THE LEFTIST/GLOBALIST EMPIRE STRIKES BACK

INTRODUCTION

It is premature for Americans, conservatives, and Christians to spend too much time congratulating themselves that we dodged the Hillary bullet (missile), and that all is now going to be great as far ahead as the eye can see – or at least for the next four (or eight) years. Yes, we did avoid a train wreck of epic proportions, which would have turned America into an overnight dictatorship – and for that we can be eternally grateful. BUT, the globalist Establishment (wounded by consecutive defeats in Brexit, the Trump victory, the recent Italian vote that caused the resignation of the Renzi regime and may be setting the stage for an Italian exit from the EU, the Philippines election, the approaching financial meltdown of Europe, and more) are not backing off from their agenda for a world socialist government. Indeed, in the wake of a string of major recent setbacks, they are actually accelerating their efforts at global control.

1. COMMUNIST REVOLUTION IN THE STREETS – In the six weeks following the November 8 US election, the communists in America have been igniting/inciting street revolution and violence in cities all across America, and stirring up revolt among hundreds of thousands of gullible, easily manipulated, totally naïve university students. Their leftist professors and school administrators are putting all their weight behind this student revolt – just as we saw in the run-up to the Bolshevik revolution in Russia and in Nazi Germany in the 1930s. They are openly encouraging the assassination of Donald Trump and massive demonstrations in Washington on Inauguration Day (January 20). George Soros and the US globalist Establishment are behind most of this agitation, which is being aided and abetted by the leftist/Establishment-controlled US media.

2. LEFTIST/GLOBALIST ATTEMPTS TO REVERSE THE ELECTION RESULTS – Over the past few weeks the globalists; the Democrats; the entire political left; the Establishment-controlled...
media; Democrat leaders such as Chuck Schumer; and even powerful Republican senators such as John McCain, Lindsey Graham, and Mitch McConnell have launched a campaign claiming that Russian interference (i.e., propaganda, hacking of Hillary Clinton’s and the DNC’s emails, manipulation of news [i.e., “fake news”] using 200 or more collaborating Internet news blogs and news services) – ALL COMBINED TO STEAL THE ELECTION FOR TRUMP AND AGAINST HILLARY.

The leftist narrative is that Trump benefited from malicious Russian cyber-activity. Sadness, after the media repeats this hundreds or thousands of times, many people will believe it. It’s called the power of media brainwashing! Hitler understood it all too well! [ED NOTE: As an aside, Trump recently stated that the Democrats stole over five million votes on behalf of Hillary.]

The *Washington Post*, the *New York Times*, and most mainline news sources have been breathlessly telling us that the CIA has concluded that the Russians “intervened” in the presidential election with the specific goal of helping Donald Trump win – that the Russians unfairly altered the outcome of the election, and therefore, Donald Trump’s victory is NOT legitimate – and SHOULD be overturned. The controlled media keeps repeating the Establishment mantra that “Russian operatives covertly interfered in the election campaign and manipulated voter sentiment to insure the Republican candidates’ victory – the election was not legitimate,” they say.

Before you dismiss all of this as nonsense, consider that on December 8, President Obama ordered the entire US intelligence community to investigate the Russian interference in the election and the spreading of foreign disinformation and propaganda in the alternate media and on the Internet. He says he will do a “full review” of the evidence of “election theft by the Russians” and report back to the American public before he leaves office. (No doubt, the CIA can be expected to give him the results that he and the political left want, and, paraphrasing what Jimmy Carter said 40 years ago, he would never lie to us.)

Obama, Hillary Clinton, the Democrat leadership, Establishment Republicans, and the entire political left are very serious and until the electoral college vote on December 19 worked overtime to reverse the outcome of the Nov 8 election. Most Americans (including most Trump supporters) were completely unaware of these efforts (most of which were behind the scenes) to reverse the election results. Or they just don’t take them seriously.

Having failed in their attempt at vote recounts in four states (where the Democrats, nevertheless manufactured hundreds of thousands of new post-election votes), the Establishment did everything they could think of to convince (or bribe) at least 37 Republican electors not to vote for Trump on December 19 – because “he is an illegitimate President.” Time magazine was openly lobbying for electors to vote for someone other than Trump on December 19. If that had happened, the election would have been thrown into the House of Representatives where Trump would never have gotten enough support to win.

In mid-December, there was a growing Establishment campaign in the media and in the halls of Congress – led in part by Establishment Republicans John McCain, Lindsey Graham, and Mitch McConnell to have the election declared null and void because of “illegal foreign interference.” This could still happen on January 6, when a joint session of Congress gathers in Washington to count the electoral votes. If an objection in writing is signed by one member of the House and one member of the Senate, the votes covered by the objection are not counted.

And we know that there are rabidly anti-Trump Republican Senators and Congressmen that would relish the chance to deny Trump the presidency. Some are already calling for another election. Were that to happen, Obama would remain as President for the foreseeable future, the election outcome would be thrown into the Supreme Court – as happened in 2000 – and the country would descend into total turmoil. If all of this fails, the probability is high that the Establishment will try to assassinate Trump – as they did JFK when he challenged their financial/power base. They will do ANYTHING not to lose their power – ANYTHING!

3. CENSING THE ALTERNATE (NON-ESTABLISHMENT) NEWS – In late November, the House of Representatives passed HR 6393 – The Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017. This bill authorizes the government to “crack down on websites ‘suspected’ of propagating Russian propaganda and disinformation.” In early December, the US Senate passed The Countering Disinformation and Propaganda Act, which is designed to put severe restrictions (censorship) on alternate media reporting – under the pretense that it is “suspected” of cooperating with and disseminating Russian propaganda. Do you see where this going? Total censorship of information in America and a total neutering of the alternate media. If you are anti-Establishment or
critical of government policies or actions, you will be silenced. (One day, that will include this newsletter.) Of course, President Obama will sign the legislation into law.

The political left has launched a massive “stop the ‘fake news’ propaganda campaign” aimed at censoring the Internet and social media, and purging it of all conservative, non-Establishment-controlled blogs or sources of information. The globalist Establishment and political left enjoyed an almost complete monopoly of all information and news reporting for decades via their ownership of six major news/information corporations. Then the Internet blew a gaping hole in this information/news monopoly and the political left’s propaganda/disinformation juggernaut was badly compromised.

In the recent US presidential election, the Establishment-controlled media in the US and globally was viciously (and virtually 100%) against Trump, but hundreds of conservative, anti-Establishment blogs and other independent news sources informed tens of millions of middle Americans of the truth about Hillary Clinton, the pro-communist Democrat Party and their agenda, and the realities of the Establishment control of Obama, Clinton, and their strategy for world government. It is true that there is some disinformation on the Internet — but much of it is generated by US government intelligence agencies.

But the new Establishment campaign (launched since their surprise election setback) is that we must protect the public from “fake news.” (This is totally disingenuous, since the Establishment-controlled news media have been non-stop perpetrators of fake, or false, news for decades.) So the Establishment and their Democrat shills in Congress, the leftist media (led by the Washington Post), and allies in Google, Yahoo, Facebook, YouTube, and the major Internet providers, have launched an all-out war against the conservative alternate media — especially on the Internet — by attempting to censor, block, or shut down 200 “extremist” blogs.

Major moves are now underway via legislation (described above), regulation, many global governments, and international agencies — including the UN — to censor and shut down the conservative/anti-Establishment media worldwide. The Establishment, in their incredible arrogance, totally underestimated the power of the conservative voices on the Internet and alternate and social media. It made a huge difference — perhaps the decisive difference — in the recent election.

