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**From:** Atkins, Christopher D.  
**Sent:** Monday, January 11, 2010 12:31 PM  
**To:** Johnston, Cristopher; Russo, Stephanie  
**Subject:** FW: DUAB

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**From:** Yuri Hoffman [mailto:yurilhoffman@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 10, 2010 2:04 PM  
**To:** Atkins, Christopher D.  
**Subject:** DUAB

Mr. Atkins:

Please do everything in your power to not remove the tax caps. Reduction in budget is the only way. As an active resident of Gary, with the Miller Improvement Group, and the Miller Business Association. There will be zero improvements made to our city and no one in my groups or my neighborhood supports these actions.

1133 N. Vigo  
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*Yuri Hoffman*

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**From:** Gary Votes [garyvotes@yahoo.com]  
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**To:** D2ogg1@aol.com; Carol Smith; Tom Eaton; Ted Prettyman; Wendy Prettyman; Carole Barnes; Russo, Stephanie; Jim Nowacki  
**Cc:** Jon Seidel; Jerry Davich  
**Subject:** Percentage of Gary Property Tax Collected

I just spoke with Michael Wieser of the Lake County Auditor's Office. He said I would have to come in for the historical data on Gary property taxes paid, but he did say that in Gary's three tax districts, 2008 taxes payable in 2009 are as follows:

	Percent Paid
1. Gary Calumet	70.305
2. Gary Proper	72.335
3. Gary-Hobart	72.207

Hence the projections for PFM's "financial model" that assumes that "all property taxes will be paid" is off the mark.

We know this and testified to this effect before the DUAB last week.

I believe PFM projected property tax revenue for the City of Gary at \$33.7 million.

**But if we are only collecting 70 percent of that,  
it means that the actual property tax revenue will be more like \$23.6 million  
(not counting any late payments received).**

This means that the City of Gary will have to borrow more money to make up for their shortage of cash. This means that you will have increased costs due to interest charges. (Banks must LOVE us!)

What might explain this enormous shortfall?

- 16,200 parcels in Gary are regarded as "tax exempt" and are off the tax rolls.
- 17 percent of all parcels in Gary are owned by the City of Gary.
- 22 schools have been closed but are still owned by the Gary School Corporation -- more property off the tax rolls.
- A large number of homes reclassified as "churches" that are off the tax rolls. What is a "church"?

As property taxes increase the number of occupied homes will decrease as people leave the community.

By the way:

Here is the Fact for the Day:

**Gary does not have a budget officer nor a budget office.**

Could that explain part of our problem? Who actually is in charge?

Richard Barnes, Ph.D.  
Gary, IN

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**From:** Gary Indiana [duabwatcher@yahoo.com]  
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## **Ex-convict pushes controversial zoning change in Gary**

### Comments

January 11, 2010

**BY MICHAEL GONZALEZ, POST-TRIBUNE  
CORRESPONDENT**

**GARY --** Convicted felon and former East Chicago Councilman Randall Artis will try Tuesday to get Gary's board of zoning appeals to approve a zoning change for an area businessman who has been accused of illegal dumping.

Mayor Rudy Clay insisted Thursday he's not going to let that happen, even if he and Artis are longtime friends.

In an application before the BZA, Artis is listed as the representative for East Chicago-based TRI, a demolition company owned by Richard Anthony "Tony" Roland.

The company is seeking a special use permit to turn the six-acre landfill east of the Gas City gas station on U.S. 20 into a concrete crushing business.

The site borders a Gas City gas station, with a massive mound of black dirt and fill rising in its northeast corner. The property is also littered with huge chunks of concrete.

Dumpers had been dumping illegally on the site for years, said James Craig, the zoning administrator for Gary.

Artis is expected to pitch the proposal to the BZA on Tuesday.

"It doesn't matter who represents TRI if they've done any illegal dumping here in Gary," Clay said.

Craig said he will recommend the board reject TRI's application, pointing to a letter from Gas City Vice President Ken Ford opposing the change, even though Ford appears to have signed the application along with Roland and Artis.

Craig said he was told by Ford that Gas City officials weren't truly aware of TRI's plans.

"We just think it's not a good idea to rezone a property when the owner doesn't want it rezoned," said Craig.

Neither Ford nor Artis could be reached for comment, and Roland, of Valparaiso, did not return numerous messages left at his office.

Artis was convicted for his role in the sidewalks-for-votes scandal in the 1999 East Chicago primary elections, steering lucrative contracts to his brother, Terrance Artis, and sentenced to 27 months prison in federal prison and two years of supervised probation.

A federal probation official confirmed Artis is under his office's supervision.

Roland and TRI have had run-ins with Gary officials perviously. Last summer, Craig cited TRI to stop taking in truckloads of concrete and debris from a site on the northwest side from the demolition of the former Hammond Masonic Lodge.

And Craig said he ordered TRI to stop dumping concrete and other debris at the Miller site last September.

Roland also is facing legal charges for allegedly inappropriately accepting and depositing almost \$262,000 from the Masonic Lodge demolition.

If the BZA awards TRI the permit, the matter will go before the city's plan commission two weeks later and possibly on to the city council after that, Craig said.

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**From:** Jack Lund [londonjack@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 08, 2010 10:54 PM  
**To:** Russo, Stephanie  
**Subject:** Let Gary Die?

Gary got where it is through mismanagement.

Rudy Clay is the epitome of mismanagement, and only continues on in office thanks to

- a. Lake County politics
- b. DUAB's decision last year to permit Rudy & Company to control Gary for one more year.

Don't let him have yet another year to squander the public treasury and continue to be in a position of denying Gary "honest services".

Appointing someone like George Rogge to act as interim caretaker for Gary, pending a reorganization, would enable Gary to survive, and even to *thrive!* Overnight the city would begin anew to offer basic services to its citizens. What a breath of fresh air that would be for us!

Deny the pending petition; allow the City to die, temporarily, until it can be reorganized.

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**From:** Garth Lewis [gflewis@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 10, 2010 7:31 PM  
**To:** Russo, Stephanie  
**Subject:** DUAB/Gary exemption

Dear Ms. Russo:

I am writing to express my concern over the city of Gary's request to be exempt from state-mandated property tax caps. As a new Gary resident employed on a contract basis, I'm not sure that I would be able to keep my new home if the DUAB grants Gary's request, and I know that I'm not alone. This area has so much potential, and to grant Gary's request would cause irrevocable harm to many residents who love the area and want so badly to remain here. While I understand the city's financial concerns, it should not further punish its property owners, who already pay high taxes.

I hope that the DUAB will keep my concerns in mind in deciding on Gary's request. If you have any questions or need further info, please don't hesitate to contact me. I thank you for your consideration and wish you the best in this new year.

Sincerely,

Garth Lewis  
1075 Wayne St, Gary

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**From:** Therese Carey [m.therese.carey@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 11, 2010 3:01 PM  
**To:** Russo, Stephanie  
**Subject:** DUAB - City of Gary - Tax Caps

Dear Mr. Russo:

Please convey to the other members of the DUAB, that Gary can not and should not be supported and sustained by the very few people that still own residential property in the Gary area. Gary is a city that is past its time and past its prime. Not only is the city a ghost town, but city hall is supporting an infrastructure that does not make sense for Gary's citizens. This is not a matter of cutting budgets or developing museums, casinos and other tourist attractions.

