



Inside Track

National Debt Will Soon Eclipse GDP

U.S. Comptroller General Gene Dodaro, the man responsible for assessing the federal government's fiscal condition, told a Senate panel April 6 that the government will soon owe more than the entire economy produces.

During a Senate Budget Committee hearing on the Government Accountability Office's (GAO) audit of the federal government's fiscal year 2015 financial statements, Dodaro said that despite a modest reduction in the annual budget deficit, the national debt remains a serious and growing problem. Worse, the GAO audit found that for the 19th consecutive year, the government's books were in such disarray that the agency could not even render an accurate opinion on Uncle Sam's financial statements.

One of the primary reasons for this is that the Department of Defense continues to defy attempts to audit its books. The Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Department of Agriculture, which together represent an additional four percent of both total assets and net costs, also could not be audited for 2015.

Another major obstacle to a full audit of the feds' finances is "the government's inability to adequately account for and reconcile a significant amount of intragovernmental activity and balances between federal entities," GAO found. In addition, GAO cited "the government's ineffective process for preparing the U.S. government's consolidated financial statements" as an impediment to audits.

There is little doubt that the U.S. government is in serious financial straits. GAO said it was difficult to assess the government's fiscal outlook because of "significant uncertainties," primarily concerning the growth of Medicare spending. Still, estimates of Uncle Sam's debt, including unfunded liabilities such as Medicare and Social Security, run from \$65 trillion to \$210 trillion. Good luck paying for all that without ruinous levels of taxation or inflation (or both).

Spending must be slashed if the United States is not to go the way of other formerly prosperous nations that have been bankrupted by the welfare state. Anyone looking for direction as to what exactly should be cut need turn to only one brief document: the U.S. Constitution.

Congress Threatens Funding for UN "Peace" Troops

If United Nations "peacekeeping" troops were on their way to the United States, at least one U.S. senator would be on the first plane home to protect his family from them. His concern: the apparently never-ending supply of rapists, predators, and child molesters among the UN's disgraced military forces.

That was the message delivered April 13 by U.S. Senator Bob Corker (R-Tenn.), the powerful chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, during a hearing looking at the UN's response to the growing scandal surrounding predatory UN soldiers who rape women and children worldwide with impunity. If something does not change, U.S. lawmakers said the UN might lose American taxpayer support for its Obama-backed "peace" armies. But even that is not enough.

The Senate hearing this week focused primarily on abuses perpetrated by international troops in the



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Central African Republic. The New American and other sources have been reporting on new cases of rape and exploitation by “peace” troops that have been surfacing at an astounding pace. When a whistleblower handed documents about the horrors to French prosecutors, including the rape of children under 10 years old, the UN launched an “investigation” of the brave official who exposed it and even had him escorted from his office under armed guard.

At another recent congressional hearing on UN abuses, U.S. lawmakers told The New American that the UN’s persecution of whistleblowers in that case and others was unacceptable and would be dealt with, potentially by withholding funding from the UN if necessary. Several current and former UN officials, meanwhile, have told The New American that the responsibility for the abuse scandals and the lawless persecution of honest officials goes straight to UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon.

If Corker and other U.S. lawmakers are serious about reining in the UN and its predatory armed forces, they need to support a bill to restore American sovereignty and withdraw from the UN that is currently sitting in the House Foreign Affairs Committee.

White Privilege Conference Indoctrinates Educators, Students

Educators and students from all over the country flocked to the 17th Annual White Privilege Conference in Philadelphia. The controversial gathering, which took place April 13-17, featured a number of radical ideologies, including those that could only be described as anti-Christian and anti-police.

The conference touts itself as an event aimed at fixing a system in which minorities do not enjoy the same privileges that white people have. “Our vision is to build a community committed to dismantling white privilege, white supremacy and oppression, every day, everywhere,” wrote Eddie Moore, Jr., founder and president of “The Privilege Institute,” which organizes the event.

Attending the 2016 conference were 2,500 (mostly white) teachers, school administrators, and counselors. This year’s theme was “Let Freedom Ring, Re-Imagining Equality & Social Justice in the United States.” “Throughout the history of the United States, ‘liberty’ and ‘justice’ have been espoused values, which have only ever applied to a very small minority of people,” read the letter to conference participants. “The Constitution supported the enslavement of Africans; the U.S. government orchestrated the decimation of Native American nations; until 1952 Congress prohibited Asians and Latinos from naturalizing as U.S. citizens because they were not White; the Bill of Rights did not apply to persons who were not White, male and Christian.”

Lecturer Paul Kivel claimed that nearly every issue in society, ranging from racism to sexism, stems from “Christian hegemony,” and that the core Christian ideas “colonize our mind.” He continued, “In the United States, there’s seven to ten thousand predominantly white, Christian men, who run the major institutions in our society: The corporations, the political parties, the think tanks, the foundations, universities, [and] cultural institutions.”

On the second day of the event, speaker Pam Africa called upon attendees to rally for Mumia Abu-Jamal, a convicted cop killer. Africa contends that Abu-Jamal was framed by the government, prompting her to call for revolutionary action to bring down the government: “Long live revolution, and let’s take this mother***** down.”

Despite the conference being attended by teachers, the event was vastly underreported in the mainstream media.



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More ObamaCare Co-ops Likely to Fail This Year

Over half of the ObamaCare co-ops have already failed, and financial reports from the remaining ones suggest that all but a handful of them are likely to fold this year, according to an April 10 Daily Caller article.