So the empire is striking back — they are now moving aggressively to silence that opposition.

4. THE GLOBALISTS’ STRATEGY FOR A WORLDWIDE CASHLESS SOCIETY IS DRAMATICALLY ACCELERATING — Starting on November 8, the coordinated attack on cash has been dramatically escalated by the Establishment. The big test case (laboratory experiment) was India, where an 86% cash call-in occurred overnight — with massive financial/economic chaos erupting all over the country, thousands of poor people who could not use cash starving to death, thousands of suicides, and hundreds of millions of people with no bank accounts now in huge crisis.

All cash withdrawals are now being closely monitored and limited by banks across America and around the world at this time. If you are in possession of much cash — often only a few thousand dollars, or try to withdraw $5,000-$10,000 of your own funds from a bank, you are now viewed with extreme suspicion. Why now — why is this being intensified so much at this time? Does it have something to do with the globalists’ fear that they are losing control? Is a huge global financial crisis about to erupt?

Sweden, France, Finland, Denmark, Ukraine, South Korea, Singapore, Australia, Venezuela, and many countries are accelerating their push toward a cashless system — whereby everything has to be done electronically through the banks and credit card system. Banks in Australia are beginning to refuse cash deposits or withdrawals. Banks in Indonesia have begun to restrict cash withdrawals. India and Nepal are severely limiting bank wires into those countries. Leading banking, political, and Establishment officials around the world are now speaking vocally about the great evils of cash and those using it, and how we need to go cashless — on a global basis — NOW.

The globalists have dramatically accelerated their drive for a cashless world — in just the past six weeks. No cash means total financial control and surveillance of all activities by governments, incredible power and wealth for the banks, and a huge loss of freedom for the people — as we are now seeing in India. Why is this cashless strategy being sped up so much right now? Is it in anticipation of an imminent global financial meltdown? It is definitely a major part of the globalists’ strategy for worldwide people control.

5. THE MACHINERY FOR A HUGE AMERICAN POLICE STATE AND THE MASSIVE GOVERNMENT BUREAUCRACY TO ENFORCE IT
IS STILL IN PLACE AND GROWING – Unless the FBI, CIA, NSA, and our giant intelligence network are reorganized, re-staffed, and re-prioritized (all very “iffy”), the growing American police/surveillance state will remain intact and most likely will even continue to expand. Big Brother is likely to be watching you more and more!

6. THE OBAMA REGIME IS ISSUING HUNDREDS OF EDICTS, EXECUTIVE ORDERS, AND REGULATIONS IN ITS WANING HOURS – all of which are designed to advance their socialist/globalist agenda. Hopefully, Trump will rescind all of these on January 21.

The reality is that the Establishment control over the people has NOT diminished. The battle for freedom (in America and globally) has NOT been won and will NOT stop just because of one man or one election. The globalist Establishment still wields incredible power. And their evil plans for world government, in spite of recent setbacks, are still intact. Indeed, when examining the rapid acceleration of their global cashless agenda just since November 8, and their campaign to silence the conservative/non-Establishment-controlled news on the Internet since November 8, it is clear that, if anything, the Establishment is actually accelerating its globalist agenda. These two Establishment onslaughts will be discussed in more detail below.

I. THE GLOBALIST WAR ON CASH ACCELERATES

As part of the globalist establishment’s ongoing push to create a totalitarian “cashless society” where every transaction can be tracked and controlled, India’s authorities on November 8 suddenly demonetized the two largest denomination bills in circulation (i.e., 86% of all cash). In Sweden, where government already tracks and monitors almost everything, central bankers are plotting the creation of a “digital currency” that could be completely controlled — along with those who use it — by authorities.

And in Australia, establishment-minded mega-banks (including Citibank) are plotting with politicians to force everyone into a United Nations-backed “cashless society” where banks and government have total control over the population. In each case, different excuses have been used. But taken together, it is obvious that something major is going on, worldwide. Liberty and privacy are literally at stake.

A. THE GOAL: AN ENTIRE WORLD THAT IS CASHLESS

The global Establishment has increasingly been pushing for all nations to submit to what its propagandists tout as a “cashless society.” Basically, the agenda, pushed by the UN and top globalists, is to have a world in which all payments and transactions are conducted electronically — thereby creating a permanent record for governments to inspect and track at will and where ALL money will be locked up in the banking system. Multiple governments and dictatorships from Africa and Asia to Europe and the Americas have been explicitly working toward that goal, and in recent years even more have joined the effort. Powerful globalist forces and organizations including the UN, Microsoft, the Rockefeller/Bush dynasty, the mega-banks, central banks, and more are helping, too.

From the perspective of globalists, tyrants, central bankers, and mega-banks, there are numerous “benefits” to the anti-cash onslaught being waged around the world in addition to totally shredding what remains of personal financial privacy. Among the most important: the ability to force savers to accept “negative interest rates.” Indeed, as central-banking gimmicks to “stimulate” the central bank-damaged economy continue to fail, even with record-low interest rates, several fiat currency issuers in Europe have made history by introducing negative rates. Obviously, depositors are unlikely to accept having to pay bankers money to keep their cash in the bank so that monetary authorities and their cronies in commercial banks can further loot the public. But without the existence of cash, people may be left with little choice but to submit to the fleecing — they will be trapped in the banks with no alternative.

1. INDIA IS THE BIGGEST CASHLESS LABORATORY EXPERIMENT – The latest major salvo in the globalist war on cash came in India. Top officials there even had the nerve to pretend that the assault was for the benefit of everyday citizens. “Fake money and terrorism are ruining the nation’s fabric,” said Indian government leader Modi. “Honest men cannot buy a house, cannot get proper education due to black money. Cash economy aids black money, corruption, and makes life difficult for the poor. Government is imposing a limit on high denomination notes. In the history of nations, such a moment comes when you realize that you must be part of this historical moment. This is one such day. Every common man who is tired of corruption and black money is welcome to
Indian Finance Minister Arun Jaitley was even more open about the agenda, explaining in the media that the government’s decision was a major step in moving the country toward a cashless society. “The government believes that this decision has been welcomed everywhere. This major step will help India’s credibility,” he claimed, reassuring citizens that they had nothing to fear and boasting about how money would begin pouring into India’s troubled banking system as a result of the decree. “It will take India towards a cashless economy. It doesn’t merely push the country in that direction, but significantly pushes it.”

And indeed, that was the point – get more people ensnared in the banking regime and in the formal, government-controlled economy. Hundreds of millions of Indians, who heretofore have had no bank accounts or credit cards, will now be forced into the government controlled banking system. (Good for banking business, huh?!) India has been among the many nations targeted by globalists such as population-control advocate Bill Gates for the war on cash. It is a cashless experimental petri-dish – they will throw every extreme measure possible out there and see what sticks – while the globalists take notes. The globalist Gates Foundation, which helps lead the anti-cash “Better Than Cash Alliance,” lists India as one of its major targets. Not surprisingly, Microsoft is already swooping in to profit from the scheme as a provider of digital “payment solutions” and other such “services.”

Next, the Indian government issued a ban on gold imports and gold ownership on December 9, and is at present sending tax men and government agents out to search homes for gold. All but a few ounces of inherited gold jewelry will be seized. So India has now criminalized cash and gold ownership. In tandem with the accelerating push for a “cashless society,” the Indian government has also been collecting biometric data on every citizen as part of a deeply controversial, globalist-backed national ID scheme. Similar plots to capture biometric data and bring everyone into the “system” are going on all around the world. But due to grinding poverty, India and other poor nations appear to be an easy target for globalist schemers seeking to perfect the implementation of their totalitarian agenda.