The people of Gary want a working city where they can get real jobs that will sustain them, their families, their children and their children's children. The number 1 priority isn't about taking whatever money is left in Gary and squeezing it out of the citizens to sustain a city that is already dead; it is about rethinking, cutting back, cutting out, tearing down and rebuilding --- so that we can give birth to a 21 century city, one that is smaller, smarter, greener, and self sustaining for generations to come.

Please convey to the other members of the DUAB that as a citizen of Indiana and of Gary, I oppose any further extension of benefits - including the suspension of tax caps, to the city of Gary, IN. It is a waste of IN tax payers' money, a waste of Lake County' tax payers' money, and a waste of Gary tax payers' money. Gary needs to fail in order to have a chance at a future. The cord needs to be severed. Life support removed. STOP enabling the old Gary. Let the American free enterprise system create the new Gary.

Sincerely yours,  
Therese Carey  
Gary, IN

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**From:** charport@netzero.com  
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**Subject:** PROPERTY TAXES - Please distribute this article  
**Attachments:** economy.txt; Capital.txt; Note1.txt; Health.txt

PROPERTY TAXES - Please distribute this article

With declining property values fraudulent property taxes (and "association fees") and assessments have become rampant throughout the United States. Tens of thousands of public and private taxing authorities seek to maintain the lavish life style they have grown accustomed to. Governmental agencies as well as private associations are taxing as they see fit in whatever amount they feel like collecting. The foxes guarding the hen houses will never arrest or fine themselves for molesting the hens. The only possible controls on excessive rates and assessments have to come from the Federal government.

In addition to ordering the Justice Department to enforce constitutional law requiring equal treatment under the law, laws are needed that prohibit the arbitrary and malicious taxation that currently exists. A 1 year prison penalty and \$100,000 fine for each fraudulent assessment and each fraudulent tax levy is reasonable. A limit of a maximum of 5 percent of the property owners income for the total of all property taxes paid and a maximum total taxes (and association fees, etc.) of one percent per year of the actual property value (whichever is lower) is needed. Without any national limits it is strictly a system set up to grab every penny the property owners earn.

Afghanistan and Iraq have shown that trillions of dollars are required to achieve relatively small improvements in government corruption. If corrective action is 100 percent certain in response to property tax fraud, it will stop. An estimated \$1,000,000,000 per year will be required to maintain an effective monitoring and prosecution effort. This is a very small sum compared to the hundreds of billions in damages being caused by uncontrolled property taxes and "association fees" each year.

Sincerely,

Tom Soles, 1-12-2010

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Destroying the U.S. Economy and Health Care

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Foreword

The current economic crisis is 100 percent man made. This article deals with one more case of a country being destroyed by criminal activities. The damages caused by corrupt government, banking and health are truly incredible. Controlling criminals is a problem made far more difficult by the wonders of modern technology. The United States is not an oil rich nation any more.

In many cases a corrupt system of justice deliberately allows nothing more than a play on words to get crooks off the hook. "That isn't grand larceny. That is a breach of contract." or "Those aren't insurance schemes, those are credit default swaps." or "That is not embezzlement. That is just cashing in on large quantities of stock that we gave to ourselves for free." The practice of legalizing criminal activities must be stopped immediately, and criminal activities that have been legalized must be made illegal again, and the activities of those responsible terminated.

It was George Bush who presided over the destruction of the U.S. economy over the 2000-2010 time period. Large scale economic mismanagement started with the Reagan administration back in 1980 with the devaluation of the dollar from \$35 an ounce of gold to \$350 an ounce. A brief lull in large scale mismanagement occurred between January 1983 and January 2005 due to presidential re-election concerns. A massive increase in unemployment was produced by the stimulus/bailout spending spree that started in October 2007. The attack upon the economy consists of three basic components:

- I. Destruction of the economy and the monetary system
- II. Health care, fraudulent medicine
- III. Population plagues and over-population

This article saves the reader thousands of hours going through tens of thousands of Internet documents to find out how corruption destroyed the United States economy over the past ten years.

A typical review of the U.S. health care system can be found at [www.businessweek.com/innovate/NussbaumOnDesign/archives/2009/08/design\\_for\\_corr.html](http://www.businessweek.com/innovate/NussbaumOnDesign/archives/2009/08/design_for_corr.html) Enter "united states health care system" with the quotes into an Internet search engine for a complete run down of the U.S. health care system. The French system is rated number one, the U.S. ranks 37th.

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Article I - Destruction of the economy and the monetary system

\*\*\*\*\* 1. Introduction, greed and corruption out of control. There are hundreds of well known tactics to sabotage an economy and most require little effort. Many were discontinued at the end of world war II but never were outlawed. Richard Nixon resurrected these back in 1971. They include rationing, wage controls, price controls, abuse of monopoly power, price gouging, alternate day purchasing, manipulation of supply, manipulation of demand, sabotage of goods, sabotage of services, mismanagement of the money supply (too much or too little money), store shutdowns, trade restrictions, the misuse of labor, malfeasance and dereliction of duty by management, the misuse of resources (e.g. using food for fuel), etc. The net effect of mismanagement is a reduction in the performance of the economy.

Even when no criminal intent is involved, most decisions by humans are wrong decisions. It pays to investigate new projects to ensure that they are not motivated by greed, malice or criminal intent. Once it becomes obvious that a wrong decision

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was made, corrective action should be taken immediately. Unfortunately, the Bush agenda has become the Bush-Obama agenda with no significant corrective action in sight.

\*\*\*\*\* 2. Mismanagement of the financial economy.

In January 2001 criminals successfully infiltrated the U.S. Department of the Treasury and immediately began an eight year program to sabotage the U.S. economy. By every measure, GDP growth, jobs, median incomes, unemployment, bankruptcies, financial-market performance, George Bush stacks up as the most destructive President on the economic front since Herbert Hoover.

The Federal Reserve still refuses to release its extreme deflationary death grip upon the U.S. economy. The annual growth rate of the money supply, instead of its correct (neutral) 4 percent per year growth rate, has been maintained at an extreme deflationary zero percent growth rate since January 2005 (see federalreserve.gov, money stock, M1 or M11). The rate was an extreme inflationary 7 percent from January 2001 to December 2004. A 4 percent growth rate is neither inflationary nor deflationary. This has completely disrupted the banking system. An extreme inflationary monetary policy is also known of as creating bubbles. An extreme deflationary monetary policy is also known of as bursting bubbles. You are dealing with the type people that would murder their own mother for an ounce of gold if they thought they could get away with it.

\*\*\*\*\* 3. What drives the process?

Criminals view any adverse economic situation, such as world War II, as a golden opportunity to defraud the public of trillions of dollars. The current situation is one of depleted oil reserves in the U.S. The gas gauge reads empty, but the country keeps right on going as if the gauge says Full. A sabotaged economy can make trillions of dollars for foreign interests as well as special interests within the United States. War profiteering is part and parcel of corrupt government. The concept of a never ending war remains popular in the Pentagon. A war diverts public attention away from massive economic fraud. Destruction of the U.S. economy was part of the Vietnam war also.

\*\*\*\*\* 4. The return to deficits.

When President Bush took office in 2001, Republicans and Democrats in Washington had built a strong consensus on the need for fiscal responsibility. Bush blew that away with a return to deficit spending. His tax cuts and spending increases and refusal to bring deficits down put one more nail in the economy's coffin.

