



South Florida Progressive bulletin



April 20, 2017

EVENTS AND ACTIVISM CALENDAR:

- Apr 15 Tax March 9 am Trump Hollywood**
Apr 15 Gray Panthers 9:30 am-12 Noon
7701 SW 76th Ave; South Miami
Restoration of funding for public libraries
- Apr 17 Broward ACLU 6:30-7:45**
3151 Powerline Rd; Fort Lauderdale
- Apr 17 US - Russia Relations - Is This Cold War**
2:30 pm FIU 11200 SW 8th St Rm 233;
Miami; <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/us-russia-relations-is-this-cold-war-2-tickets-32861529720>
- Apr 17 ACLU Law Day reception 6:30-8:30 pm**
2000 Convention Str Dr. Miami Beach \$65
- Apr 18 Broward Dems 7 pm**
5701 Cypress Rd; Plantation
- Apr 19 Rally with Bernie Sanders, Miami**
link to RSVP: <https://go.berniesanders.com/page/event/detail/gpghby>
- Apr 19 Health Care Town Hall 6-8 pm**
Jackson - 1611 NW 12th Ave; Miami
SEIU guest-Frederica Wilson (FL 24)
- Apr 20 Democratic Progressive Caucus Broward**
6:30 pm ; 1700 NW 66th Ave #100
Plantation; Tim Canova speaker
- Apr 22 - Science March 12 noon-3 pm**
Museum Park, 1075 Biscayne; Miami
- Apr 26 North Broward Democratic Club 7:30 pm**
1801 NE 6th St; Pompano Beach -
Guest - Stephen Bittel
- Apr 29 Climate Rally/March Miami Dade 1 pm**
Jose Marti Park 351 SW 4th; Miami
- Apr 29 - Climate Rally/March Broward 2 pm.**
George English Park-1101 Bayview Dr,
Fort Lauderdale
- Apr 30 Indivisible South Florida 3-5 pm**
1480 SW 9th Ave; FortLauderdale
- May 1 March for Immigrant & Worker Justice**
5-7 pm; host SEIU and POWIR
Bubier Park 32 E Los Olas Blvd; FLL

The decision which landed Neil Gorsuch onto the short list for the Supreme Court was the now infamous truck driver case in which he upheld the firing of a truck driver who abandoned his trailer for thirty minutes in sub-freezing weather to save his own life. No harm came to his trailer during the thirty minutes he went to seek help, but he was fired and Mr. Gorsuch and President Trump, the Federalist Society and the Heritage Foundation agreed with his terminator. (from Pete Tucker of Op-Ed News)

Nice to know that our new justice and our new president have no interest in protecting American workers!

To the President from Veteran Intelligence Professionals for Sanity:

1 - We write to give you an unambiguous warning of the threat of armed hostilities with Russia - with the risk of escalation to nuclear war. The threat has grown after the cruise missile attack on Syria (on April 6) in retaliation for what you claimed was a "chemical weapons attack" on April 4 on Syrian civilians in southern Idlib Province.

2 - Our U.S. Army contacts in the area have told us this is not what happened. There was no Syrian "chemical weapons attack." Instead, a Syrian aircraft bombed an al-Qaeda-in-Syria ammunition depot that turned out to be full of noxious chemicals and a strong wind blew the chemical-laden cloud over a nearby village where many consequently died.

3 - This is what the Russians and Syrians have been saying and - more important - what they appear to believe happened.

link: <https://consortiumnews.com/2017/04/11/trump-should-rethink-syria-escalation/>

Plan to Bury Nuclear Waste Under Our Aquifer:

Florida Power & Light's proposal to inject wastewater and chemicals from nuclear reactors into the boulder zone of the Lower Floridan Aquifer will be the subject of an evidentiary hearing at 9:30 a.m. on May 2 in Homestead.

FPL is seeking to build two more nuclear reactors known as units 6 and 7 at its Turkey Point plant about 20 miles south of Miami. Last year Miami-based Citizens Allied for Safe Energy challenged a final environmental impact statement issued by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission and the Army Corps of Engineers.

The agencies agreed the plan to dispose of the plant's wastewater by injecting it into the boulder zone using deep injection wells would have no adverse environmental impact.

CASE's petition states that the impact of injecting "toxic chemicals and liquid radwaste-laden water" from the reactors directly into the boulder zone was not fully evaluated in the impact statement.