2. THE ESTABLISHMENT PLANS FOR DIGITAL CASH TO BE OUR FUTURE – Shortly after the shocking news in India, Swedish authorities – among the global leaders in the “War on Cash” aimed at building a totalitarian “Cashless Society” – announced that they were exploring a plan to create e-cash on the road to phasing out cash completely. Known as the “e-Krona,” the “digital cash,” unlike regular cash, goes through computer systems, ensuring that Big Brother can monitor all economic transactions. Sweden (like India) is being used as a globalist testing ground as the establishment seeks to phase out cash using justifications such as “safety,” “security,” and taking down the evil “black economy.” Forecasters say the Nordic nation could be the first truly “cashless society.” Canadian authorities have been working on similar schemes as well.

In Australia, several major steps have also been taken in recent days on the road toward eliminating financial privacy and freedom under the guise of a “cashless society.” In mid-November, US banking giant Citibank, a member of the UN-backed anti-cash alliance, announced that it would stop handling cash at its Australian branches. “This move to cashless branches reflects Citibank’s commitment to digital banking,” said the bank’s chief of retail banking. Swiss banking giant UBS, meanwhile, decided to promote the idea of killing high-denomination bank notes in Australia. The Swiss mega-bank claimed that phasing out the notes would help the banking industry in addition to helping the government collect more in taxes and wipe out the black market.

Globally, governments, media, banks, and even academia have formed a single, unified chorus (propaganda) to push the idea out to the public that “cashless” is good for everyone, and only criminals use cash. Prepare to hear it and read it hundreds of times in the coming months: “Cash is for criminals”; “cash is for criminals”; “cash is for criminals”; etc., etc. However, for individuals, cash still has plenty of important advantages. Cash is one of the few remaining options for financial privacy that doesn’t create a permanent record of every purchase or transaction you make. It’s also an easy way to reduce your exposure to risks in the broader financial system.

The Daily Bell recently wrote: “We are told these are unrelated and individual decisions of various entities and nation states. But they are nothing of the sort. Once again, surreptitiously, the banking elites that want to run the world are systematically organizing a pan-global stratagem to advance their control.... If everyone’s cash is controlled, further technocratic globalization of society on a worldwide scale becomes increasingly feasible.” [Re-read that last paragraph.]

The Daily Bell continued: “The ongoing implementation of a global cash ban has taken on increased urgency because of growing negative interest rates...
worldwide” – noting that people did not want to pay banks to hold their cash, so banning cash would be a necessary solution. “As the attacks on wealth increase, any monetary unit not immediately available digitally will come under scrutiny and eventually be targeted with demands for confiscation. Conclusion: These emergent attacks certainly illustrate a growing elite desperation to take control, worldwide, sooner rather than later.”

3. WHO ARE THE MAJOR PLAYERS BEHIND THIS CASHLESS ONSLAUGHT? – Big Business cronies and particularly the “too big to fail” bailed-out mega-banks have played a major role in the “cashless” strategy. Governments, meanwhile, are largely driving the plot with taxpayer funding. Controversial and deep-pocketed mega-foundations are helping to bankroll it all and build some apparent semblance of public support. In September of 2012, for example, the Ford Foundation, which funds everything from pro-abortion “reproductive justice” to “sustainable development” unveiled what it called its “Better Than Cash Alliance.”

On its website, the Ford Foundation described its scheme thus: “The Better Than Cash Alliance partners with governments, the development community, and the private sector to empower people by shifting from cash to electronic payments.” Among the organizations involved in the radical partnership are the CIA-linked Ford Foundation, the American taxpayer-funded US Agency for International Development (USAID), the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, bailed-out mega-bank Citibank, credit card giant Visa, and more.

The United Nations is also at the heart of the plot, with the UN Capital Development Fund serving as the alliance’s “secretariat.” Other UN outfits involved in the scheme include the World Food Program and the United Nations Development Program (UNDP). Several governments and official agencies are listed on the alliance’s website, too, including authorities in Malawi, Colombia, Kenya, Afghanistan, Peru, and the Philippines. Some nominally private aid agencies are also involved.

The European Union, with 500 million people and over 20 million businesses, and on the brink of bankruptcy and disintegration, is in a panic mode, and is trying to force the conversion to a cashless society across Europe literally overnight. The EU has launched a huge cashless society project (in order to raise more taxes and to keep the money trapped in the failing banks). The European Payments Council (EPC) – a subdivision of the European Central Bank – has launched a project to begin elimination of ATMs in Europe as early as November, 2017 and force everyone to use their mobile phones or plastic cards.

[ED. NOTE: This probably explains why hundreds of thousands of wealthy Europeans are presently fleeing Europe (with their money) and going to Asia.]

In short, the same globalist banking/government establishment that has been looting and oppressing humanity for generations is preparing to take its totalitarian scheming to the next level – making the looting and control grid practically inescapable. The arguments purportedly justifying the “cashless society” agenda were undoubtedly well tested by focus groups and public-relations agencies before being unveiled.

B. WHAT THE CASHLESS SOCIETY WILL LOOK LIKE

The war on cash is well underway, and the massive debt collapse now being engineered by the globalists will be exploited to abandon (outlaw) all cash and force people into electronic currencies. Why the war on cash? Because cash offers too much freedom and anonymity to the very people the State wishes to control. The electronic currency promoted by the globalists will have the following characteristics:

1. All transactions will be tracked by the government. It will be the end of anonymity – unless you’re using BitCoin or a similar crypto-currency – all of which will ultimately be criminalized by the State.

2. All money can be frozen or confiscated by the government for any reason, including completely fabricated accusations such as: “you are a suspected tax cheat”; “you are suspected of money laundering”; “you are working for the Russians”; “you are dealing in ‘black money’”; etc. This gives the government absolute power to confiscate wealth, punish dissenters, put targeted commercial operations out of business, or even hand out endless currency to its crony corporate friends in Washington.

3. Confiscatory taxes can be automatically extracted from all your earnings, savings, and transactions, without your consent or knowledge. This means governments no longer have to rely on you to “report” your earnings to the IRS. They can simply confiscate a percentage of all your earnings and expenditures according to whatever rates and schedules they desire.

4. Savings and deposits can be subjected to negative interest rates without causing a run of cash
withdrawals. Negative interest rates are a key tactic that will be employed by globalist banksters and corrupt governments that incessantly seek new, innovative ways to steal productivity from the fiscally illiterate masses.

5. Once a government spends its way to debt oblivion, it can simply announce a massive nationwide “bail in” that confiscates all the electronic currency and issues a new electronic currency worth much less, all at the click of a button. This “wholesale confiscation” of economic productivity from the working class can keep government debt spending and money printing spinning for generations in a kind of e-currency perpetual motion machine.

The NYT, Washington Post, CNN and all the usual globalists are already pushing bans of $100 bills for this very reason. Their goal is the criminalization of cash as step one in their push for a global totalitarian police state. In India, the largest denomination of rupee currency is now worth about $1.20. In Venezuela, the largest currency note (now being called in by the Venezuelan government) is the 100 bolivar – worth 3 cents in American money.

C. DO YOU LIKE CASH? ARE YOU A CRIMINAL? CASH SEIZURE IN THE AMERICAN POLICE STATE

There is a strong connection between the Establishment’s hatred and fear of cash and the sharp escalation of police/government asset seizure of cash from innocent, law abiding citizens. Privacy expert Mark Nestmann recently wrote about this connection: If you don’t trust the banks to protect the money you’ve deposited, you’re not alone. From a legal standpoint, the money you deposit in a bank no longer belongs to you. Instead, the bank owns it. You are merely just another one of their unsecured creditors.