\*\*\*\*\* 5. Iraq and Afghanistan, the war is a disaster.

The cost of invading and occupying Iraq and Afghanistan has been extremely high. The Congressional Budget Office estimates the cost between one and two trillion up to FY-2008. Up until October 2007 it was the biggest contributor to the budget deficits. The idea of a never ending war is still very popular in the Pentagon. First they want 75,000 more troops, then 150,000, then 300,000. Like Vietnam, destroying the economy is part of the process.

Although there are plenty of war costs to the general population of the United States, other than entertainment value, there are no benefits. The motive is entirely to enrich relatively small special interest groups. The largest of these groups has become known of as the military-industrial complex (war profiteering). Wars also are used by corrupt governments to cover up criminal activities. Who guards the fox that is guarding the hen house?

\*\*\*\*\* 6. Health care profiteering.

While war profiteering has been the way to get rich quick for thousands of years, making millions of people filthy rich with health care is relatively new. See Article II below. The United States is becoming a nation driven into poverty not by expensive wars, but by an extremely expensive health care system.

\*\*\*\*\* 7. Tax cuts for the rich.

Tax loop holes have been around long before George Bush ever took office. See the

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SSA.GOV web site. One of the most glaring is the Social Security "Just too rich to be able to afford paying social security taxes" provision. In 2008 this was \$102,000. This is coupled with a just too poor to receive benefits provision that allows no more than \$12,960 in earnings for somebody receiving benefits. Absurdities come from a "we do as we please and get away with it." orientation. Continuous monitoring and prompt legal action is the only thing that stops criminal behavior. Gross corruption always has resulted in the eventual collapse of governments and corporations.

When Ronald Reagan slashed taxes on capital gains and high earners in the early 1980s, inflation was pushing the middle class into the top tax brackets. Income inequality had been declining for almost five decades. When Bush repeated Reagan style trickle down economics, it caused severe damage to the economy.

\*\*\*\*\* 8. Financial Regulation.

There were no significant increases in regulation during the Bush years. Bush-era deregulation was in fact a refusal to enforce what few regulations did exist. Bush opposed any financial regulation, existing or new. Deregulation makes it easy to defraud the public. Even the Madoff Ponzi scheme was ignored.

When a government becomes infested with criminals, their victims are destroyed. Nazi Germany and communist Russia are two of the most notorious recent examples. Bankruptcy courts pretend they just can not understand the strange and mysterious corporate management practices that lead to bankruptcy. While most bankruptcies represent losses for those that are bankrupt, in a corporate setting, top executives can be left filthy rich.

It is important that everybody understand the basic relationship between the amount of money circulating in the economy to the amount of goods and services produced. If today \$1,000,000 is required to produce 1,000 tons of wheat, and next year 2,000 tons of wheat are produced; it is obvious that \$2,000,000 is required next year. The amount of cash has to rise with the amount goods and services produced, all things being equal. Psychology also has to be considered. For instance, \$4,000,000 is required if the price of the 2,000 tons of wheat doubles. Inflation causes farmer brown to say, "wow, things are really good this year, I got twice the price I got last year." He does not notice that the price of everything he buys is doubling also. When the economy is being mismanaged by criminals you might find something like, "Last year \$1,000,000 was circulating in the economy. This year we have reduced the amount to \$500,000 to prevent inflation." While this causes prices to fall, it causes everything else to fall also. Lower prices result in reduced wheat production, reduced pay for workers, reduced employment, reduced trade, reduced savings, etc.

In the United States gas prices are set by whatever the oil companies feel like charging. It could be a dollar a gallon, or just as easily ten dollars a gallon. Since housing prices are set by the market rather than fixed by the government, the extreme inflationary monetary policy from January 2001 to January 2005 caused a rapid price increase. The extreme deflationary monetary policy from January 2005 to the present caused prices to drop. The bag of tricks used by criminals to destroy an economy is large and not limited to money supply manipulation.

Mismanagement of the money supply is a clever way of cooking the books of every business in the country. An inflationary monetary policy creates a false impression of prosperity, while a deflationary monetary policy creates a false impression of a down economy. In the simplest possible terms 1) what happened from January 2001 to January 2005 is exactly what an extreme inflationary monetary policy produces, the M1 (or M11) was rising at a 7 percent per year rate and 2) what happened from January 2005 to the present time is exactly what an extreme deflationary monetary policy produces, the M1 (M11) is rising at a zero percent per year rate. The legitimate range for the annual increase in the M1 is between 3.5 and 4.0 percent. Economic chaos is produced by rates outside this range.

\*\*\*\*\* 9. Encouraging waste.

After the 9/11 terrorist attacks, President Bush didn't call for sacrifice. He called for living the good life. It was part of a broader pattern of encouraging financial irresponsibility on the part of everyone. It would bolster the administration's popularity and help to pile up a huge debt. The fact that the United States is no longer an oil rich nation was immaterial. The population has grown accustomed to an extravagant life style. When the oil has been totally depleted there will be a sudden impact with reality.

\*\*\*\*\* 10. Energy policy.

The unwillingness of the Bush administration to take serious steps to reduce the country's dependence on fossil fuels left the country vulnerable and way behind the rest of the developed world in preparing for a post-oil future. Problems caused by oil price manipulation were part of the attack upon the economy.

The simple fact is that oil reserves in the U.S. are nearly depleted. It is not difficult to look at countries like Japan or England to determine the changes that will have to be made. The United States is no longer an oil rich country.

\*\*\*\*\* 11. Deceiving the public.

Every administration hides the economic truth from the public. The creation and then bursting of the housing bubble was one more program calling for deception. All is not George's fault. The Consumer Price Index (CPI) now lists the cost of gasoline as zero and the cost of housing as zero. This was done by Congressional mandate. Lung cancer is caused by asbestos, not tobacco - another Congressional mandate. The big lie is now as prevalent in the United States as it was in Nazi Germany, or any other socialist country.

\*\*\*\*\* 12. The financial stimulus/trust/bailout/TARP funds.

Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson was the mastermind of economic policy in the final years of the Bush administration. It was no surprise that Paulson's financial rescue was strictly to enrich wall Street, and had nothing for Main Street in it. The so called financial bailout was in fact a financial bonanza for wall Street.

Any business subject to massive public and private financing prospers. Any business subject to massive taxes and operating expenses, and a lack of financing quickly fails. This tactic is extremely effective in producing massive unemployment by drawing cash out of the public in the form of a wide variety of ever increasing taxes and other adverse cash flows and putting it into the pockets of the rich and super rich. It is very important to note that the public lives in the U.S., while a large percentage of the rich and super rich are outside the U.S. They include foreign governments and corporations as well as individuals. There has been a massive adverse impact upon imports and exports. This is a "Just when you thought corruption couldn't get any worse" issue.

\*\*\*\*\* 13. Devaluation of the dollar.

The sudden devaluation of the dollar to more than \$1000 per ounce of gold was the largest since the Ronald Reagan years. Long term investment in the U.S. has been wiped out. Several other currencies, such as the Japanese yen, have shown far better long term stability.

\*\*\*\*\* 14. The property tax gouging spree.

