



## Inside Track

### IRS Begins Revoking Passports of Americans Owing Back Taxes

Not only does the Internal Revenue Service have the power to seize your property, put liens on your property, and criminally prosecute you for your failure to “consent” to the federal tax on your income, it now has the authority to disapprove your travel outside of the United States.

Three years ago, the Republican-controlled Congress gave power to the IRS to revoke passports; it seems the agency is beginning to exercise that unconstitutional authority. Although it was given this weapon three years ago, it has only recently begun to wield it widely, blocking Americans from obtaining a passport, or revoking those already in the hands of those to be kept from leaving the country.

The IRS reports that 362,000 Americans with “seriously delinquent” tax bills will be refused passports or passport renewals if they do not pay the money they owe, according to a July 6 report in the *Wall Street Journal*. As for how delinquent is “seriously delinquent,” the authorizing legislation indicates that any debt over \$51,000 will trigger the rejection.

The long and short of it is if you owe money to the IRS — or if the IRS says you owe them money, regardless of whether you do or not — the agency can direct the U.S. State Department (the federal agency that issues passports) to revoke your current passport. If you don’t have a passport, the IRS will direct the State Department to reject your application, should you be suspected of being in arrears on your federal taxes.

How can the damage be undone? Our unique political structure suggests a few remedies. First, Congress created these monstrous agencies and, as such, it may destroy them. Second, the president, as the head of the executive branch, could abrogate these agencies, too, as they fall under the executive aegis. Third, the president and Congress could work together, the former folding the agencies and the latter refusing to fund them.

### School Board Votes to Arm and Train Teachers

The Lee County, Virginia, school board has unanimously approved a proposal that would pay for the arming and training of schoolteachers in the county.

The vote, which took place July 12, makes Lee the first of the Old Dominion’s 95 counties to pursue this path toward protecting its students from armed violence. According to reports in the local media, teachers will begin receiving their weapons and training in their use as early as October.

The measure met with the approval of the public, as well, according to WJHL TV in Johnson City, Tennessee, a town on the border of Tennessee and Virginia.

“At least it gives us a chance. If we sat there and did nothing, I couldn’t sleep at night. At least we’re trying to do something,” says school board member Rob Hines, the TV news station reported July 12. “The only way to fight a gun, if somebody comes through these doors with a gun to shoot our students, is with another gun,” says Michael Kidwell, Lee County School Board chairman.



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There are some in the school district who worry that an increase in the number of weapons will result in an increase in the number of gun-related incidents. For their part, the school board responds that arming teachers is a fiscally sound plan, cheaper than alternatives such as on-campus resource officers or metal detectors. Not surprisingly, several teachers have stepped forward, volunteering to be the first to carry a gun at school.

According to WJHL, “Many Lee County teachers have already volunteered to be considered for the role of being armed at their school. One former teacher tells News Channel 11 that most teachers would be willing to go face-to-face with a gunman if it meant saving one of their students. ‘Sooner or later, it could happen. And like some of the board members said tonight, we need to be prepared if it does,’ says Ronald Earley, former Lee County schools teacher and principal.”

## **Does Democrat Registration Lead Spell GOP Trouble?**

The Democrats’ huge lead in party registration figures could spell trouble for the GOP in the fall, say “experts.” As the *Washington Examiner* reported July 13: “Democrats hold a massive voter lead in states that require party registration, a gap of 12 million that could be key to whether the party takes control of the House and Senate in the fall midterm congressional elections, according to a new analysis.”

So is it midterm game over, GOP? Not so fast. Most party-registration states are found in more Democratic terrain, such as the Northeast and the West. For instance, California, New York, Maryland, Massachusetts, and New Jersey account for approximately 9.8 million of the 12 million overall Democrat registration advantage — more than 81 percent of it. Add in solidly Democrat Connecticut, Delaware, and D.C., and the figure rises to 10.5 million — based on just eight states.

The Democrat registration advantage in these populous states is largely attributable to lopsided numbers in their big cities, which no one expects Republicans to win, anyway.

The point? This blue-zone advantage certainly means Democrats will win many urban districts by 60-plus percent, but it’s still only one congressional seat. As for Senate races, the seven states (D.C. has no Senate representation) already have only Democrat senators — the GOP has nothing to lose.

A Democrat registration advantage also supposedly exists in very red Kentucky, Louisiana, and West Virginia. This is probably owing to people who registered Democrat based on family tradition, but who now vote consistently Republican. There won’t be any “blue wave” in these states, and adding their numbers to those of the aforementioned blue states brings the total to more than 11.3 million — *almost all* of the nationwide “advantage” of 12 million.

These realities, along with the advancing radical wing of the Democrat Party encouraging socialism, violence, and the abolition of ICE, may very well mean it’ll be the Democrats singing the November blues.

## **Clinton: Trump Wants to “Rip The Heart Out of America”**

Hillary Clinton spoke to the worthies of the American Federation of Teachers (AFT) on July 13 and received the leftist union’s Women’s Rights Award.

The former secretary of state delivered a harrowing message: A dark night has descended upon her beloved land, and the only way to stop the evil Trump administration from plunging the nation even



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further into the abyss is to vote in November.

Joining Clinton at the convention, which appeared to be a battle call for the 2020 campaign, were Senator Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.) and elderly socialist Senator Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.). Clinton's message to the gathering of teachers was, apparently, one of anger and despair, TribLive reported July 13:

"They are trying to rip the heart out of America," she said. "They want to turn us into transactional units, where I get this and you get that and it's like a man-eat-man, woman-eat-woman society. They want to turn us against each other. They want to divide and conquer."

Clinton reminded the teachers why they must vote: "I used to worry that they wanted to turn the clock back to the 1950s; now I worry they want to turn it back to the 1850s.... After the 2016 election, I kept running into people who would burst into tears and often they would say to me, 'I'm so sorry I didn't vote. I didn't think you needed me,'" she said.

The union called Clinton their "hero and champion." "Hillary Clinton is a role model for women in politics, in the workplace and in society as she strives to make our democracy equitable for all people, especially women and girls," the union's website says.

"Keep going. Keep protesting. Keep speaking out for public education. Keep speaking out against gun violence," Clinton told the teachers, some of whom were crying.

As a possible presidential candidate, Clinton sounded one personal note of interest, at least to her opponents: "I'm so exhausted. I can barely stand here."



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