What’s more, in the event of future bank failures, the US government has now signed an international agreement confirming that it will not pay off depositors. Instead, it will force them to submit to a “bail-in” regime, like bank depositors in Cyprus experienced in 2013. The bail-in scenario, on top of the lowest interest rates in 5,000 years, has led many bank depositors to make the entirely rational decision to withdraw their savings from banks. They’re taking the cash and storing it, often in a home safe. Indeed, sales of home safes are soaring worldwide.

1. CIVIL FORFEITURE – This behavior deeply disturbs the powers that be. If you are a cash hoarder, you are now regarded as a criminal by your government. In response, they’ve imposed stricter and stricter controls on cash. Over the past 18 months, these controls have dramatically accelerated. In the US, one strategy the government uses to discourage people from holding cash is civil forfeiture. Under this Alice-in-Wonderland legal process, cops can seize your cash – or anything else you own – if they believe that it’s somehow connected to a crime – any crime. You don’t need to be convicted, accused, or even arrested for a crime to lose everything you own.

The procedural rules governing forfeiture cases are also very complex. Only a handful of attorneys are familiar with them, and they charge accordingly for this knowledge. The last time I checked, I couldn’t find an attorney willing to help a client reclaim wrongfully seized property from police for a retainer under $20,000. If you’re poor, like most victims of civil forfeiture, there’s no way you’ll be able to come up with the money to contest the seizure.

2. FINANCING YOUR LOCAL POLICE – The biggest reason cops love civil forfeiture is that the seizing agency generally gets to use the seized property for its own purposes. It’s literally “policing for profit.” While each state has its own rules for what cops can buy with the money they confiscate, pretty much anything goes:

a. Milwaukee County sheriffs invested $25,000 in forfeited monies for “customer service training” from the Disney Institute.

b. Police in Bal Harbour, Florida, with an estimated population of 2,633, spent $23,000 in confiscated cash flying first class to Chicago, Las Vegas, and Los Angeles. On arrival, they drove in style in deluxe vehicles such as a Cadillac SRX and a Lincoln Town Car. The police department later spent $7,000 on a banquet and $21,000 on an “anti-drug beach bash” – all from confiscated cash.

c. Romulus, Michigan’s police chief used forfeited assets to buy a $75,000 tanning salon for his wife. He spent another $40,000 on marijuana, alcohol, and prostitutes.

d. A Texas district attorney spent $267,449 in forfeited assets on travel expenses, including numerous junkets to casinos.

e. Another Texas district attorney treated his office and their spouses to Hawaii for a “law conference.” He paid for it with $27,000 in asset forfeiture proceeds.

f. The sheriff of Camden County, Georgia, used $90,000 of forfeited assets to buy a Dodge Viper for the
county’s Drug Awareness and Resistance Education (DARE) program. He also paid prison inmates $35,000 to build a “very nice party house” for himself.

[ED. NOTE: Clearly asset confiscation can be lots of fun and very profitable – for the police.]

Admittedly, a few of these purchases broke even the very lax rules for the permissible use of seized assets. For instance, in 2014, the former police chief of Romulus, Michigan, was sent to prison. He and five other officers allegedly embezzled more than $100,000.

3. THE FEDS ARE IN ON THE ACTION TOO – It’s not just state and local governments that are getting in on all the fun. Federal law has authorized civil forfeiture since the dawn of the Republic more than two centuries ago. And it’s become quite profitable. The Department of Justice alone seized more than $4.5 billion in 2014. It’s just one of many federal agencies with the authority to confiscate property under federal civil forfeiture laws.

That should come as no surprise. In 1989, the US Supreme Court actually ruled the federal government has a legitimate financial interest to maximize forfeiture revenues. Since then, federal agencies have developed highly sophisticated techniques to do just that. Take the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), for instance. Earlier this year, an investigation revealed that the DEA routinely carries out “data mining” of Americans’ travel information to build profiles of individuals who might be carrying large sums of cash. Using a nationwide network of travel industry informants, the DEA gives special attention to individuals who meet secret “drug courier” profiles, such as buying one-way tickets or purchasing their tickets with cash. Amtrak and airline employees who pass information on to the DEA are eligible for generous commissions if the tip leads to a seizure.

Over the last decade, the agency has seized at least $209 million in cash from 5,200 passengers. In the vast majority of cases, the passengers weren’t arrested; they were given a receipt for the seized cash and sent on their way. For instance, of 1,600 DEA forfeitures in Los Angeles in the last 10 years, only one was in connection with a criminal investigation.

[ED. NOTE: All of this has become possible because the Establishment and the political left have brainwashed the public to believe that if you have or use a large amount of cash, you must be a criminal, a tax cheat, a money launderer, a drug dealer, a potential terrorist, or using “black money.” As Hitler said, “Tell a lie, tell it often enough, and the people will believe it.” And the growing rationale of the government controllers is that if cash, or large users or possessors of cash, are evil – then they are fair game to have that cash seized, until finally all the “evil cash” can be eliminated and/or locked up in the banks.]

Are you outraged? You should be – and it’s probably about to get worse. President-elect Donald Trump has proposed a “Restoring Community Safety Act” that he claims will reduce “surging” crime in America’s cities. But the fact is that violent crime nationwide has actually been falling for the last 25 years. Given the love affair police at all levels of government have for civil forfeiture, it’s inconceivable that a Trump anti-crime bill won’t further unleash the forfeiture squads on America.

But there’s no law – yet – that says you can’t move a portion of your assets outside the US to countries that don’t have civil forfeiture laws (most don’t). Even if you don’t fit the “profile” for a civil forfeiture – and you probably do, because it’s so broad – you should seriously consider international diversification. A “Plan B,” if you will. Today couldn’t be soon enough to begin putting it in place. [End of Mark Nestmann quote.]

D. BANKS CALL FOR TAXING CASH WITHDRAWALS

Banks are proposing that the government take a series of measures in the name of combatting tax evasion, which are centered around reducing the use of cash in favor of increasing online transactions. The most serious proposal is the taxing of cash withdrawals. As bank executives say, cash is easily channeled into the so-called shadow economy, so imposing a tax on withdrawals would drastically reduce transactions in cash and therefore the illegal economy as well. [ED NOTE: For the country’s biggest crooks to propose protecting us all from the shadow economy and illegal activities is the height of hypocrisy and self-serving manipulation. They just want to keep all the money in their banks!]

Lenders are also asking for the compulsory use of cards or other online means for all transactions concerning professions where there are strong indications of tax evasion or cash is used as the main means of payment. Credit and debit cards as well as the new technologies that allow for contactless transactions, such as cell phone apps, should be possible to use even for the smallest transactions the banks argue – from the purchase of a newspaper to buying a bus ticket. Oh, did they forget to mention that they make money off of each such transaction?
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- **GOLD** American Eagle, Canadian Maple Leaf, Australian and Austrian gold coins, COMEX/NYMEX approved bars and rounds, and American Eagle Gold Proof Coins. We often recommend Proofs as a way to hold a collectible type of coin in an IRA.
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A Sure-Fire Natural Cure for Memory Loss

Dear Reader of The McAlvany Intelligence Advisor,

As the famous cowboy movie star John Wayne grew older, he appeared sharp as a tack in his television appearances and movie rolls. But privately, he complained of memory loss.