This was fueled by the extreme inflationary increase in money supply (money stock, M1 and M11) from January 2001 to January 2005. Not only did property values go up, but many jurisdictions increased their property tax rates as well. The United States has not lost its distinction of having the highest property tax rates on Earth. The impact upon the economy is devastating. An odd side effect is that although taxing authorities have never delayed a second in increasing assessments, many are reluctant to decrease assessed property values. Many have increased property tax rates as well. Property tax gouging is as American as apple pie. It is not unusual to find taxing authorities collecting more than five times what they need to provide essential services. Government officials pretend to have budget shortfalls when in fact they have a glut of tax revenues. If tax revenues were to increase by

a factor ten they would have no difficulty in finding ways to squander the resources. A 10 percent per year reduction in property taxes over 10 years is easily achievable.

\*\*\*\*\* 15. Property rights.

From a medical standpoint, criminals are simply mutants that have a reversed sense of social responsibility. Like mongoloid idiots, they are non-viable mutants. If the population were made up entirely of criminals, you would have a large mass of people making a living by robbing and murdering each other. The resulting zero level of productivity would make it a physical impossibility for the group as a whole to survive for more than a short period of time. Unfortunately their life from birth to death is one of doing nothing right. In a densely overpopulated big city environment a normal human engages in little or no reproductive activity. The criminal breeds like flies since it is the wrong thing to do.

A thousand years ago the concept of land ownership was that peasant farmers were a part of the land. Since most were illiterate, they had no way of knowing that persons in the King's castle wrote up clever laws that said that the king owns everything in the land. Kings always are very pleased with these laws, since it means that kings can do as they please, accountable to nobody.

Private ownership by persons other than the King is a completely different concept. Once private ownership is established, the concept that the owner can buy and sell his property can be introduced. Property can be used as loan collateral. It also can be seized by the King if taxes are not paid. As far as the King is concerned, the fact that the peasant has no money is no excuse. Since money comes from the King's treasury, he can make sure the peasants do not have any money to pay taxes or repay loans. This leads to the development of a slave state, with plenty of slaves to be handled as property. Any property that the King does not like can be disposed of. The problem is much larger than just the criminal nature of property taxes. Etc.

\*\*\*\*\* 16. Corporate counterfeiting - still legal

Stock markets can exist only in cultures that are extremely tolerant of criminal fraud. Over time corporations absorb every penny provided by investors, leaving behind nothing but worthless paper. Everybody knows what counterfeiting does to the value of negotiable securities whether they be dollar bills, bonds, or stocks. Counterfeiting by corporations of their own stock is done by printing stock that is not sold on the stock market, but that is held in escrow to be dumped onto the market at a future date as non-cash compensation for employees. For anyone that finds this hard to understand, an example should help.

The world famous Megasoft Corporation went public in 1996 by selling 2,200,000,000 shares of stock that were quickly gobbled up by investment bankers for some \$90 billion. Megasoft is a modern example of the price gouging monopoly. No sane person on Earth would pay more than \$20 billion for Megasoft after looking at their annual earnings. Mr. Softy, a founding father of Megasoft, on 28 April 2006 dumped 500 million shares of stock when he left Megasoft. It knocked the price from \$27 a share down to \$22 a share, but he still got \$12 billion for it. The amount of stock being traded was 2,200,000,000 shares on 27 April 2006 before the dump, and 2,700,000,000 after the dump. The value of Megasoft Corporation stock on 28 April 2006 was some \$59.4 billion. The drop in share value defrauded stock holders (except Mr. Softy) of \$12 billion. This is the largest case of grand larceny by one person in recorded history. There are tens of thousands of corporate executives that pull the exact same stunt every year, but at a level nowhere close to \$12 billion.

There is another point never mentioned in the media. This is what drove the collapse of October 1929. What if the top ten Megasoft executives decided that they all would dump their stock onto the market on April 28, 2006? Collecting \$120 billion from a pool of Megasoft stock that is worth only \$59.4 billion would be quite an achievement. What happens is that Megasoft stock becomes worthless. It would sell for zero dollars per share, except nobody would want any.

with insurance schemes such as credit default swaps and derivatives, the defrauding

of investors has reached a level far beyond anything seen before.

\*\*\*\*\* 17. Government money supply mismanagement - Still legal  
Everybody knows what counterfeiting does to the value of negotiable securities whether they be dollar bills, bonds, or stocks. Counterfeiting by governments of their own money is done by printing money that is not backed up by gold or even silver. Gold reserves back up a larger and larger number of paper money dollars circulating in the economy. The result is rampant inflation. It is important that the increase in paper money circulating in the economy (see federalreserve.gov, money stock, M1 or M11) matches the growth of the economy. Too much or too little causes severe economic damage.

\*\*\*\*\* 18. Credit card, debit card, etc. abuse.  
Many people think a credit card looks like a piece of money. If a rat did not think that rat traps and bait look like a good source of food, they would not work. Some mistakes, such as mandatory health care, add up to extinction for the victims. In a market with rising house prices, a foreclosure is not a disaster but a cash bonanza for the bank. Some internet sites advertise legitimate products (bait) and then ship fake products (switch) making huge profits off of criminal fraud. Everybody knows what a speed trap is. The tricks and traps game is a way of life in the United States.

Robbing the public is as American as apple pie. In theory the huge increase in the supply of corruption should result in an equally huge drop in the demand for corruption. This has not happened. Congress is vastly expanding corrupt health care in the U.S. War profiteering in the middle east is expanding. Banking is becoming more corrupt than ever before. The political system is rotten to the core and getting worse. Economic damages have gone from hundreds of billions of dollars per year ten years ago to trillions of dollars per year today. Both parties have sold their soul to the devil. They both have the same boss. Hence they feel it is important to act different in order to deceive the public. It is like a cadillac salesman telling a customer that the cadillacs he sells are far superior to the cadillacs that the other salesmen sell. You do not want to buy anything from those other guys.

If your Congressman supports defrauding the public, what do you do? Meet him in the parking lot and punch him out? Those who brazenly ignore the law use the law to entrench themselves. The right of might is a well established fact. Large fish eat medium size fish. Medium size fish eat small fish. Departments of consumer fraud are established not to get rid of fraud, but to make sure no action is taken to stop consumer fraud. Each day brings another clever scheme for robbing or killing citizens.

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Article II - Health care, fraudulent medicine

At one time war profiteering was the only way to get rich quick. Why get involved in a dangerous war when banks can defraud depositors and investors of trillions of dollars in one year? Defrauding health care patients of trillions of dollars is even easier. The looting would be stopped if the French health care system were adopted in the United States.

The modern all-American health care system, rated number 37 by the United Nations, is based upon seven fundamental principles:

1. Always claim the origin of disease is mysterious and unknown.
2. Always use therapy that is the most expensive and the least effective.
3. NEVER cure anything. Diseases are TREATED, not cured. Whenever possible treat the symptoms and not the disease.
4. Since 95 percent of disease is caused by bad diet, ALWAYS encourage bad eating habits (alcohol abuse, etc.).
5. If therapy causes the mutilation or death of a patient, it is the patient's problem, not the health care system's problem.
6. Adverse reactions to prescribed drugs, the improper prescription of antibiotics,

unnecessary medical and surgical procedures, unnecessary hospitalization, and price gouging are rampant in the U.S.

7. The objective is NOT to cure disease. The objective is to bankrupt the patient.

The current system is strictly greed oriented. A refocus upon a performance oriented system is badly needed. They have never even tried the French system of health care, rated number one in the world by the United Nations! Yet they "know" that it could not possibly work! A five year phase-in followed by an evaluation ten years later is extremely easy to implement. An evaluation after ten years would verify that the expected benefits have in fact been achieved.

