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Can Sound Money Be Restored?

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One might wonder why Eagle Forum, an organization dedicated to protecting American families and children, would take on the task of pushing for a sound monetary system. Of course, all the good family policies we support are threatened by a monetary system that undermines the sovereignty and security of families. We all depend on currency to provide for our families. If our currency continues to be devalued, we all lose.

The Biden Administration and the globalists at the World Economic Conference are pushing ahead with their plans to institute a digital monetary system not backed by anything of lasting value such as gold or silver. It would be no different from our present fiat currency except for the draconian controls imposed by the Federal Reserve Bank following the instructions of the federal government and the elites of the World Economic Forum and its Great Reset.

In his new book entitled "*Pirate Money Discovering the Founders' Hidden Plan for Economic Justice and Defeating the Great Reset*" Kevin Freeman states: "If ending the gold standard created the environment for the problem (unsound money), it stands to reason that returning to a sound money system must be part of the solution." We also think that is true.

In the book Freeman discusses the coming Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC). While it may be convenient, it will come with a loss of privacy and a loss of control over our own money and is just another form of fiat currency. Privately controlled Bitcoin and other cryptocurrencies also are not backed by something of, value, such as gold or silver. The federal government and the central banking system, the privately owned Federal Reserve Bank, oppose them because government wants money that it can control, just as the Chinese Communist Party uses digital currency along with social credit scores to control the actions of its citizens. Thus, the push for a programmable CBDC.

On May 9, 2022, President Biden issued Executive Order #14067, a declaration of war on both cryptocurrency and monetary privacy. The Ex. Order calls for "responsible financial innovation," but it ends saying the

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CBDC provides "the ability to exercise human rights, financial inclusion and equity; and climate change and pollution." Money should be neutral, not used to push a political agenda. A programmable digital currency controlled by the federal government will result in a system that provides the ultimate control mechanism. It would be a line-item veto on your spending.

There is another way! The state of Texas has established a Gold Depository, moving all its state-owned gold into that depository. A bill is in the works in Texas to declare gold and silver to be legal tender. They intend to establish a state-based currency based upon gold and silver. Citizens could deposit their gold or sil-



ver into the depository, establishing their own account. They could also deposit cash for the depository to buy gold for them. They could then spend from that account using a debit card, just as so many of us do today for our routine purchases. The money is theirs and they have control over it just as they would have in another bank account. While Texas may be the first to do this. a number of other states have shown interest. Also, if individuals in other states wish to use the system created by Texas, they may do so.

The Constitution says that "Congress shall have

power to coin money, regulate the value thereof, and of foreign coin, and fix the standard of weights and measures." Although the Founders prevented states from either "coining money" or "emitting bills of credit," they did allow one single provision for states regarding money. Article 1 Section 10 says, "No State shall make any 'thing' but gold and silver coin a tender in payment of debts." States cannot mint money, but they can recognize gold or silver to be legal tender. This is one of the enumerated powers provided to the states. This has been upheld in various cases before the Supreme Court throughout our history. One example is Nebbia v. New York (1934) which says, "The States enjoy a right and power to 'make...gold and silver coin a tender' no matter what Congress may decree in the monetary field."

Note that this does not require the state to have any gold or silver on deposit. The deposits belong to the individuals who placed them there. That is why the State is NOT coining money. The state holds the deposits and handles the electronic bookkeeping allowing accounts to be updated at the speed of light.

So, by establishing gold and silver as legal tender and a depository to handle the metals for its citizens, Texas and <u>any other state</u> can establish a way for citizens to deposit their gold and silver into their account and spend from that account with a debit card similar to what most already use in today's modern world. This would allow citizens to protect their money from our rampant inflation, protect against the loss of privacy and control inherent with CBDC's, and protect against the controls of the Great Reset. This is just "another way to buy stuff" without the chance of losing it to inflation or getting "debanked" because of differences in political opinions, as has already happened to many prominent people, such as Dr. Joseph Mercola, as well as private citizens.

What's Good About America?

The Propitious Smiles of Heaven

Rev. John Killian, Special Contributor to Eagle Forum Newsletter

In late August, 1776, all appeared to be lost. George Washington's troops were soundly defeated by General Howe's British units as Washington sought to defend New York. Vastly outnumbered and sorely defeated, the Continental troops under General George Washington were surrounded after a thrashing by the British at Long Island.

Frankly, this battle seemed to be the end of the line for the American troops. General Washington was set to be captured and the American cause would likely dissipate. But amazingly, a dense fog settled all around the American troops. General Washington ordered every flatboat in place and an overnight process began where the Colonial troops were able to evacuate. All 9,000 American soldiers evacuated and lived to fight another day.

As the War for Independence concluded, Washington referred to the Revolutionary experience as having known the hand of Providence. Consider that American hopes for independence were often precarious and would have been easily lost. But God Almighty determined the establishment of this country for His eternal purposes.