The NRC's Atomic Safety and Licensing Board is scheduled to hold an evidentiary hearing in the Council Chambers of Homestead City Hall, 100 Civic Court in Homestead. The public hearing will continue on May 3, if necessary.

FPL submitted an application to build two new AP1000 reactors next to two existing reactors in 2009, but the NRC has yet to issue the licenses. FPL expects the units to be in service by 2027 and 2028.

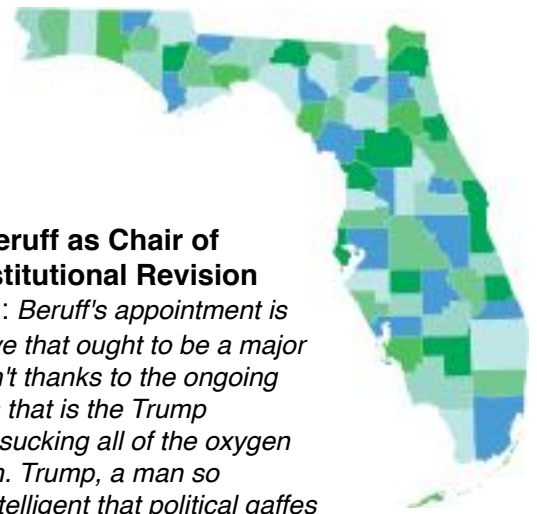
The boulder zone in the Lower Floridan Aquifer is approximately 3,000 feet below ground and contains saltwater. It underlies a 13-county areas in southern Florida and has been used for years to store vast quantities of treated sewage injected into it by Miami, Fort Lauderdale, West Palm Beach and Stuart, according to the U.S. Geological Survey.

Participation in the hearing will be limited to the FPL, NRC staff, the intervenors contesting the application, interested local government bodies, and their lawyers and witnesses. Those planning to attend the hearing should arrive at least 15 minutes early to allow time for security screening, including searches of hand-carried items such as briefcases or backpacks. No signs will be permitted in the hearing room.

The board will also accept written comments, known as limited appearance statements, from interested members of the public. These statements are not testimony or evidence, but they may aid the board and/or the parties in considering the issues in the hearing.

Statements may be submitted via mail to: Office of the Secretary Rulemaking and Adjudications Staff, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555-0001; via fax to 301-415-1101; or via e-mail to hearingdocket@nrc.gov.

~from Palm Beach Post



On Carlos Beruff as Chair of Florida Constitutional Revision Commission:

Beruff's appointment is the sort of move that ought to be a major scandal but isn't thanks to the ongoing garbage circus that is the Trump administration sucking all of the oxygen out of the room. Trump, a man so outwardly unintelligent that political gaffes simply don't stick to him, has lowered the bar for public office so far that the appointment of a wholly unqualified guy like Beruff no longer seems frightening.

~Jerry Iannelli; Miami New Times



Florida Attorney General Pam Bondi, Gov. Rick Scott and other top Florida Republicans have quietly spent more than \$237 million on private lawyers to advance and defend their agendas, an AP investigation found. (Chris O'Meara, AP)

Gov. Rick Scott and House Speaker Richard Corcoran, R-Land O' Lakes, have signaled that they want the Florida Constitutional Revision commission to make policy through the constitution – policy that they might not be able to set through the Legislature.

Meanwhile in North Miami Beach efforts to privatize the water continue. The next step after the vote was 4-2 in favor is: "the city is to begin negotiating a contract with CH2M, which is angling to take over the full operation of the city's water plant. The plant services nearly 200,000 people in North Miami-Dade, in towns including Miami Gardens, Aventura, and Sunny Isles Beach. The water plant serves the second-largest number of people in all of Miami-Dade County. Once CH2M and the city hash out the terms of their contract, that document will be put up for another vote. ~Jerry Iannelli, Miami New Times