The most stunning statistic is that the American medical system is one of the leading causes of death and injury in the US, with treatment killing an estimated 100,000 patients each year. By contrast, the number of deaths attributable to heart disease in 2008 was 820,800, while the number of deaths attributable to cancer was 565,650. Price gouging by drug companies results in patient under-dosing with insulin and other drugs. This results in an estimated 89,000 excess diabetic deaths each year. When price gouging amounts to nothing more than mass murder it is a criminal act that needs to be stopped immediately. The initiation of meaningful reforms is long overdue. US health care spending reached \$2.4 trillion in 2009, representing 17 percent of the nation's gross national product. No reversal of the trend is expected in the near future.

The United States is unique in that the objective of health care is not to cure disease, but to leave the patient bankrupt. In 2005 the average medical debt for those who filed for bankruptcy was \$12,000. 68 percent of those who filed for bankruptcy had health insurance. 50 percent of all bankruptcy filings included large medical expenses. Every 30 seconds someone files for bankruptcy as a result of a serious health problem.

One of the stranger statistics is that the number of smokers is declining. Did the Government do something? Nope, except for massive tobacco farming subsidies, the Government has done absolutely nothing. Did Phillip Morris do something? Nope, except for massive pro-tobacco advertising, Phillip Morris has done absolutely nothing. The simple fact is that when a product such as tobacco or American style health care kills customers, over a long period time all the customers are dead.

There is a negative correlation between the amount of health care a person receives and life expectancy. In plain English, this means that you are more likely to be injured or killed by health care than you are to experience improved health.

UN rankings are at [www.photius.com/rankings/healthranks.html](http://www.photius.com/rankings/healthranks.html) . Note that the U.S. is 37th, with France at the top. The French system could be phased into the U.S. over a five year period thereby solving the problem. But again, this would be telling the truth.

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### Article III - Population plagues and over-population

The United States has the distinction of being the most over-colonized country on Earth. Immigrants have always been welcome to come on in and take over the country. If dandelions and Norway rats could do it, so can you. With a state of severe over-population this is the worst possible national policy. A more responsible leadership is required. People keep the door to their house closed and locked knowing that if they do not, everything from bugs to burglars will come storming in.

There is a complex interaction between the gravity of the moon and temperatures (determined by the day of the year). Weather patterns repeat every 19 years as the lunar year realigns itself with the solar year. There also are other patterns such as 48 year cycles. Thus the locust plague or the big drought that occurred 48 years ago may repeat itself again this year. Ocean currents also impact weather. Although weather conditions cannot be controlled, they can be monitored to provide advance

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warning of impending disasters. Today disasters are modified by modern technology, corrupt government and sometimes an invading army to make them more frequent and worse.

The importance of controlling infiltration can be seen in the development of national borders with unique national languages. Damage can be caused by slow immigration or by a rapid armed invasion. The United States is saturated with "legal" immigrants. The United States is saturated with illegal immigrants. The biggest problem faced by the United States today is too many people for too few resources. There are three phases of population growth that apply to everything from bacteria to elephants. Good times lead to gross overpopulation (phase 1), gross overpopulation leads to the food running out (phase 2), and the food running out leads to swarms of people or insects looking for more food far from home (phase 3).

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Capitalism - How to get rich quick American style

Introduction: There are three basic types of business. The preferred business type is the price gouging monopoly because it is the most lucrative. It is easy to identify because the prices are ten times what the products are worth. The second is the limited competition business that achieves high prices, but not as high as a price gouging monopoly. The third type is least popular and least lucrative because there is no business at all. In simplified terms that anybody can understand, Joe the plumber working in New York city is our example:

#1 The Price Gouging Monopoly: Joe the plumber uses anti-competitive practices. He got friends in City Hall to enact ordinance 32-249 that states that no plumbing license shall be granted to any plumbing business that has not had at least five years of plumbing experience in New York city. Joe makes sure that any competitors horning in on his monopoly are quickly arrested for operating without a license. what the balance sheet looks like:

Gross annual plumbing business income: \$10,000,000  
Joe's income from plumbing: \$9,720,000  
Ten part time day labor assistants: \$180,000  
Operating supplies: \$100,000  
This year's bank loan (or IPO): \$100,000,000  
Investment bankers 6 percent commission: \$6,000,000  
Money set aside for ten years of 3 percent interest: \$30,000,000  
Amount of loan that goes into Joe's personal fortune: \$64,000,000  
what Joe says at the end of ten years: The company is bankrupt. We have no money to pay the loan interest.

Of course, price gouging with pharmaceuticals such as insulin results in the deaths of hundreds of thousands of victims who cannot afford insulin that is overpriced by a factor of more than 25 to 1. It is a case of government sanctioned mass murder.

#2 The Limited Competition Corporation: Joe the plumber uses anti-competitive practices. Friends in City Hall make it very difficult for any new businesses to get started. Joe uses the world's most corrupt legal system to harass competitors whenever an opportunity arises. what the balance sheet looks like:

Gross annual plumbing business income: \$1,000,000  
Joe's income from plumbing: \$720,000  
Ten part time day labor assistants: \$180,000  
Operating supplies: \$100,000  
This year's bank loan (or IPO): \$10,000,000  
Investment bankers 6 percent commission: \$600,000  
Money set aside for ten years of 3 percent interest: \$3,000,000  
Amount of loan that goes into Joe's personal fortune: \$6,400,000  
what Joe says at the end of ten years: The company is bankrupt. We have no money to pay the loan interest.

#3 Joe's Ponzi Scheme: Joe the plumber decides to quit the plumbing business, but keeps the company name, Joe's Plumbing Incorporated. Friends in City Hall invest in Joe's Plumbing and make sure Joe never gets investigated. what the balance sheet looks like:

Gross annual plumbing business income: \$0  
This year's bank loan (or IPO): \$10,000,000  
Investment bankers 6 percent commission: \$600,000  
Money set aside for ten years of 3 percent interest: \$3,000,000  
Amount of loan that goes into Joe's personal fortune: \$6,400,000  
what Joe says at the end of ten years: The company is bankrupt. We have no money to pay the loan interest.

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Any accountant producing candid and honest financial statements like these for a bank or a corporation would be fired on the spot. Actual balance sheets look like an EXE file loaded into a word processor. Courts, of course, see absolutely nothing wrong with the top executives of a bankrupt company having eight digit salaries and multi-million dollar bonuses for the past ten years.

A stock market is based upon the same principle as the gambling casinos in Los Vegas. The same applies to "wisely made" bank loans. The population of the United States is filled with tens of millions of people who gladly throw away their money so that stock brokers, as well as bankers and top corporate executives, can scoop it up and become filthy rich. In most cases third parties find "good" investments that leave investors penniless, and top corporate executives filthy rich. Brokers stuff a percentage cut into their personal bank accounts, and let top corporate executives walk off with large sums of money for their personal accounts. It goes without saying that top corporate executives paid nothing for the stock they dump onto the market. The same applies to bank loans provided to the "right" businesses. The businesses are left filthy rich while bank accounts are left penniless. The world is filled with crooks that gladly fleece the suckers of trillions of dollars each year. In some cases the crooks are charged with embezzlement and sent to prison. The relative safety of wall street is preferred to the dangerous outside world.