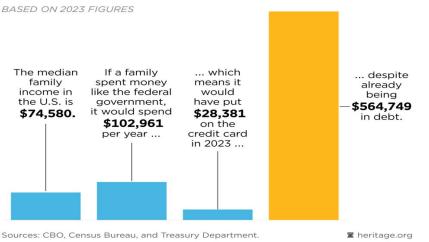
An honest historian could write volumes extolling the role of the outcome of American independence. Yet, the wonderful American dream could have been snuffed before the dream commenced.

This week an honest activist referred to our times as "bad as they are today." Yes, we find discouragement at the attacks on our heritage, the frailty of our economy and the international threats on our security. Please remember the role of our God to move specifically to bring favor on Washington's dream for Independence.

Our God is still on His throne and He removes Kings and establishes Kings" (Daniel 2:21) Will God continue His mighty favor on our land? President George Washington answered this question in his first inaugural address: "We ought to be no less persuaded that the propitious smiles of Heaven can never be expected on a nation that disregards the eternal rules of order and right which Heaven itself has ordained; and since the preservation of the sacred fire of liberty, and the destiny of the republican model of government, are justly considered as deeply, perhaps as finally staked on the experiment entrusted to the hands of the American people."

Three Layers of Massive Debt

U.S. BUDGET VS. FAMILY BUDGET



The current gross debt of \$33.6 trillion and rising means that the share of debt for each U. S. household is over \$258,000. Worse, because Congress has ignored the finances of Social Security and Medicare for years, the programs have a combined \$75.3 trillion in unfunded liabilities—or roughly \$579,000 for every household.

That adds up to \$837,000 in federal debt and liabilities per household. Few leaders are willing to acknowledge this problem. *The Daily Signal, October 25, 2023*

BITS AND PIECES

A ccording to the Daily Signal report on October 29, 2023, promoting Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in the federal workforce has become an essential part of every employee's job. For instance, if the economists at the Commerce Department don't preach and practice the tenets of DEI, including preferred pronouns, it will affect their performance reviews. A memo to employees dated Oct. 16, 2023 states: "The inclusion of DEI activities in a performance plan and critical element signifies that these duties are of such importance that acceptable performance of these activities are required for acceptable performance in the position." Then they are instructed to choose among a list of options for inclusion in their performance plan. The article goes on to say, "When Commerce requires its employees to 'lead or support' an initiative to raise awareness and emphasize DEI, it promotes the [false] narrative that America is institutionally racist, sexist, transphobic, and oppressive."

 \neg ood News for those who **J** support parental rights and health freedom. The CDC reports the highest childhood vaccine exemption rate ever in the U.S. Forty states have seen rises in parents citing religious or other personal concerns for not vaccinating their young children. According to a pediatrician from North Carolina and a spokesperson for the American Academy of Pediatricians, there is a growing distrust in the health care system. After the way most of the health care system operated during the covid experience, of course, parents are questioning the validity of claims about all vaccines. C & C Substack 11-10-2023

federal judge upheld a Florida law banning biological male transgender athletes playing on female sports teams. The judge had put a hold on the case pending an 11th Circuit Court ruling on an appeal of a case about segregated bath-The Eleventh Circuit rooms. Court ruled that sex segregated bathroom rules did not violate federal law, saying that Title IX's reference to "sex" does not encompass "gender identity." The Florida judge then issued his ruling upholding the Florida law against biological males competing in female sports. Information from C&C Substack November, 10, 2023

The Alabama Baptist paper has the largest print distribution in the State of Alabama. The 10/4/2023 edition included an op-ed entitled Ongoing Concerns about legalizing marijuana. Daniel Raulerson Dr. of Brewton, AL, who is a semiretired internist and the coroner of Escambia County. He gives reasons for concerned Christians to fight to keep marijuana dispensaries out of their communities and to repeal Alabama's medical marijuana law. He says:

- 1. Until marijuana is tested like all other legitimate drugs, it should not be prescribed.
- 2. Alabama has seen as many DUI arrests due to marijuana as alcohol.
- 3. In case after case of accidental death or suicide, he finds marijuana along with other drugs
- 4. Research suggests that marijuana affects adolescents whose brains are likely to be adversely and permanently harmed by marijuana.

Quotable Quotes

"We make a living by what we get, we make a life by what we give."

Sir Winston Churchill

"The passion for power is one of the most moving passions that exists in man. And, after all, all democracies are based on the proposition that power is very dangerous, and that it's extremely important not to let any one man or any one small group have too much power for too long a time. After all, what are the British and American constitutions, except devices for limiting power? All of these new devices (television, radio, etc.) are extremely efficient instruments for the imposition of power by small groups over larger groups." Aldous Huxley

"The domination of government over corporatism (big business) is communism, the domination of corporatism over government is fascism."