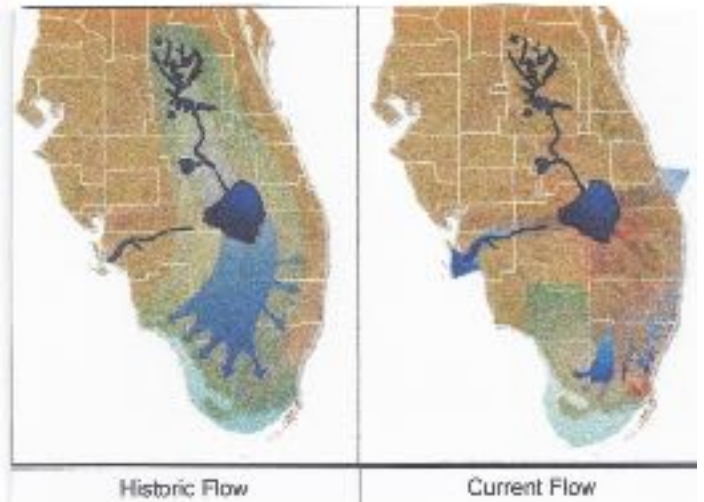
More on Florida's Constitutional Revision Commission:

Voter advocacy groups are concerned that "the Commission is operating without rules and has not provided the public with any information about how it intends to go about adopting rules." It noted that the commission has failed to post on its website a March 24 letter to commissioner in which Beruff laid out what his spokesperson calls an "informal" process for establishing a rules committee to present proposed rules." The groups involved include: the American Civil Liberties Union, AFSCME Florida, Florida Alliance of Planned Parenthood Affiliates, Florida Education Association, Common Cause Florida, Florida Policy Institute, Florida Strong, For Our Future, League of Women Voters Florida and Progress Florida. The republican party - which is an overwhelming majority of those on the commission - is not typically receptive to these groups who advocate for individuals rather than corporate sponsors and donors. An audience member from the League of Women Voters advocates for a rules change "for campaign contributions which she said will allow legislators and other elected officials to "be tempted to vote on issues based on whether their votes will yield campaign contributions." [ink:http://miamiherald.typepad.com/nakedpolitics/2017/04/advocacy-groups-raises-questions-about-constitution-revision-process-and-rules-.html](http://miamiherald.typepad.com/nakedpolitics/2017/04/advocacy-groups-raises-questions-about-constitution-revision-process-and-rules-.html)

Florida Congressman Ted Yoho (FL 3) whose district includes University of Florida home Gainesville, was greeted by a crowd of dissenters at a town hall during the current Congressional recess. When he said he didn't believe climate change was caused by human activity, when he refused to support planned parenthood, when he discussed discretionary spending and cutting social security payments, they disagreed. The only thing he did seem to please people with was his promise not to defund science as Trump desires.

A charter school funding bill is moving forward in FL: The state House is pushing ahead with a plan, included in its budget package, that would require school districts to steer some of their local property taxes to charters. A similar effort had stalled in the Senate, but was jump-started this week and won bipartisan approval April 6th from the Appropriations Committee. SB 376 would steer more than \$150 million to charter schools statewide, though funding would vary significantly among districts.

Passed and signed HB 1411: a bill that increases regulations on the 62 abortion clinics across the state. The bill is similar to laws in other states, most notably Texas, that critics call Targeted Regulation of Abortion Providers (TRAP) laws because they place onerous and medically unnecessary restrictions on abortion providers in an effort to close clinics. The Guttmacher Institute, a research organization that promotes reproductive rights and health, says as of 2016, 24 states across the country have some form of a TRAP law.



The goal of SB 10 and other efforts at Everglades restoration involve correcting the flow of water south from Lake Okeechobee, which will clean the agricultural by-products from the water leaving the Lake and restore some of the historic flow south.

SB 10 has passed the FL Senate on 4/12/17.

This bill will allow the state to purchase land south of Lake Okeechobee to build a reservoir to clean the water going into rivers and estuaries so that the algae blooms will be eliminated in the rivers, and more fresh water will reach the Everglades and help restore that ecosystem. The bill passed with a large majority of support after some wrangling by the supporters to allay concerns among the locales affected.

"A 31-page amendment to Senate Bill 10 changes the proposal dramatically — from buying 60,000 acres from farmers to using 14,000 acres the state owns and leases to Florida Crystals until 2019. The amendment calls for smaller private land purchases and other state-owned parcels to complement that.

The changes make the bill more palatable to critics concerned about the project's scope, cost and impact to rural communities and puts the reservoir one step closer to reality, supporters said. The sugar industry gave signs Tuesday it could warm up to Negron (key supporter of this plan and president of the Florida senate.)

U.S. Sugar Corp., which has been fiercely lobbying against the measure, would be off the hook from selling 153,000 acres as agreed in a 2010 contract with the state.