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An important note on global warming: The Earth's orbit precesses. Think of it as a vibrating drum with the sun at the center and the Earth's orbit the rim of the drum. The Earth's orbit bounces up and down relative to the sun. It is currently midway between a 25,000 year period when the south pole gets more sunlight and a 25,000 year period when the north pole gets more sunlight. It is going in the direction of greater illumination of the north pole. In plain English, the south pole is cold with a 2 mile thick ice sheet. The north pole is relatively warm with a melting ice sheet. Could a large (25 miles in diameter) asteroid impact 65,000,000 years ago cause the Earth's orbit to precess? Yes.

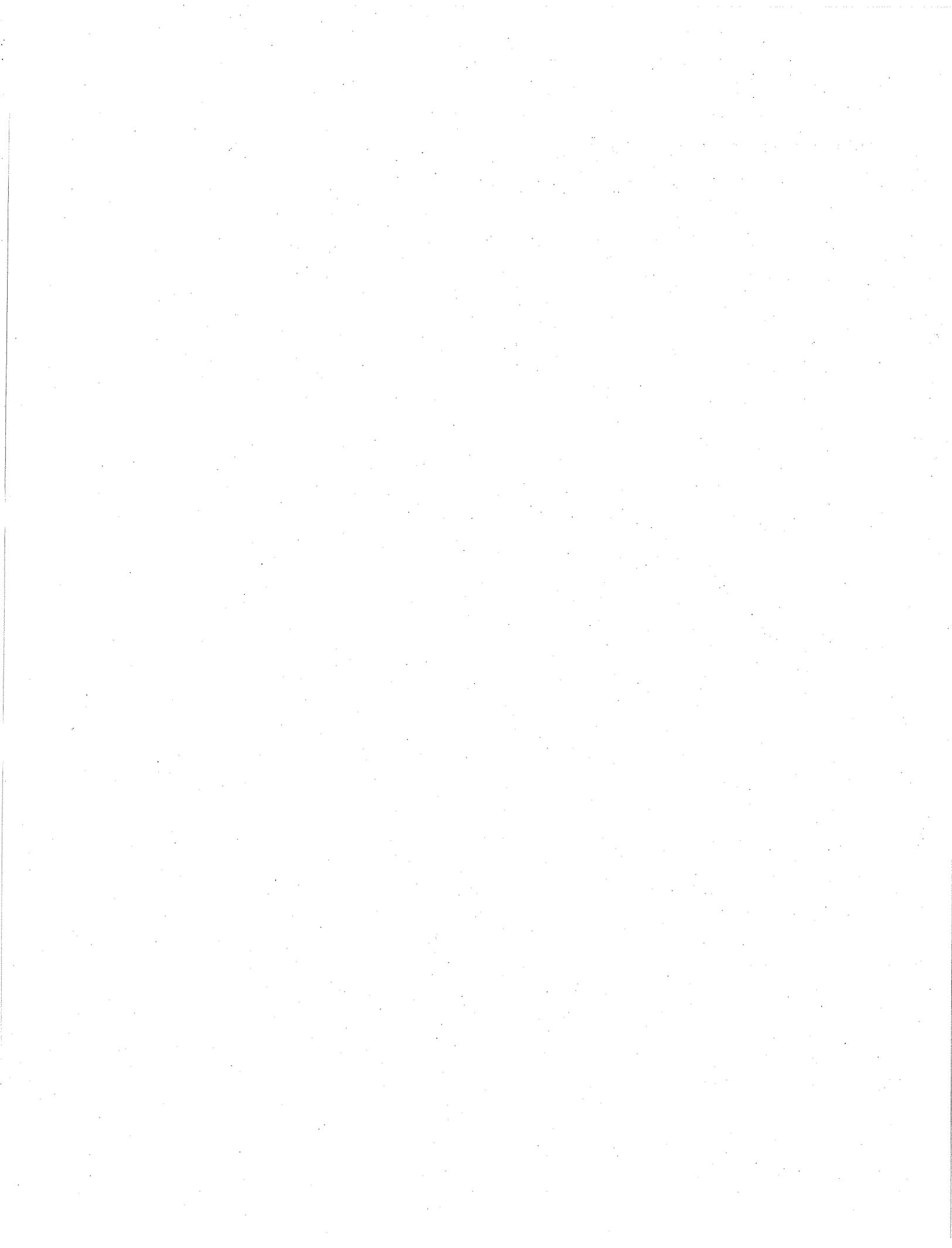
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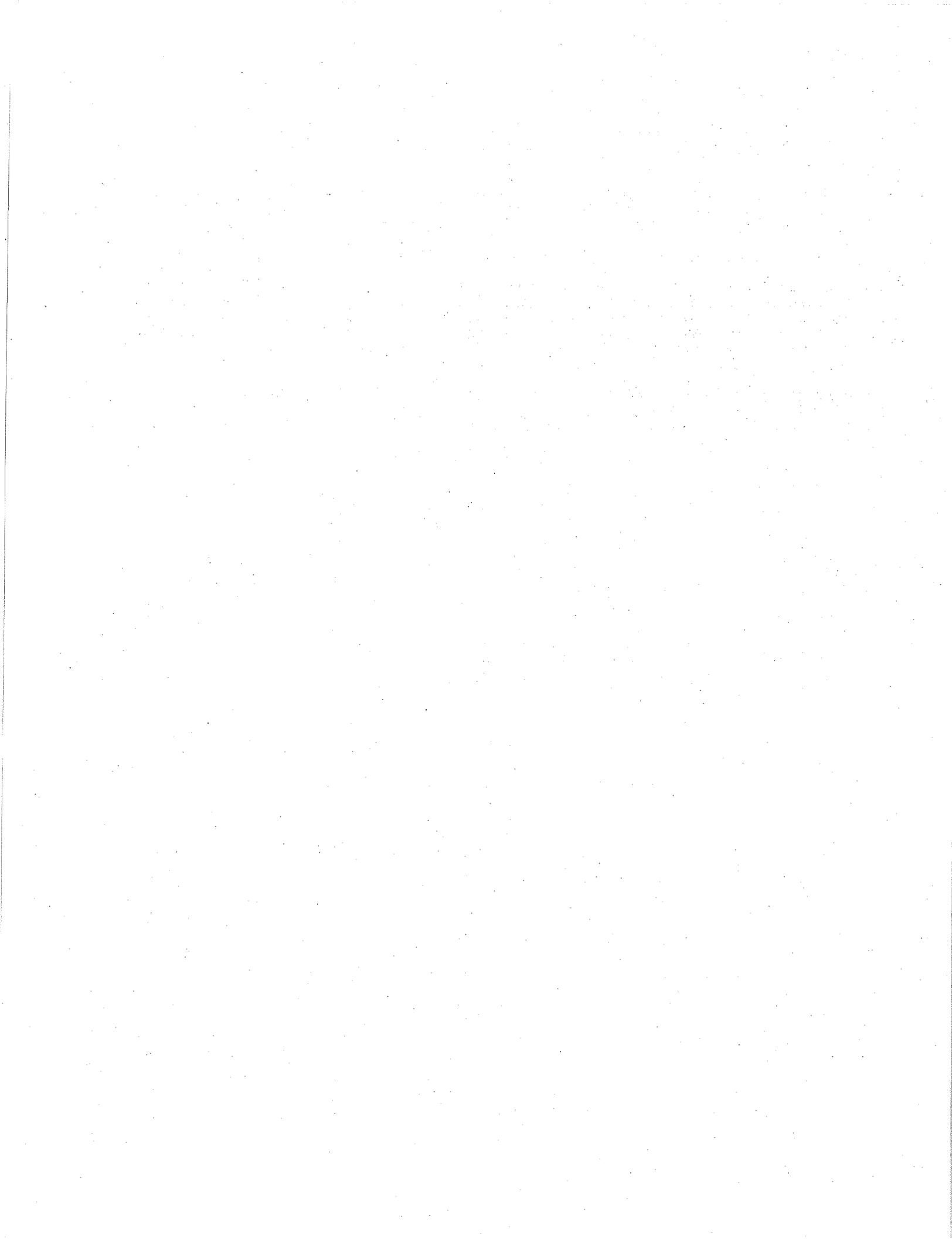
Government/industry corruption - educational material - please distribute  
How the U.S. system of health care and the economy were destroyed