Unknown, but true.

"There must be a positive passion for the public good, the public interest, honor, power, and glory, established in the minds of the people, or there can be no republican government, nor any real liberty and this public passion must be superior to all private passions. "John Adams

"Those who expect to reap the blessings of freedom, must, like me, undergo the fatigue of supporting it."

Thomas Paine

"Do not go where the path may lead; go instead where there is no path and leave a trail."

-Ralph Waldo Emerson

Huntsville: A Prototype for the Future of Education?

By Jennifer Wolverton

In the year 2043, the city of Huntsville, Alabama, transformed into an educational utopia. The moniker "Rocket City" took on a whole new meaning as Huntsville became the nation's epicenter for educational innovation. Twenty years of visionary leadership and resolute parents and educators have reshaped the landscape of learning, making it a beacon of opportunity for students of all ages.

The catalyst for this transformation had been the rise of microschools, which sprouted up on every corner of the city. These small, flexible learning environments were the brainchild of enthusiastic parents who grew disillusioned with the limitations of traditional education. No longer did they accept the belief that they were passive recipients of what was handed to their children. They began to speak, to act, to participate. Children of all ages filed into churches, libraries, public parks, and YMCAs to experience community-centered learning, crafting specialized curricula tailored to individual needs and interests requested by parents. It was a parent-teacher crafted educational model formed bottom-up like never before.

What set these microschools apart was the funding mechanism behind them. Educational Savings Accounts (ESAs) became a cornerstone of Huntsville's educational infrastructure. A vehicle to fund the education of children had replaced a monopoly to fund a system unable to provide a customized education for every child. ESAs were like Health Savings Accounts or HSA's. Parents could allocate their ESA dollars to these microschools, creating a competitive marketplace that drove innovation and excellence. A voluntary exchange driven by results and parent satisfaction began to inform the culture. Parents had decision-making power, and educators and schools had the incentive to deliver. The quality of education was no longer confined by a student's zip code, and every family had the freedom to choose the educational path that suited each child best.

Private and public schools have also evolved. They embraced the concept of unbundling education, recognizing that not all students needed educational packages. Thousands of families wanted unbundled courses. Schools now offered a wide array of classes, clubs, and resources that students and parents could cherry-pick according to their preferences. If a student had a passion for robotics, they could enroll in specialized robotics classes at the local public school, while taking debate, history, and language lessons at a nearby classical microschool. The possibilities were endless. But the core competency of the public school was ensuring every child in town had excellent math and language skills.

This unbundling was the one thing that the parents of Huntsville did better than any other town. Several factors contributed to the thriving ecosystem. By valuing individuals and unconventional approaches to learning, apprenticeships returned to elevate the necessity of experts in the trades. By leveraging the massive pool of intellectuals, as Huntsville still held the record for the most people with PhDs in America, students now could take intensive courses directly from credentialed field experts coming to volunteer at their child's microschool. Even the past issue of finding STEM teachers now resolved itself.

A parent-led education non-profit was created. These parents knew what education was and recognized what they wanted their kids to learn. Families of all socioeconomic levels united through shared goals. Everyone wanted every child in their town to succeed. Other towns in Alabama emulated Huntsville and the entire state benefited. Competition was used for the betterment of all.

The walls that once separated students based on their educational choices crumbled. A sense of unity took root in Huntsville as all children, regardless of where they received their education, came together to play sports at the community recreation center. Sports leagues organized by interests, not by schools, ensuring that kids interacted with peers from various backgrounds and educational paths.

Brilliance was everywhere, nurtured by educators who were no longer bound by rigid standards and standardized tests. Students explored their passions, and the city buzzed with creativity and innovation. All two hundred corporations in Research Park gave the ultimate benchmark for other towns to emulate as every office

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space hosted at least one class for local school children, donating highly educated STEM and humanities employees as teachers. Parents could sign their kids up for coding at Microsoft, biology at Hudson Alpha, physics at SpaceX, or ninth grade English at the local news channel sewing together the ultimate in specialist education all covered by their Education Savings Accounts.

Beyond corporations, museums were all free and open for permanent field trips for K12 students in the United States. And all public libraries hosted math and reading/dyslexia tutors during all opening hours. Public school buildings kept their doors open for career fairs, activities, classes, lunch, and kids around town meeting up there to see their friends. And most high school upper classmen attended the local community colleges trying out various career choices since they could do their core requirements quickly first semester and then spend second semester trying on multiple "jobs" such as communications, electronics, python coding, cybersecurity, welding, journalism, psychology, ASL, and more! The lunchroom at the college was buzzing with teens dreaming of their futures.