"Many lawmakers agreed changes to the bill since last month to use state land instead of buying it and to help displaced agricultural workers made it more palatable and give the Senate a good starting point to negotiate with the House."

~Isadora Rangel from TC Palm

Where did the \$10 million for Gorsuch come from?

Right wing think tanks put Neil Gorsuch in the running for his post as Supreme Court justice for only one reason: he is a reliable vote for corporate hegemony. The conservatives care naught for the welfare of the American people who will be adversely affected by Gorsuch's influence in the Court, and neither does the selector-in-chief, Donald Trump.

If strength of resume were the deciding factor in this process, Merrick Garland is every bit as qualified as is Neil Gorsuch, but his ideology is moderate; whereas Gorsuch is more extreme than even Scalia. Only Clarence Thomas is to the right of Neil Gorsuch on the current court.

So why spend \$10 million in dark money spent to seat Gorsuch on the court? When asked in his hearings, Gorsuch said, "You have to ask them." But the truth is, it is 'dark money' and it is allowed to be hidden from the public. "Often the person who is benefiting knows, but it's just the public that's not allowed to know," says investigative journalist Jane Mayer in her book: Dark Money.

Conjecture is involved in sourcing the \$10 million. The Koch Brothers are aware of the campaign to expose their spheres of influence so they have hidden themselves behind the dark money cloak very effectively. The dark money fountains flow through the Heritage Foundation which was established in 1973. Its five principles include free enterprise, limited government, individual freedom, traditional American values, and strong defense.

Right there is a can of worms worthy of a serious fishing expedition. We know that there is no free market. "Most vocal proponents of the 'free market' have been reorganizing the market for their own benefit and would prefer these issues not be examined." (Robert Reich) Limited government is conservative double speak for corporate dominance. And traditional American values - according to whose traditions?

The Heritage Foundation boasts 500,000 dues paying members. It is the largest and most broadly supported right wing think tank. And yet, these 500,000 are nowhere near the majority of Americans who vote, work, and live here. They wield outsized political power with their dollars, including some of the ten million which bought Gorsuch a seat on our highest court. The Federalist Society, another contributor to the dark money fountains consists of 60,000 lawyers, law students and legal scholars. It is controlled by the Koch brothers, the Mercers, and Chevron. Leonard Leo is the executive vp of Federalist Society (FS) and he personally called Gorsuch to tell him he was shortlisted for the supreme court vacancy. The Judicial Crisis Network is funded by the Wellspring Committee, which is funded by one anonymous donor. Ann Corkery, a Koch affiliated lawyer, runs the Wellspring Committee, and her husband Neil is the treasurer for the Judicial Crisis network (JCN.) JCN promotes conservatives in state supreme court elections and federal confirmation battles.

From Russ Feingold about Republicans' Supreme Court maneuvers: Nothing will change the fact that Republicans prevented a president who was elected by a popular vote majority from filling a Supreme Court seat – so that a president who lost the popular vote could fill the seat instead. That renders the participation of millions of voters meaningless, and that means the Court's decisions for the foreseeable future will be tainted by a cloud of illegitimacy.

From David S. Cohen in Rolling Stone: 4 asterisks of illegitimacy about Gorsuch: 1) republican't refusal to consider Garland 2) president's legitimacy legally in question 3) first ever Supreme Court justice filibustered by the minority party 4) in order to be seated, the senate rules were changed.

Republicans: "We'll never get Gorsuch nominated if we play fair and by the rules. A 2/3 vote in the senate just won't happen."
Republicans put on their

two hours later:
Republicans: We can't win honestly so let's cheat. We'll change the 2/3 rule to a simple majority for confirmation. Getting our way is much more important than preserving our 241-year-old democracy.
And that is today's lesson in republican ethics.
AMERICAN NEWSX
Lisa A. Chodling

Gorsuch worked for a right wing billionaire, Anschutz in Colorado. He recused himself from deciding his cases when he served on the court of appeals, but has said he will not do so on the supreme court.

So we have an idea who spent the ten million dollars to elevate Gorsuch. Conservative think tanks have no business dominating our justice system, but we know now that the republican't majority lacks the political will to oppose them.