The current economic crisis is 100 percent man made. This article (see economy.txt attached) deals with one more case of a country being destroyed by criminal activities. Attacks upon the economy are timed to coincide with verse events such as the dust bowl, world war II, or the current exhaustion of U.S. oil reserves. The theory is that the attacks fit in well with other adverse economic factors. The United States is not an oil rich nation any more.

The motive behind attacks upon the economy is greed. They provide an opportunity to bilk investors and tax payers out of trillions of dollars. War profiteering and spending sprees to squander tax revenues add to the damage. Investment fraud is at an all time high. The attached article, economy.txt, saves the reader thousands of hours going through tens of thousands of documents to find out how the United States economy was destroyed over the past ten years.

The practice of legalizing criminal activities must be stopped immediately, and criminal activities that have been legalized must be made illegal again, and the activities of those responsible terminated.

Bob Grant, 1-10-2010



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stay healthy, avoid poison  
Please print this file out and read it.

Most commercially available vitamin D supplements contain between 400 and 1,000 international units. Over a 5.7 year period, patients who take vitamin D have a seven per cent lower risk of death than those who do not. The best life extending vitamin to take is ordinary doses of vitamin D - mega-doses are poisonous. Obviously vitamin D goes along with vitamin A and should be derived from fish liver oil.

Many people have a vitamin A & D deficiency. It is required for a healthy liver, heart, eyes, brain, skin, etc. NEVER CONSUME BETA CAROTENE - IT IS NOT VITAMIN A, BUT IS A POWERFUL CANCER CAUSING AGENT.

The media in the United States has become far worse than the big lie machine created in Nazi Germany. It is a grossly false statement that beta carotene is vitamin A. Cod liver oil is real vitamin A. Most people cannot metabolize beta carotene. In addition it is a powerful cancer causing agent. It is found in yellow vegetables to kill plant pests such as people.

Niacinamide is deactivated niacin. Niacinamide is a toxic poison. The vitamin is called niacin. Deliberately poisoned food has iron and preservatives added. Most preservatives are poisons that can severely degrade a person's health. What does the all-American system of health care say about iron? Our business is greed. Maximize profits by making food toxic enough to dozens of deadly diseases. Excessive iron causes heart disease, cancer, and other diseases. Anybody that needs more iron can take an iron pill. The red in red meat is iron.

Most B vitamins degrade health in large doses. Vitamin C has optimal consumption amounts. Too much or too little is bad for your health.

Those who take vitamin D supplements can increase their life expectancies by one to two years. The sunshine vitamin is not just good for strengthening bones but also increases longevity. Vitamin D deficiencies are associated with a higher risk of death from cancer, heart disease and diabetes - illnesses that account for 60 to 70 per cent of deaths in modern nations.

Caffeine is a pain enhancing drug that produces paralysis. The more you take, the less work you get done. The symptoms of caffeine poisoning are produced by an intake of more than 600 mg in one day.

Also avoid dairy products such as eggs, milk and ice cream. The lactose is very toxic to humans. Although it depends upon how much you are consuming, typically about once every ten years you will get a batch with toxins produced by bacteria (streptococcus) strong enough to destroy internal organs such as the liver and pancreas. Unlike botulism, heat does NOT decompose such toxins. They survive very well in candy, cookies, cakes, pies, and in dried and canned milk products.

Beware of all-American quack health care system treatments. They are treatments, not cures. Their only purpose is to bankrupt the patient. They are very careful to make sure they NEVER cure anything. Profits are maximized by making the patient as sick as possible.

Although zinc makes a good sedative, nobody ever said stimulants, or tobacco, or alcohol were good for your health. Toxic food products include onions, grapefruit, celery, cabbage, tea, alcohol, tobacco, pepper, yellow colored vegetables such as carrots, and members of the nightshade family such as potatoes.

Ever wonder where the cancer epidemic came from? The nutrients that cancer loves are salt, sugar, and acidic food. Modern food has way too much salt and sugar.

Acidic foods (bad) include items such as junk food, corn, most grains, meat and fish, beans, most nuts, coffee, cheese, eggs, milk, ice cream, liquor (beer), soda pop (extremely acidic), artificial sweeteners, condiments, fats/oils, and tart

fruits such as cranberries.

Alkali foods (good for you) are cucumber, green beans, lima beans, beets, lettuce, grapes, lemon, berries, apples, pears, hazelnuts, almonds, sunflower seeds, olive oil, and minerals found in tap water such as calcium carbonate and magnesium carbonate.

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## Russo, Stephanie

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**From:** Beach46403@aol.com  
**Sent:** Saturday, January 09, 2010 1:14 AM  
**To:** Russo, Stephanie  
**Subject:** Lucky to have them? Not!

This is Gary Councilman Kyle Allen's father. Remember, the one that testified at the DUAB hearing, the one that Mr. GiaQuinta thinks the citizens of Gary are so lucky to have?

And the other Gary councilman, Ronier Scott: ask him about the grand jury investigation looking into his council earmarks. Mr. GiaQuinta thinks we're lucky to have him too.

If these people pass for good leadership, maybe they can find work in Fort Wayne with Mr. GiaQuinta. But we've had enough of them already! If they're the best we can do, we'd rather do without!

# Former township official hospitalized

Lawyer seeks sentencing delay for Allen, citing surgery

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HAMMOND | A lawyer is asking a federal judge to delay the upcoming sentencing of former Calumet Township Trustee Dozier T. Allen for medical reasons. Merrillville lawyer Scott King said Allen was hospitalized from Nov. 23 until Sunday for an undisclosed ailment that required surgery at Rush University Medical Center in Chicago.

Allen, 78, is recuperating at home in Gary, but has difficulty traveling and helping prepare for his hearing, now scheduled for Jan. 19, King said.

King also needs time to obtain Allen's complete medical records, which King said could be a factor in the kind of sentence he receives, he said.

A federal jury last April convicted Allen of fraud charges over allegations he and two trustee employees illegally pocketed about \$140,000 from a contract linked to federal welfare-to-work programs between 2000 and 2002.