What was particularly aggravating to him was his growing inability to remember the names of people – sometimes even people close to him. As the story goes, one day he was attending a football game with his best friend of over 30 years and director of many of his movies, John Ford. As he looked across the stands, he saw two acquaintances coming toward him. He was thrilled that he remembered both of their names, and would be able to introduce them to Ford without embarrassing himself.

“Bob, Mary,” he exclaimed with obvious relish and a sweeping gesture of his hand as they approached their seats near his, “I’d like you to meet…” And then his voice trailed off as he realized he had just forgotten the name of his best friend…John Ford.

The Safe, All-Natural Cure for Memory Loss

Were John Wayne still alive today, he’d be very happy to know that a safe, all-natural solution for mild to moderate memory loss is now available. This supplement is called Vinpocetine, and it is widely known for its astonishing ability to boost brain power, enhance concentration and retention, and sharpen mental focus and performance without any significant negative side effects.

Bernd Wollschlaeger, M.D., a Florida-based board-certified family physician who is also the associate editor of the Journal of the American Nutraceutical Association (JANA), says Vinpocetine is one of the mainstays of his practice when it comes to patients complaining of memory loss and mild cognitive impairment.

According to Dr. Wollschlaeger, “All of the peer-reviewed studies I’ve seen found a significant improvement in cognitive function with Vinpocetine. Until Vinpocetine, we physicians have had nothing to prevent cognitive decline. We only have drugs to treat after the fact. With safe, natural Vinpocetine, patients see comparatively rapid improvement in memory functions as well as enhancement of learning and recall and overall alertness. Results are often seen in only seven to ten days. We don’t have to wait four, six, or eight weeks, like with Gingko Biloba, to see results. What’s more, there have been more than 100 clinical studies conducted on Vinpocetine, with over 30,000 patients, proving its safety and effectiveness.”

Viagra for the Brain

According to Ray Sahelian, M.D., author of the popular book, Mind Boosters: A Guide to Natural Supplements that Enhance Your Mind, Memory, and Mood, “Vinpocetine is chemically related to and derived from vincamine, a natural alkaloid found in the periwinkle plant. It was introduced into clinical practice in Europe more than two decades ago for its highly beneficial role in cerebrovascular disorders and related symptoms. But because it is derived from natural sources it is now widely used in the U.S. as a nutritional supplement for memory support and cognitive enhancement.”

Ward Dean, M.D., co-author of the bestselling books Smart Drugs and Nutrients and Smart Drugs II, says Vinpocetine is like “Viagra for the brain.” He states, “It’s one of the few cognitive enhancers that I actually notice a distinctly positive and uplifting difference when I take it.” Dr. Dean says that Vinpocetine facilitates cerebral metabolism by...
E. THE WHOLE ESTABLISHMENT IS JUMPING ON THE CASHLESS BANDWAGON

Simon Black, editor of Sovereign Man, recently wrote: It’s happening faster than we could have ever imagined. Every time we turn around, it seems, there’s another major assault in the War on Cash. India is the most notable recent example – the embarrassing debacle a month or so ago in which the government, overnight, “demonetized” its two largest denominations of cash, leaving an entire nation in chaos. But there have been so many smaller examples. In the US city of New Orleans, the local government decided in early November to stop accepting cash payments from drivers at the Office of Motor Vehicles.

And former US Treasury Secretary Larry Summers published an article in late November stating that “nothing in the Indian experience gives us pause in recommending that no more large notes be created in the United States, Europe, and around the world.” In other words, despite the India chaos, Summers thinks we should still curtail the $100 bill. The conclave of the high priests of monetary policy almost invariably repeat the same mantra: “Only criminals and terrorists use high denominations of cash.” Ken Rogoff, Harvard professor and former official at the International Monetary Fund and Federal Reserve, recently published a book blatantly entitled The Curse of Cash. Ben Bernanke called it a “fascinating and important book.” And, shockingly, a number of reviews on Amazon.com praise “brilliant” Rogoff’s “visionary concepts” in his “excellent book.”

Rogoff, like most of his colleagues, contends that large bills like the $100 or 500 euro note are only used in “drug trade, extortion, bribes, human trafficking...” (That is a lie – pure disinformation!) In fact, they jokingly refer to the 500-euro note as the “Bin Laden” since they claim that it’s only used by terrorists. It turns out that countries with higher denominations of cash actually have much lower crime rates, including rates of organized crime.

The research was simple – we looked at the World Economic Forum’s competitive rankings that assess countries’ levels of organized crime, as well as the direct business costs of dealing with crime and violence. Switzerland, with its 1,000 Swiss franc note (roughly $1,000 USD) has among the lowest levels of organized crime in the world according to the WEF. Ditto for Singapore, which has a 1,000 Singapore dollar note (about $700 USD). Japan’s highest denomination of currency is 10,000 yen, worth $88 today. Yet Japan also has extremely low crime rates. Same for the United Arab Emirates, whose highest denomination is the 1,000 dirham ($272).

If you examine countries with very low denominations of cash, the opposite holds true: Crime rates, and in particular organized crime rates, are extremely high. Consider Venezuela, Nigeria, Brazil, South Africa, etc. Organized crime is prevalent. Yet each of these has a currency whose maximum denomination is less than $30. And they’re pumping out all sorts of propaganda – trying to get people to equate crime and corruption with high denominations of cash. Simply put, the data doesn’t support their assertion. It’s just another hoax that will give them more power at the expense of your privacy and freedom. It’s ultimately about total people control.

F. THE COMING CASHLESS UTOPIA

Imagine strolling into your local supermarket, popping your essentials into a basket, heading to the bagging area, and walking out with your weekly shopping. There is no need to make a payment, no fiddling with coins, and no placement of a debit or credit card in a terminal. In fact, there is no till at all. This is not casual shoplifting but a realistic prospect of the future way to pay (Amazon is already experimenting with this payment method in its employees-only bricks-and-mortar store) – when technology recognizes your presence, scans your shopping, and invisibly takes payment from your account.

Amer Sajed, the chief executive of Barclaycard, says it will spell the steady demise of the physical plastic credit card, which his company introduced to the UK 50 years ago. “People will be able to seamlessly shop going between the web, an app, or in store,” he says. It will also create a battle for control of your digital wallet between banks and technology companies, as well as prompt debate over our privacy and security. Credit cards have evolved since 1966, but the basic procedure of payment has remained the same. A card is either handed over or the number on it is read out or entered into a machine. All that requires the existence of a plastic card, but Mr. Sajed says this is being replaced by wearable items. In the future these may consist of imbedded chips or tattoos – probably invisible tattoos.

At a display for Barclaycard staff, he shows off a plastic ring, a bracelet, and a keychain that all contain a chip allowing the shopper to make payments on credit. This, he says, is just a bridge to technology that will see customers identified by their eye or fingerprint, located via their smartphone, and able to shop with-
out queuing up at a checkout. Although cash, checks, and indeed cards will remain an option for shoppers, he says, these new ways of paying will take a growing share of the payments market in 10 years’ time. [ED. NOTE: But the cash and checks will ultimately be phased out!]

Such a prospect sounds frightening for anyone who already has concerns about corporations and potentially hackers, or government’s tracking our whereabouts or spending habits. Mr. Sajed argues that nothing will be done without permission. “We would never track anyone’s location or data without their express knowledge. And it would only be for things that the customer has allowed us to do.” [ED NOTE: Right! Like the NSA’s or Google’s current spying on all your emails, social media, or SMART phone calls! We assume they told you and got your permission, didn’t they?]

