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Rand Paul Rallies Support for His Audit the Fed Bill

On July 29, Senator Rand Paul (shown, R-Ky.) [sent a message](#) to members of the Campaign for Liberty asking for help in a project very familiar to that organization:

I've introduced S. 209, the Audit the Fed bill, and I'm going to do everything I can to expose the Fed and stop Ben Bernanke's economic snake oil "solutions" from wrecking our fragile economy.



Your action today in support of my father's Campaign for Liberty will help turn up the heat on my colleagues to pass Audit the Fed.

In February, Senator Rand Paul (R-Ky.) offered the [Federal Reserve Transparency Act of 2013](#), also known as "Audit the Fed." The bill would eliminate restrictions on Government Accountability Office (GAO) audits of the Federal Reserve. Additionally, the bill would give Congress oversight of the Fed's credit facilities, securities purchases, and quantitative easing activities.

"The Fed's operations under a cloak of secrecy have gone on too long and the American people have a right to know what the Federal Reserve is doing with our nation's money supply," [Paul said in a statement](#). "Audit the Fed has significant bipartisan support in Congress and across the country and the time to act on this is now."

There may be hope that the people's representatives may actually finally wrest the reins of federal fiscal policy away from the unelected, unaccountable governors of the Federal Reserve.

As of the time of writing, Senator Paul's bill, [S. 209, has 24 cosponsors in the Senate](#), including one Democrat, Mark Begich of Alaska.

In January, a companion measure was offered in the House of Representatives by [Representative Paul Broun \(R-Ga.\) and currently has 153 cosponsors](#).

When it comes to dragging the policies and procedures of the Federal Reserve into the sunshine of congressional oversight, Rand Paul comes by it honestly, via fatherly influence.

As recounted on RonPaul.com:

For the past 30 years, Congressman Ron Paul has worked tirelessly to bring much-needed transparency and accountability to the secretive bank. And in 2009 and 2010 his unfaltering dedication showed astonishing results: HR 1207, the bill to audit the Federal Reserve, swept the country and made the central bankers shudder at their desks. The bill passed as an amendment both in the House Financial Services Committee and in the House itself.

Then, in 2012, his final year in the House, Congressman Ron Paul reintroduced the [Audit the Fed bill \(H.R. 459\)](#), which passed the House 327-98.

In fact, Representative Broun's bill currently pending in the House is a copy of Ron Paul's bill. In a statement, Broun said he was fighting the Fed in order to ["pick up where Ron Paul left off."](#)



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Now, his son is leading the assault in the Senate.

While the Rand Paul Audit the Fed bill would bring transparency to the purposely shadowy goings on at the Federal Reserve, what isn't so clear is why the Senate has yet to vote on any of the measures mentioned above.

After Ron Paul's last attempt to audit the Federal Reserve handily passed through the House in 2012, Senator [Harry Reid \(D-Nev.\) blocked the legislation](#), saying he wouldn't be comfortable bringing the matter to the Senate until he'd had a "real serious conversation" with Fed chairman Ben Bernanke.

Perhaps someone should have a real serious conversation with Reid about the unconstitutional and unconscionable damage the Federal Reserve and the shadowy coterie of global bankers that own it have done to the economic well-being of the United States.

First, the unelected governors of the unconstitutional central bank have an absolute stranglehold and monopoly over the flow of our nation's money and credit. Not once since its inception in 1913 has there ever been a thorough audit or an accounting to Congress about its activities.

During its century-long reign over the financial well-being of our country, the Federal Reserve has manipulated our currency until it is nearly worthless. Meanwhile, Congress turns a blind eye and a deaf ear to the crisis and the calls to control it.

The fact is that since that day in 1913, the dollar has lost over 95 percent of its purchasing power. Most, if not all, of this precipitous decline was caused by the monetary policy of the Federal Reserve.

The United States of America has been driven to the very edge of a devastating fiscal cliff by the folly of the Federal Reserve and the abdication of its authority by an impotent Congress. Together, these factors add up to \$14 trillion in ill-conceived loans and federal bailouts and a crushing [national debt of over \\$16 trillion](#).

Adding insult to injury, [during testimony to Congress in 2009](#), Bernanke refused to reveal to committee members the names of the institutions that received trillions of dollars from the Fed. Later, he told our elected representatives that he would not disclose the identity of the foreign banks that were parties to sweetheart deals with the Federal Reserve.

When it comes to the central bank and its machinations, the fix is in. The Fed — ostensibly a non-profit organization — owns the mint, the money, and sets the terms of the loans it makes to the federal treasury. What's more, there is no product, there is nothing being loaned other than worthless paper that can never be traded in for anything of value because all that is used to secure the worth of the currency is now owned by the very bankers who control the Federal Reserve.

In his seminal book, [A History of Money and Banking in the United States](#), Murray N. Rothbard [explained](#) that the international financial cabal's impetus to create the central bank was to use it as a "cartel device to enable the nation's banks to inflate the money supply in a coordinated fashion, without suffering quick retribution from depositors or noteholders demanding cash."

It is well known that both Ron and Rand Paul have at times supported gold as a hard currency alternative to the paper specie issued (unconstitutionally) by the cartel. What isn't as well known, however, is that many members of the Federal Reserve board have at various times likewise supported gold as a popular means of exchange.

Rothbard questions the purity of the motives of some economists and Federal Reserve officials who claim to support a return to the so-called gold standard. Rothbard believes that the Fed might back



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such a move in order to exercise stricter control over the economy. Members of the cartel, Rothbard said, “wanted to press on to use the gold standard as a hard-money camouflage behind which they could change the system into one less nakedly inflationist than populism but far more effectively controlled by the big-banker elites.”

And the Fed will continue to accumulate power. There is no limit to the lengths these global bankers will go to in order to enslave the population of the world. There is no hope of regulating restraint. Power of this magnitude operates beyond the reach of regulations.

Treating the tumor will not eradicate this cancer. The entire mass must be cut out.

If we are to restore financial vitality to this country, Americans must demand that Congress revoke the charter that created the Federal Reserve and return all the money it has seized to the people and the market that it has held as indentured servants for over a century.

Perhaps this is the year that the Fed is called on the carpet. Perhaps Senator Paul can finally expose its unconstitutional, undisclosed, disastrous dealings and restore Congress to its rightful role as representatives of the people.

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