would lose, the farmers rallied around one tool that proved to be effective: organization.

Shortly after the first protests, the Farmer-Citizen Movement was founded as a political party, and the results of the election held in mid-March 2023 stunned everyone.

According to the BBC, “the Farmer-citizen movement (BBB) was only set up in 2019 in the wake of widespread farmers' protests. But with most votes counted they are due to win 15 of the Senate's seats with almost 20% of the vote.”

They used organization to make huge gains in government representation, where little to none existed before.

Here in the states, The John Birch Society also stands resolute not only in helping defend the attacks against farmers, ranchers, and landowners, but to defend the Constitution from being ignored, changed, rewritten, or completely scrapped. Members and supporters have helped create a bulwark of freedom



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in Iowa, where property rights are under attack from the Iowa Utility Board and private pipeline companies seeking access to install carbon-capture pipelines. Iowa is one of five Midwestern states where proposed carbon-capture pipelines will stretch two thousand miles — linking more than 30 ethanol plants that will liquefy the captured CO₂ and inject it into bedrock more than a mile underground in North Dakota.

Five pieces of state legislation were introduced in Iowa to protect property rights, and two counties have established building moratoriums against carbon-capture pipelines, with several more counties considering implementation.

According to the Associated Press, “Summit Carbon Solutions’ Executive Vice President Wade Boeshans said the company must keep its ability to use eminent domain in order to build carbon pipelines in a timely fashion, deliver on the \$4.5 billion pipeline project and keep North Dakota’s economy afloat. According to the company’s website, the project would span Iowa, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota and Nebraska.”

Keep in mind that the very product being sequestered is responsible for the growth of crops that these pipelines will be destroying. Government doesn’t have to be logical, practical, or even truthful. Its nature is to grow, consuming resources and gaining control over the people. Until government can be sequestered back to its constitutional limitations, it will freely expand.

The Founding Fathers knew as much, and expected the electorate to be an active civic participant in politics. As the Dutch farmers and The John Birch Society have demonstrated, active organization is key to keeping government overreach in check. Isn’t it time you joined The John Birch Society? Start by visiting [JBS.org](https://www.jbs.org).



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