There is an extra benefit, Sajed says, as it is much easier to authorize a transaction when a card company (or government) knows a customer’s exact location. It is easier to stop fraud for the same reason. A link in the background between the individual and the payment system is required for any of this to work. This already happens with shopping portals like Amazon and services such as Uber allowing a single-click transaction, because bank or credit card details are loaded when the customer first signs up. “These emerging technologies still use the existing, underlying rails of the card payments system,” says Richard Koch, head of policy at the UK Cards Association.

CONCLUSION

Clearly the banks want all of your money locked up in the banking system and for you to do all of your purchases through their credit card system – purchases which will continually create profits for the banks. The governments love it – it enables them to monitor, track, and, when desired, control all of your transactions. You can see where the technology for a cashless society is going.

Financial freedom and privacy will certainly be a thing of the past. And when the government wants to pull the plug on an individual or freeze him completely out of the system, it can be done instantly. Revelation 13 talks about such a scenario. This system is now in the early stages of being implemented all over the world – and even with a Trump Administration it is unlikely to slow down. And remember this: the cashless society is about total people control – and is seen by the globalists as an essential element in their coming New World Order!

QUESTION: Should you still own and store cash? In this writer’s opinion, definitely yes – but perhaps in several currencies – US dollars, Swiss francs, Singapore dollars, and maybe Hong Kong dollars. But be careful to watch if that issuing government does a currency exchange (i.e., old currency for new – same denomination in most cases) wherein at some set date the old currency becomes worthless. Many countries (including the US) are doing this (in some instances every few years) – not just to issue new, less worn bills, but to drive currency out of the underground economy and expose it when old bills are traded in for new bills.

Three to six months’ worth of expenses in cash seems prudent to this writer. Also, be sure not to violate any of the government’s cash reporting laws by structuring cash withdrawals to avoid the over $10,000 bank reporting requirement. This writer still believes that the majority of an individual’s liquid assets should be held in fully paid, personally held gold and silver coins – partially stored abroad. Gold will continue to be widely held in most parts of the world and will rise dramatically in the coming financial meltdown – the present manipulated price takedown not withstanding.

II. THE GLOBALIST/POLITICAL LEFT ATTACK ON THE ALTERNATE (INDEPENDENT) MEDIA

The Trump election, Brexit, the fall of the Italian government, and more have been shocking wakeup calls for the globalist Establishment and the political left. They have lost their news/information/propaganda monopoly that they had for over 50 years in America and around the world. Conservative, anti-Establishment, independent news sources have emerged on the Internet, on YouTube, and in the social media in recent years, and hundreds of millions of people around the world are now finding out the truth about what is really happening in the world and in their own countries. As the commentator in the old classic movie “Network” said, and millions of people shouted: “We’re mad as hell and we’re not going to take it anymore.”

The primary reason that Hillary Clinton and the globalist Establishment lost the recent presidential election was because of free, unfettered media and news reporting on the Internet. (Actually, this writer believes the number one reason was the intervention of the God of the Bible in answer to a massive outpouring
of prayers beseeching Him to give America one more chance at freedom.)

But the Establishment (who would never understand the God factor) does understand that the Internet was their Achilles Heel – that their wholly owned media was severely discredited throughout the year or so leading up to the election by their totally obvious bias, lies, false reporting, and disinformation, and was in incredible contrast with the “free” reporting on the Internet.

So some of the best news of all is that the great majority of Americans (and Europeans and many more around the globe) now recognize that the US (and global) media is worthless, useless, lying non-stop through its teeth, and simply the controlled propaganda arm of the globalists and political left. The credibility of the US media is now at an all-time low – at least among those with at least half a brain. And many more people around the world now look to the Internet for their news/information than to the controlled media.

A. THE LEFTIST ESTABLISHMENT ONSLAUGHT TO SILENCE THE ALTERNATE MEDIA

Since the November 8 election upset, the Establishment, the political left and the discredited Democrat Party have launched a massive media campaign to convince the public that Trump was only elected because of Russian disinformation and manipulation of the election, and that the 200 (or more) independent/conservative/anti-Establishment blogs or news sources were spreading “fake news” propagated by the Russians. The accusation is that they were agents of Russian propaganda, and were being used (knowingly or unknowingly) by Russia to help Trump steal the election.

What we are seeing is a coordinated effort to take everything the government does not want people sharing online and slap labels on it: “hate speech,” “cyber-bullying,” “fake news,” “extremist,” and now “Russian propaganda” – mix it all together in a giant ball, and justify censoring it. You can see when you step back how coordinated or orchestrated this effort really is. We are watching the long road to total censorship unfold right before our eyes. And controlling information on the social media (something Trump used very efficiently throughout the campaign) is an important part of this censorship. Will some of us one day be labeled as cyber-criminals or as a potential cyber-terrorist? Will Donald Trump be so labeled?

These allegations would be so absurd as to be laughable except that the Establishment has launched a major campaign to censor (ban) these 200 conservative, independent news outlets (and more), as well as social media, and block them from the Internet, YouTube, and social media. The New York Times, the Washington Post, numerous media giants, Hillary Clinton, President Obama, the Democrat Party, and the entire political left have jumped on the bandwagon and are demanding a total blacklisting and banning of these blogs and investigation of how they teamed up with Russia to pervert the election results and steal it from Hillary.

The Washington Post led the charge with a front-page article on November 24 listing 200 news outlets and accusing them of being Russian propagandists – of propagating “fake news” in collaboration with the Russian government. A number of those accused are planning to launch a multi-million-dollar libel suit against the Post.

Already, Google, Yahoo, Facebook, Twitter, Microsoft, and many more Internet giants are joining the Establishment in this onslaught. All are closely tied to the globalist establishment. Short of getting the election results declared invalid their goal is to restore their lost media/information monopoly and silence all independent, conservative, anti-Establishment reporting. This writer has long predicted that in order to keep the masses asleep and establish their world government, the Establishment had to totally censor the Internet. That assault on information freedom has now begun. Will Donald Trump, who obviously benefited from a free Internet, fight back against this onslaught? We hope so.

B. SHUTTING DOWN CONSERVATIVE CONTENT ON THE INTERNET

Many freedom lovers have wondered when the globalists and the political left would move to censor the Internet. That time is clearly NOW! At some point, they simply would no longer allow certain things to remain on the Internet. The potential to reach a global audience with important information, and the idea that it could go viral and be in the hands of anyone (or everyone) is just too big. So it should come as no surprise that many corporate giants from Silicon Valley are now putting forward a unified front to silence free speech on social media. The day of a free and unfettered Internet are almost over.

Google, Facebook, Twitter, Yahoo News, and other Internet gatekeepers are strongly opposed to anything that is not pro-Establishment, and are now
erecting blocking (or blackout) machinery on the Net in an effort to control or suppress information they don’t want you to see. Nearly all independent media organizations (the only really free press in the world) have been banned from Google News and Yahoo News. Some time ago, Yahoo News systematically removed all conservative news websites from its index. Facebook has decided to diminish and suppress independent media news websites, effectively driving their visibility into the margins of public consciousness. The aim of these (and the other) Establishment controlled Internet giants is to eliminate all dissenting views from the Internet. It’s called total censorship – China has it today and we are about to put the same censoring system in place here in America and across the Western world.

On December 9, Matt Slavo wrote: Hashtags, keywords, and flagged accounts, logged in various databases, will be shared and enforced across the web. Shutting down content identified as “unacceptable” or “extremist” will now be streamlined, and leave unpopular posters with fewer places to peddle their so-called “extremist” non-mainstream views.