The co-ops, officially known as Consumer Owned and Oriented Plans, are nonprofit health insurers that were supposed to offer meaningful competition to the private insurers on the ObamaCare exchanges.

Twenty-three co-ops were created; within three years, 12 of them had gone belly up. According to PolitiFact, that's a 40-percent faster failure rate than is typical for American businesses — and most of those businesses aren't launched with \$2.5 billion in federal funding as the co-ops collectively were.

The 11 co-ops still standing aren't anything to brag about, either. In February, Mandy Cohen, chief operating officer of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), told a House subcommittee that eight of the remaining co-ops are on the brink of failure.

Those remaining co-ops are in Massachusetts, Oregon, Ohio, Connecticut, Montana, Wisconsin, Illinois, and New Mexico. "All eight burned through about 50 percent of their total assets in 2015," reported the Daily Caller. "The assets were supposed to last for 20 years under the terms of the federal funding program." Four co-ops projected to survive 2016 — Maryland, New Jersey, New Mexico (despite its high losses), and Maine — are hardly rousing successes. As noted above, every one of them still lost money last year, though some have enough cash on hand to remain solvent for a while.

The co-ops were always a bad idea: central planning masquerading as a free market. As such, they were also doomed without large and ongoing infusions of taxpayer cash. Fortunately, Congress has balked at pouring more money down the co-op black hole. Unfortunately for those Americans who counted on the co-ops to help them afford healthcare, yet another ObamaCare promise has proven false.

State AGs in "Criminal Conspiracy" to Persecute Climate Skeptics

A coalition of state attorneys general (AGs) trying to terrorize, muzzle, and extort climate skeptics with legal assaults may have bitten off more than it can chew — and the AGs may eventually have to face justice, experts say. An alliance of prosecutors purporting to "investigate" climate skeptics, which styles itself "AGs United for Clean Power," has sparked a backlash of massive proportions. Now, the group of Democrat and far-left prosecutors is being accused of serious wrongdoing, including abuse of power, unethical behavior, and potential criminal activities such as conspiracy to deprive people of constitutionally protected rights.

Even believers in the man-made global-warming theory (less than 40 percent of Americans) have lashed out against the anti-free speech machinations via top American media outlets. Reasonable prosecutors from across the country have also lambasted the effort as a dangerous and illegal assault on freedom of speech and the First Amendment. And this is probably just the start. E-mails and documents about the effort to prosecute climate skeptics have started trickling out, despite the efforts of lawless officials to conceal their scheming from the public. Depriving people of rights "under color of law" is a serious criminal offense.



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Perhaps the most serious accusation thus far argues that the coalition of state prosecutors, led by New York Attorney General Eric Schneiderman, is involved in a criminal conspiracy to deprive Americans of their constitutionally protected rights. University of Tennessee law professor Glenn Harlan Reynolds, for example, noted that it is a felony under federal law for two or more people “to agree together to injure, threaten, or intimidate a person in any state, territory or district in the free exercise or enjoyment of any right or privilege secured to him/her by the Constitution or the laws of the United States, (or because of his/her having exercised the same).”

Writing April 11 in *USA Today*, Reynolds wondered if Schneiderman, U.S. Virgin Islands Attorney General Claude Walker, or California Attorney General Kamala Harris had read the law. They are among the more than a dozen AGs involved in the alleged conspiracy. “Because what they’re doing looks like a concerted scheme to restrict the First Amendment free speech rights of people they don’t agree with,” he explained, saying the prosecutors should look up 18 U.S.C. Sec. 241. “You don’t have to be paranoid to see a conspiracy here.” The penalty for such conspiracies includes up to a decade in prison. If anyone is kidnapped or killed as a result of the conspiracy, the conspirators can be sentenced to death.

There are also fresh accusations of wrongdoing stemming from public records. Among other concerns, e-mails obtained in April by the Energy & Environment Legal Institute (E&E Legal) under Vermont’s freedom of information laws revealed collusion between the AGs and radical activist groups funded by Rockefeller interests. The AGs then sought to conceal their scheming from the public by claiming “privilege” for their discussions, and agreed to inform each other of any public records requests. Officials from Vermont, however, citing laws banning such deceptive machinations, refused to cooperate in the schemes.

The documents also appear to show that U.S. Virgin Islands Attorney General Walker, who recently subpoenaed climate e-mails from the non-partisan Competitive Enterprise Institute think tank, is hoping to extort money from his victims. In the documents, he brags about shaking down Hess Oil for an almost \$1 billion settlement that was used to create a slush fund to finance expensive and unreliable “green” energy (think Solyndra). The radical AG, who has likely committed career suicide with his scheming, was hoping the extremist AG coalition led by Al Gore and Schneiderman could help him identify “other potential litigation targets” and ways to “increase our leverage.”

Just 40 percent of Americans believe the AGW theory, according to a Pew survey. And government power to silence critics is unlikely to win any new converts for the alarmist movement — described by top climate experts as a “cult” or even “global warming Nazis” who threaten the lives of millions of people. If and when the very real, well-documented fraud in the “climate” debate is ever prosecuted, though, Gore, Walker, Schneiderman, and other alarmists will regret the day they launched their “AGs United for Clean Power.” The “ClimateGate” leak and mountains of other evidence and testimony are already available to prosecutors everywhere — and the alarmist fraudsters perpetrated much of the fraud with public funds, with a goal of extorting trillions from humanity.



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