



Inside Track

ACLU Preparing to Sue Trump If He Wins

Perhaps recognizing the increasing likelihood of a Trump victory in November, on July 15 the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) released “The Trump Memo” — a virtual legal action plan against many of Trump’s statements and proposals.

The release was preceded by a letter published in the *Washington Post* on July 13 written by Anthony Romero, the ACLU’s executive director, which said in part, “A Trump administration would violate the First, Fourth, Fifth and Eighth Amendments [to the Constitution] if it tried to implement his most controversial plans.”

Romero claimed that Trump’s plans to deport more than 11 million people during the first two years of his administration “would shred the Fourth Amendment’s protections against unreasonable searches and seizures.... It would run face-first into the due process protections afforded every person inside the United States under the Fifth Amendment.”

The 27-page memo outlines explicitly various Trump proposals and how the ACLU would attack them in court. The memo begins with Trump’s proposal to remove all illegal immigrants from the United States by creating a “deportation force” to round them up and send them home, followed by building a wall along the entire Mexican-American border to keep them from returning. Also included is Trump’s proposal that in the meantime all Muslims be registered in a federal database. Wrote the ACLU: “All of these proposals would most likely violate the Constitution, federal statutory laws and/or international law.... Congress cannot grant, and a president cannot exercise, authority that would violate the Constitution.”

There are other Trump proposals that the ACLU says would be found unconstitutional: authorizing “something beyond waterboarding,” which the ACLU declares would violate the Fifth and Eighth Amendments, as well as the Geneva Convention and the War Crimes Act; and expanding mass surveillance, which already violates the First and Fourth Amendments.

In closing his letter about the ACLU’s legal plans to thwart Trump if he were elected in November, Romero wrote: “If that day comes, make no mistake: We’ll be seeing him in court.”

Law Enforcement Collecting Iris Scans for FBI, Pentagon

Details of a new FBI program to collect iris scans reveals how state and local police are assisting the federal law-enforcement agency to spread the dragnet of national government surveillance wider and wider. As part of its “pilot program” — which was floated by the FBI as a simple test of technology — the bureau has quietly collected over 434,000 iris scans since the program started three years ago.

The worst part of the story: Most of the scans are being sent to the Feds from state and local police departments. Here’s one example of the unconstitutional collusion as published July 12 by *The Verge*: “The San Bernardino Sheriff’s Department ... has quietly become one of the most productive nodes in a nationwide iris-scanning project, collecting iris data from at least 200,000 arrestees over the last two and a half years.... In the early months of 2016, the department was collecting an average of 189 iris scans each day.”



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The FBI has an agreement in place that the entire database will be shared with the Department of Defense. Irises aren't the only physical feature being gathered by local law enforcement and passed along to the bosses on the Potomac. According to *The Verge*,

A [May 2016] report from the Government Accountability Office found hundreds of millions of facial scans were made under an out-of-date privacy assessment, including tens of millions from driver's license photos that were not linked to any crime. Like the iris pilot, the result was a nominally experimental program that nonetheless ingested vast quantities of personally identifiable data from US citizens.

The watching eye of government never blinks, and some of our own elected and appointed local officials are helping hold its eyelids open.

Fed Official Confirms “Next Step” to Consolidate Economic Control

While on a speaking tour overseas, an official of the Federal Reserve confirmed the “next step” in the Fed's plan to consolidate complete control over the economy of the United States. During a July 13 speaking event, Loretta Mester of the Cleveland Federal Reserve told Australia's ABC News that the Fed is “assessing tools” that could be used to increase the influence of the central bank on the flow of money in the United States.

The Fed will supposedly improve the economy by creating money and pumping it into the treasury market, which in turn creates increased debt for the U.S. taxpayer. In other words, if the average American looks around and sees money being pumped into the system, then that American will supposedly believe that things are improving economically and that will compel him to go out and spend money, increase his own personal debt, and thus piggyback this increase in cashflow through the system on the back of the Fed's money-printing scheme.

The report of Mester's appearance on the Australian news program indicates that such money printing is not only being planned for the United States, but throughout the world, as central banks coordinate their coup d'état. “The comments come as major central banks — including the US Federal Reserve, the European Central Bank and the Bank of Japan — consider unconventional policy tools in a world of slowing growth, low inflation and record low interest rates,” the Australian news channel wrote.

Undoubtedly this “money” will be used within the 50 states to pay debts and will be required to be accepted as “legal tender for all debts public and private.” But what does the Constitution say? Article I, Section 10 reads: “No state shall ... make any thing but gold and silver coin a tender in payment of debts.” State lawmakers and governors should rise up, assert their sovereignty, and base their absolute refusal to fence the Fed's fake money on the proscription against such policies set out in Article I, Section 10.

Latest CBO Report “Grim”; Offers No Solutions to National Debt

On July 12, the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) published its annual report on the country's long-term budgetary and financial outlook. One need only to see the chart on page one of the report to see



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why CBO's Justin Bogle said the outlook was "grim": It shows government spending growing so much more quickly than anticipated revenues that annual deficits will likely triple in the next 30 years, if not sooner. Bogle called this scenario unsustainable.

For the first time, the CBO built into its assumptions the projected impact of ObamaCare, the country's declining birth rate, the explosion of Baby Boomers demanding benefits from Social Security and Medicare over that period, plus Boomers' increasing life expectancies and the increasing costs of providing them healthcare along the way.

It also assumed that government debt will continue to be issued to help cover the shortfalls, driving interest rates higher. The assumptions are based on no changes in tax laws or increases in benefits to be dreamed up and passed by a Congress that pays scant attention to the Constitution. There is no provision for another recession despite the fact that the last recession began nearly 10 years ago, with another one likely in the next few years.

Under those rosy assumptions, therefore, by 2046 the welfare state will eat up half of all the government's revenues, leaving precious little for its legitimate functions such as providing for the country's defense and its court system.

The solutions offered by the CBO are general in nature and reflect the same concerns expressed in years past: Congress must do something before it's too late. "The prospect of such large debt poses substantial risks for the nation and presents policymakers with significant challenges," the CBO warned.

Estimates are that a federal government run according to the Constitution would cost less than 20 percent of its current budget, thus freeing up ample amounts of surplus revenues that could be used to pay off (not down!) the national debt within years, not decades.



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