According to Yahoo! News: “Web giants YouTube, Facebook, Twitter, and Microsoft will step up efforts to remove extremist content from their websites by creating a common database. The companies will share "hashes" – unique digital fingerprints they automatically assign to videos or photos – of extremist content they have removed from their websites to enable their peers to identify the same content on their platforms. We hope this collaboration will lead to greater efficiency as we continue to enforce our policies to help curb the pressing global issue of terrorist content online.,” the companies said in a statement on December 6.

The European Union set up an EU Internet Forum last year, bringing together the Internet companies, interior ministers and the EU Counter-Terrorism Coordinator to find ways of removing “extremist content.” Many current incidents are being used to justify the idea that a new online policing – and a pulling of the weeds – is now necessary. The “fake news” purging campaign has reached across the blogosphere and alternative media, and punished websites that have dared to report on such taboo topics as the Clinton crimes, Wikileaks email dumps, any controversial aspects of the Syrian war, and many other serious topics that these agenda-driven companies have opted to suppress.

While these platforms offer the opportunity to reach a wide audience, the centrality of ubiquitous plat-
Republican Senator Jeff Sessions for Attorney General and Republican Representative Mike Pompeo for director of the Central Intelligence Agency – are leading advocates for domestic government spying at levels not seen since the aftermath of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. An “already over-powerful surveillance state” is about to “be let loose on the American people,” said Daniel Schuman, policy director for Demand Progress, an Internet and privacy advocacy organization.

In a reversal of curbs imposed after Edward Snowden’s revelations in 2013 about mass data-gathering by the NSA, Trump and Congress may move to reinstate the collection of bulk telephone records, renew powers to collect the content of e-mails and other internet activity, ease restrictions on hacking into computers, and let the FBI keep preliminary investigations open longer.

A. EXPANDING SURVEILLANCE

A new rule went into effect on December 1 letting the FBI get permission from a judge in a single jurisdiction to hack into multiple computers whose locations aren’t known. “Under the proposed rules, the government would now be able to obtain a single warrant to access and search thousands or millions of computers at once; and the vast majority of the affected computers would belong to the victims, not the perpetrators, of a cybercrime,” Senator Ron Wyden, an Oregon Democrat who serves on the Intelligence Committee, said in a statement. Wyden is one of seven senators, including Republican Rand Paul, who have introduced a bill, S. 3475, to delay the new policy until July to give Congress time to debate its merits and consider amendments.

Sessions, Pompeo, and officials with national security and law enforcement agencies have argued that expanded surveillance powers are needed, especially because of the threat of small, deadly terrorist plots that are hard to detect, like the killing of 49 people at a gay nightclub in Orlando, Florida, in June and 14 people in San Bernardino, California, last year.

“What’s needed is a fundamental upgrade to America’s surveillance capabilities,” Pompeo and a co-author wrote in a Wall Street Journal commentary last January. “Legal and bureaucratic impediments to surveillance should be removed.” Pompeo and Sessions want to repeal a 2015 law that prohibits the FBI and NSA from collecting bulk phone records – “metadata” such as numbers called and dates and times – on Americans who aren’t suspected of wrongdoing. “Congress should pass a law re-establishing collection of all metadata, and combining it with publicly available financial and lifestyle information into a comprehensive, searchable database,” Pompeo wrote.

[ED. NOTE: Pompeo, the new CIA director selected by Trump, said recently that Edward Snowden, who revealed to the world the massive extent to which the NSA and American government is spying on all of us, is a traitor who should be brought back to the US, tried, and executed. This gives us a pretty good idea of where the government spy agencies (including NSA and the CIA) are headed under a Trump Administration.]

B. WARRANTLESS INTERCEPTIONS

Sessions has opposed restraints on NSA surveillance and said in June that he supported legislation to expand the types of internet data the FBI can intercept without warrants. Congress is also expected to consider legislation in early 2017 that would renew the government’s ability to collect the content of email and other Internet activity from companies such as Google and Facebook. Under the Prism program, investigators pursuing “suspected” terrorists can intercept the contents of electronic communications believed to come from outside the US without specific warrants, even if one end of the communications is inside the country or involves an American.

C. THE PATRIOT ACT

Prism came under criticism when it was exposed by Snowden, the former NSA contractor who revealed hundreds of thousands of documents on agency surveillance programs. Section 702 of the USA Patriot Act, under which Prism and other spy programs are conducted, is set to expire at the end of 2017 if it isn’t reauthorized by Congress. James Comey, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, has said he also wants to renew a debate early next year about whether Apple and other companies can resist court warrants seeking to unlock encrypted communications. The agency went to court trying to force Apple to create new software to crack password protection on a phone used by the shooter in San Bernardino.

Republicans led by Senate Intelligence Committee Chairman Richard Burr of North Carolina are expected to re-introduce legislation requiring companies to give investigators access to encrypted communications. The FBI is also seeking legislation that would allow it to obtain “non-content electronic communication transactional records,” such as brows-
ing histories and computer Internet Protocol addresses, without court oversight or a warrant.

D. YAHOO HAS PARTNERED WITH THE NSA TO SPY ON THE EMAILS OF HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF USERS

This writer has long warned about the US government spying on (i.e., recording) all of our electronic communications: emails, social media, smart phones, Skype calls, text messages, etc. Edward Snowden has warned of this as well, and now this suspicion has been confirmed. Big Brother is watching or listening and will use the information gathered against at least some of us – perhaps conservatives or Christians who are critical of the government. Will this continue under Trump? Probably!

On October 4, 2016, Reuters reported: At the request of the US government Yahoo last year secretly built a custom software program to search all of its customers’ incoming emails for specific information requested by US intelligence officials, according to people familiar with the matter. The company complied with a classified US government directive, scanning hundreds of millions of Yahoo Mail accounts at the behest of the National Security Agency or FBI, said two former employees.

Some surveillance experts said this represents the first case to surface of a US Internet company agreeing to a spy agency’s demand by searching all arriving messages, as opposed to examining stored messages or scanning a small number of accounts in real time. It is now believed that virtually all Internet companies are cooperating with the government spy agencies in a similar manner.

CONCLUSION

BOTTOM LINE: Don’t put, transmit, or speak any private information (financial, legal, or of a very personal nature) on the Internet, a smart phone, Skype, social media, etc. It is all being recorded by or for the NSA and at sometime in the future could be used against you by some government agency (FBI, DEA, BATF, IRS, CIA, etc.) – especially if for any of many reasons (i.e., you are accused of underpaying your taxes, being anti-government, being an extremist, money laundering, suspicion of terrorism, violation of gun laws or reporting laws, or one of thousands of regulations you have never heard of) you come up on their radar screen. If you should in some way become “a person of interest,” there will be a dos-sier with all of your private communications waiting for you. Caveat emptor!

Any illusions that government spying on our electronic communications and financial records under a Republican administration and Congress will diminish or stop are just that – illusions. The “war on terrorism” is a highly flawed excuse for even Republicans or some conservatives to support increased government surveillance. The political left, of course want to use it against Americans at large and conservative government critics in particular. But, regardless of the motivation or political persuasion, the American police/surveillance state is likely to continue to grow – even under Trump.

IV. THE WORLD IN BRIEF

ECONOMIC

- With 10,000 baby boomers turning 65 each day, businesses are scrambling to find ways to slow an exodus of the most experienced employees and ensure that they pass along their knowledge before they leave.
- Three years and three months later, a massive 840,000 gallon oil spill in North Dakota still isn’t fully cleaned up. The company responsible hasn’t even set a date for completion. Less than a third of spill has been recovered — or ever will be.