Neither the U.S. attorney's office nor U.S. District Court Judge Philip Simon have responded to King's request for more time. -- By Bill Dolan

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## Russo, Stephanie

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**From:** MONICA L. BURNS [ladyday37@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 12, 2010 9:03 PM  
**To:** Russo, Stephanie  
**Subject:** RE: budget cuts

This is not an individual matter. This is a matter of ethics and the rules and regulations of the Gary city manual.. Now I don't know if it is you I address or where this letter should go but I know I should have some kind of recourse. From what I can see is that all the distress board is concerned about is that cuts are made no matter how unfair it is made.. You too would be very upset if U were let go and there are people still able to keep their employment that have much much less years of service than u. Fighting for the civil side to stay while she didn't even fight for us, just put us out for the wolves. I don't want to see any one to lose their jobs, but I think mine is just important as others. I am not the only one she let go she also let another go that has 20 + years.. If you can't help me, I know you should be able to point me in the direction where I should go.

--- On Tue, 1/5/10, Russo, Stephanie <[srusso@sba.in.gov](mailto:srusso@sba.in.gov)> wrote:

> From: Russo, Stephanie <[srusso@sba.in.gov](mailto:srusso@sba.in.gov)>  
> Subject: RE: budget cuts  
> To: "MONICA L. BURNS" <[ladyday37@yahoo.com](mailto:ladyday37@yahoo.com)>  
> Date: Tuesday, January 5, 2010, 2:45 PM Ms. Burns,  
>  
> I acknowledge receipt of your message. Individual personnel matters  
> are outside the scope of the DUAB and you should raise with the city  
> directly. Thank you and sorry I could not be of more help.  
>  
> Sincerely,  
>  
> Stephanie N. Russo  
> Executive Assistant to Ryan Kitchell and Chris Ruhl Indiana Office of  
> Management and Budget State House Room 215 | Indianapolis, IN 46204  
> Phone: 317.232.5617 | Fax: 317.233.3323 |  
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> From: MONICA L. BURNS [mailto:[ladyday37@yahoo.com](mailto:ladyday37@yahoo.com)]  
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> Sent: Tuesday, January 05, 2010 12:01 AM  
> To: Russo, Stephanie  
> Subject: budget cuts

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> I have been an employee for the Gary city clerks  
> office for over 13 years. However I was let go Dec. 28th  
> 2009 because of budget cuts. I can understand that the clerk  
> can cut out the evening shift which I worked. I was not  
> given an option to go to the day shift, I was just let go.  
> My letter states that the shift was cut and that my position  
> for that shift was not included in the 2010 budget...  
> But what I need explained to me is how can people that have  
> less service years than me still have employment at the  
> clerks office and I, having 13 + years can just be let go

> According to the city manual, which I was under the  
> impression all departments followed (elective official or  
> not ) the way it was supposed to be done as stated on page  
> 46 of the city manual is that the first to be laid off is  
> Temporary workers, probationary workers and then  
> partime workers. (I dont think she has any teporary or  
> probationary workers but she has a partime worker and  
> workers  
> with less service time than me.) Non-supervisory full time  
> workers ( which I have been a full  
> time employee since 1996 ) are to be laid off based on their  
> length of service. I do my job and I have done it  
> well, after all I have been there for 13 + years. To me this  
> is unfair. I have seen other cuts within the city and people  
> have been "bumped " or transfered within other city  
> departments. I had no warning that I would be laid  
> off. No two week notice or nothing..Just a letter shoved in  
> my face saying the night shift was cut out. No offer to go  
> to the day shift. There are plenty of people that I could  
> have "bumped" Had I known I was going to get laid off  
> I would have my options and affairs in order. I know there  
> is at least 20 people that gained employment with the clerks  
> office after me.. You mean to tell me they can keep their  
> job but shove me out the door and leave me as " food for the  
> wolves" Something is wrong with this picture... Dont tell  
> me  
> because she is elected offical and the fact that we did  
> not have a union she can do what she wants because I know  
> she has to follow rules and protocol too .  
>  
> Monica L. Burns  
> 219-97-1059  
> 4901 w. 11th ave  
> gary, in 46406  
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## Russo, Stephanie

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**From:** Chester Baran [chet1bar@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 13, 2010 7:58 AM  
**To:** Russo, Stephanie

Ms. Russo,

I am a resident of Gary, Indiana. I am interested in gathering information regarding the financial plan recommendations for the city of Gary. Can you tell me what public information the DUAB makes available and how to obtain it. There have been public hearings regarding Gary's plight which I have been unable to attend. Are there minutes or transcripts of these meetings? How can I obtain them?

The media coverage and releases from the administration are not reliable sources for explaining the choices/reality that confronts the city. What determinations has the DUAB made that can indicate the path that Gary is treading. In order to make an informed decision to continue my residence in Gary, to join a particular side in trying to influence the DUAB or to realize that whatever happens, happens, depends on solid information. I ask you to point out the best sources of information.

Sincerely,

Chester Baran  
8800 Maple Ave  
Gary, IN 46403

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## **Russo, Stephanie**

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**From:** krisekris00@aol.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 13, 2010 12:00 PM  
**To:** Russo, Stephanie  
**Subject:** Food for thought!

DUAB Members:

First, I'd like to set the record straight, the only actual redevelopment that the City was able to present--the "new" Walgreens, was not really so much a "new" Walgreens as it was a replacement Walgreens for another store which they simultaneously closed that was situated a mile to the west. This new Walgreens is smaller than the old store.

Also, the board members seemed a little puzzled during the Airport's presentation as it related to the status of a helicopter. While the Airport delegation mentioned the possibility of helicopter traffic, the helicopter that one of the DUAB members was straining to remember, was the helicopter which belongs to the Gary Police Department. Evidently, it is grounded due to a lack of funding. I must wonder though if the pilots are still employed by the city and if they have been redeployed to conventional patrol duties. Also, the County has a helicopter which is available for air support in both Gary and the rest of the county.

I hope that the board members have adequately studied the PFM document. I only mention this because many of the questions which were asked at the meeting gave the indication that they weren't completely familiar with all of its contents.

Gary City Court: It occurs to me that there may be an ulterior motive for the desire to retain the Gary City Court. Not so much because its elimination may lead to higher crime in Gary, but just the opposite; because its elimination may lead to the reduction in crime in Gary. Because of the obvious nepotistic favoritism which can be observed on any given day (I think I'd go so far as to describe it as incestual), it is probably far more likely that the ulterior motive of the Court's and the Clerk's ardent supporters, is to be able to control the management of crime, and its prosecutions, in house. For example: Once all criminals have to go to the County Courthouse, and are in a far more objectively run system, they will no longer be afforded the special treatment that is currently being dispensed by the Gary City Court.

If all of these various units of local government were anywhere near as effective as these ardent supporters claim, don't you think we'd have a lot less crime in our city? It is exactly these institutions that have been incredibly effective as acting as petri dishes for the unbelievably high crime that we experience now.

The traditional method of enforcing crime in this country has been to have strong deterrents and penalties for those that may think about committing crimes. When these penalties and deterrents are manipulated due to familial relationships or political connections, the entire system of law and order becomes threatened and jeopardized. When this system has been allowed to be weakened to the point it no longer is any real deterrent to would-be criminals; they commit crimes; because why not?

And worse yet, the police that are doing a good job, and are really trying to stop crime, are completely frustrated to the point of surrender because they recognize this is how Gary's system on law enforcement (really law un-enforcement) are operating.

This is Gary, Indiana today.

And to Mr. GiaQuinta: We are not in La-la Land. Are you?

Respectfully,  
Kris Edwards