Some kids had to work to support their families or needed to spend extra hours learning English as a second language, and the future education model allowed for this as well. The city became a model for the future of education, with visitors from all over the country coming to see its success. Huntsville's commitment to personalized, flexible learning through microschools and unbundled education unlocked the potential of every child, leading to a generation of confident, empowered, and intellectually curious individuals for every socio-economic level across the state.

In the year 2043, as the sun set over the Rocket City, its people looked back on the past two decades with pride. They transformed their community into a place where every child's dreams could take flight, a place where unity and brilliance were not just ideals but a way of life. Huntsville, Alabama truly became a beacon of hope and innovation for education.

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Homeschooling on the Rise

According to <u>The Washington Post</u>, "Home schooling has become — by a wide margin — America's fastest-growing form of education." The Post collected data from 32 states (which represents 60% of the country's school-aged population) and found "the number of home-schooled students increased 51% over the past six school years," with a 4% drop in public school enrollment. Another poll also found that school choice has bipartisan support from 88% of Democrats and 83% of Republicans, making it a rare form of consensus in a very divided country.

Since the 2017-2018 school year, even liberal states have seen dramatic increases in homeschooling — California increased 78%, NYC 103%, and D.C. 108%. These statistics defied the predictions that homeschooling would decrease after the pandemic."

Of course, liberals claim that homeschooling "poses real dangers to children and to society." However, while there were many parental concerns that led to this boom, including school shootings and bullying, about half of the parents taking their kids out of public school site concerns with radical leftist ideology.

Family Research Council Senior Fellow for Education Studies Meg Kilgannon has stated regarding liberal opposition to homeschooling, "...in the end, it's generally about the money, but it's also about the access to children's minds." Kilgannon went on to say that homeschooling is worth the effort. "You know," she pointed out, "you can control the quality of the education, you can control the content of the education, and you get to spend time with your favorite people, your kids. ... So, there's not a lot of downside."

Bases on information from the Washington Watch, November 2, 2023 edition.

Alabama Eagle Forum Spotlight Alabama Eagle Forum—Trussville

In the past Alabama Eagle Forum had a number of chapters around the state, but through the years they became inactive. It order to rebuild this grassroots army and to help everyday patriots come together to save our Republic and to stay informed on issues of importance today, Eagle Forum started sponsoring Eagle Forum Action Groups.

One of those Action Groups is Alabama Eagle Forum-Trussville with Julia Cleland as its leader. This group was started on September 9, 2021. It meets every second Thursday at the Trussville Civic Center from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm with coffee and fellowship from 5:30 'til 6:00. They have an average attendance of 50 people.

When asked why Julia wanted to start the Action Group, she said, "I had friends and family being forced to take the vaccine or lose their jobs. As I was searching the internet and FB looking for answers, possible attorney referrals, anything, I found <u>alabamaeagle.org</u>, read thru the website, sent a question with my phone # and 30 min later Miss Eunie called me. We talked for 30 min, she told me about several small groups having monthly meetings, I asked her when the next one was, It was in Cullman. This was August, I attended the meeting where Becky Gerritson, Eagle Forum of Alabama Executive Director, was speaking. The information was timely and powerful. I also met Angela Hendon whom I loved from starting the Bible Marathon in Montgomery. She was hosting the meeting, Iva Hendon, our faithful Action Group Leader was there. I met Kim and David Dimmock, the Leaders, whom I immediately loved. I said to myself, this is a great group, strong leaders, truth tellers, and action oriented. They opened with Prayer and the Pledge, None wore mask, laughing, hugging each other(during Covid). I thought I can do this. I don't know a lot of people, many friends were not going out, but this is important." So Julia stepped up and started the group in her town and has led it to being



one of our most active groups. Since that time, Julia has been active in lobbying the legislature and has been elected to the Eagle Forum Board as District 6 chair where she works with other action groups in the district.

Julia promotes the meetings and speakers through emails, text messages and calls to a large list she has developed through attendees. Notices are also listed on Facebook. *The Trussville Tribune* puts her flyers online. She has each

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program video recorded for those who were unable to attend. They are posted at Rumble under the name 1 freeradical. Julia uses all these means and more to promote the group and advertise her speakers.

Some of the excellent programs held at the Trussville meetings have been Matthew Nicaud from Alliance Defending Freedom, and Andrew Sorrell, State Auditor . They had almost 100 people to hear Dr. Stewart Tankersley and Dr. Diane Counce, who spoke about Covid and how to treat it effectively at home. Some of the most popular subjects have been information on vaccines and health issues, election integrity, and sexually explicit books in children's sections of our libraries. The biggest meeting was when they showed the movie "2000 Mules" about the 2020 election when they had an audience of about 160 people.

As can be seen, the Trussville group is active and growing. We applaud Julia and those who help her each month as they continue to educate and motivate the Trussville community and beyond.



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