EDUCATIONAL

- A class to be taught next semester at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, called “The Problem of Whiteness” aims to “understand how whiteness is socially constructed and experienced in order to help dismantle white supremacy,” the course description states.
- A rainbow-headed snake, a tiny frog and a lizard with dragon-like horns are among more than 150 new species confirmed by scientists last year in Asia’s ecologically diverse but threatened Greater Mekong region.

MEDIA

- Some of 2016’s biggest blockbusters have featured older leading ladies opposite younger men, turning the traditional age dynamic of Hollywood on its head.

GEOPOLITICAL

- Authorities across Cuba have cracked down on dissidents, arresting dozens, keeping others from marching in Havana, and detaining an American human rights lawyer.
• Pakistan’s embattled national carrier, Pakistan International Airlines, has been widely mocked for sacrificing a goat next to a plane to ward off bad luck, weeks after one of the country’s worst air disasters.

IMMIGRATION
• About 1,574 – that’s how many illegal aliens were apprehended at the US-Mexico border per day during the month of November, marking the fifth straight month of escalating illegal immigration into the southwest United States. And now, in addition to the tens of thousands of illegals streaming in from Central America, officials are reporting increased waves of Cubans and Haitians crossing into the United States via Mexico.

PRIVACY
• A report by the Centre for Digital Democracy warned that all wearable gadgets posed serious privacy and security risks. American manufacturers could be feeding information they collect from gadgets that monitor your heart rate, sleep pattern, calorie consumption, and stress levels to private healthcare and insurance companies, it stated.
• The FBI has collected nearly 430,000 iris scans over the past three years, an investigation by technology website The Verge has revealed.

SOCIAL
• Smartphone users will soon be able to identify people using a facial recognition app for the very first time. London-based firm Blippar is set to add the Augmented Reality Face Profile feature to its app, enabling users to scan – or ‘blipp’ – a face, either in person or from an image or TV. This will unlock a profile with information about that person, including links to their social media profiles.

V. PRACTICAL CONSIDERATIONS

A. ROLL YOUR IRA INTO GOLD COINS – One of the most vulnerable assets a person has is his or her retirement account. But there is a way to protect your hard-earned retirement funds. A precious metals IRA is designed for investors who want to diversify their IRA assets into physical gold and silver. There are many advantages to owning precious metals in your IRA or retirement account. For more information, see the insert included with this issue of MIA, or call 888-528-0559.

• Are you forgetting a lot of things? Many of us do, but misery makes bad company, to twist an old saying. Age often brings forgetfulness, which dramatically lowers functionality in many areas of life. You’re not as effective at work, personal relationships can be strained, and your hobbies and interests can be drastically affected. Memory loss is no small matter. But there’s help – amazing help. A well-studied nutritional supplement can literally nourish your brain, bringing its functions back to more youthful levels and having strongly beneficial effects on memory, recall, and mental acuity. Be sure to read about this proved-effective supplement in the insert included with this issue of MIA, or call 888-528-0559.

VI. FINAL THOUGHT – THE RISE OF GLOBAL ANTI-CHRISTIAN PERSECUTION

The intensity and violence of persecution against religious minorities around the world is “like nothing we’ve seen in the past two or three decades,” an expert has told Christian Today. Isaac Six, advocacy director of International Christian Concern (ICC), said: “religious freedom has deteriorated tremendously in certain areas and certain regions of the globe in 2016. From our vantage point, conditions in China, India, Russia, Iraq, Syria, Niger, and even, to some degree, in the United States, have been heading in a very negative direction.”

“The intensity and violence of persecution taking place today, and the awareness of that violence, is like nothing we’ve seen in the past two or three decades. Persecution has always existed, but usually those doing the persecuting make some effort to try and hide their actions. However, today, groups like ISIS and Boko Haram have completely defied this convention, brazenly admitting they are targeting Christians and other religious minorities while publishing slick, polished videos of executions and kidnapping victims.

“Suddenly anyone with an Internet connection is able to witness persecution taking place in a horrific manner that many Christians probably thought ended 17 centuries ago with the Roman coliseums. Yet while violent Islamic extremism is driving much of the persecution that makes it into the headlines, it is the non-reaction (indifference) of other nations (and of the Christian church in Western countries) in response to this extremism and to persecution that also carries serious implications for religious freedom.”

Today, we see Russia and China increasingly using “extremism” as a justification for curtailing religious activities and freedom. Russian President Vladimir Putin last July signed into law the “Yarovaya” package, under which house churches are illegal and religious
activity or evangelism is prohibited anywhere outside a registered church or religious site, including private homes and online. Only government-approved members of state-sanctioned religious organizations are now allowed to share their faith, and even informal witnessing between individuals is forbidden. Critics have branded it a draconian attempt to stifle religious freedom under the guise of “clamping down on terrorism.” Russia is returning to the old Soviet days of Christian persecution.

China, meanwhile, appears to be further tightening restrictions on Christians. Bibles are outlawed, religious activities are only permitted in a few state-sanctioned churches, and Christian pastors are being jailed for evangelizing. The same kind of restrictions described above in Russia are now rising again in China—similar to the harsh persecution under Chairman Mao. The underground church in China, which began to emerge in recent years, is now headed back underground.

This writer regularly travels to India and Nepal, two Hindu nations where radically anti-Christian fundamentalist Hindus have come to power and are trying to wipe out all Christianity. India’s Prime Minister Narendra Modi has openly declared that his Indian government will wipe out all vestiges of Christianity by 2021 (within four years). The restrictions on Christians in both countries are growing every day.

In Nepal, children cannot attend a Christian church; you can be arrested for having a Bible in the same house with children; and Christians are being jailed for their faith. One Christian orphanage we know in Nepal was searched for Bibles by police, they were found, the home was shut down, and the couple running it were jailed. Christian churches are being burned in India and the government is moving to block all missionaries from entering the country—or expelling those already there. In one district, 49 out of 50 Christian orphanages have been shut down over the past three years.

The most violent persecution in the world today is in the Middle East, especially Syria and Iraq—where Christians by the thousands are being tortured and beheaded, and thousands of Christian women and children are being turned into sex slaves. Whole Christian communities have been destroyed by ISIS and other radical Islamic jihadists. (This is especially disheartening when one considers that ISIS has been supported by the US intelligence agencies since day one.)

In this writer’s view, one of the saddest things is that most passive, indifferent Western Christians—who believe such persecution could never touch them—couldn’t care less about the suffering and persecution of millions of Christians around the world today—the worst persecution since the days of Jesus. But, if the evil globalists and the political left described above in this and other issues of MIA succeed in their New World Order, Western Christians will also feel the brunt of this satanic persecution. Indeed, if one considers the growing restrictions on Christians (and their free speech and activities) in Europe, Canada, and America today, it is already beginning.

Jesus warned that His followers would undergo persecution. In John 15:20, He said: “If they persecuted me, they will persecute you also.” 2 Timothy 3:12 says: “Everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evil men will go from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived.” And in Matthew 24 and in the book of Revelation, Jesus warned that there would come a time of great persecution shortly before His return—the greatest explosion of persecution in all of history.

It is interesting that today persecution of Christians around the world is the greatest in 2,000 years, and growing rapidly in countries all around the globe. But Jesus said to His followers that, in the most difficult of times, He would never leave them nor forsake them. That is the good news!

And that is the bottom line!