Words from Battle Creek, MI: "People who voted for Trump didn't do a bit of good for themselves. But when the higher-ups see it, maybe they will wake up to what has been going on." (a HRC voter in Battle Creek, MI)

In places like Battle Creek, you see and hear a lot of despair. The good jobs, ones that could be turned into careers, have been replaced with an economic version of the Hunger Games. Magnifying it is the sense that "higher-ups" – the collection of distant political, economic and thought leaders – don't see the anguish, don't care about it and are partly responsible for it. It has made many nostalgic for a better past. ~Chris Arcade in the Guardian


Recently I met a politically well connected writer and lecturer on American Presidents, who's in the DC loop. He is not a fan of HRC. He said with certainty she is running again in 2020. He said she is confident - as she was in 2016 - in winning the primary and the election. Her plan is that there will be a field of candidates in the primary - five or six, and that of course all the big money will coalesce behind her and the democrats are prepared to allow a repeat of 2016.

He was not willing to divulge any inside information about the plans. It doesn't sound far fetched to me, though; the same hubris that gave us DJT as President now will pull off a repeat performance in 2020 unless what? How can we prevent this scenario? How can we undo the corruption in the party by the time of 2020 primaries? Can we elect a Brand New Congress to hold down the damage of rampant republican'tism?

Corporations are not concerned with the common good. They exploit, pollute, impoverish, repress, kill, and lie to make money. They throw poor people out of homes, let the uninsured die, wage useless wars for profit, poison and pollute the ecosystem, slash social assistance programs, gut public education, trash the global economy, plunder the U.S. Treasury and crush all popular movements that seek justice for working men and women. They worship money and power.



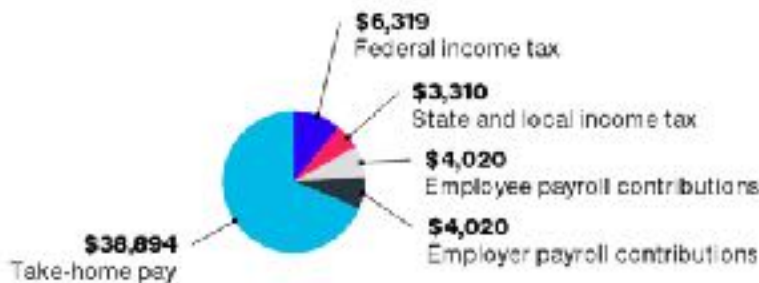
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The U.S. Tax Burden

Total taxes paid by the average single, childless American worker in 2016



Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development, "Taxing Wages 2017" Average gross pay of \$62,548

Happy April 15th!
 Re: Tax chart to left - American tax burden ranked 25th among the countries evaluated, but even countries with less of a tax burden still provide healthcare for all, better public education, more worker protections than the US. American exceptionalism is a myth! 5

Syria - For those who wonder how we arrived here

In the 1950s the Soviets and the Americans were dividing the world into their spheres of influence. The Soviets proposed making the mid-east neutral. The Dulles brothers, operating in the Eisenhower administration, would have none of that. They insisted on supplying military aid to mild jihadists operating in Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Iraq and Lebanon to combat the ideological appeal they felt that Soviet Marxism would have there.

Syria, by 1949, had rid themselves of Nazis, and their French colonialist rulers. They sought to establish a secular, American style democracy. They elected al-Kuwaiti as their leader and he hesitated about approving a trans-Arabian pipeline so he was victim of a CIA coup. The dictator installed survived long enough to approve the pipeline but was deposed in a civilian coup after three months. In 1955 after a few more government upheavals, al-Kuwaiti was re-elected and was even more suspicious of American intentions in his country.

Allan Dulles had orchestrated the coup in Iran which deposed Mossadegh with two CIA operatives. He then sent them to Syria to once again work to destabilize the government there. This time, the Syrians could not be bribed. They captured the CIA operative and he confessed to the coup in Iran and also the coup attempt in Syria. Meanwhile the American press and Eisenhower were touting the confession as lies and selling the actions to the American people as ridding the middle east of corrupt dictators. After the next CIA led coup attempt in Syria, anti-American riots erupted in the mid-east.

An anti-American coup in Iraq led to a CIA plot to assassinate the new Iraqi president. Five years later the CIA installed the Ba-ath party in Iraq and Saddam Hussein was part of the CIA's regime. The US then armed and supported Iraq during the Iran Iraq war. Donald Rumsfeld himself offered Saddam Hussein a menu of chemical and biological weapons in 1983! Meanwhile the CIA is also arming Iran with anti-tank and anti-aircraft missiles!

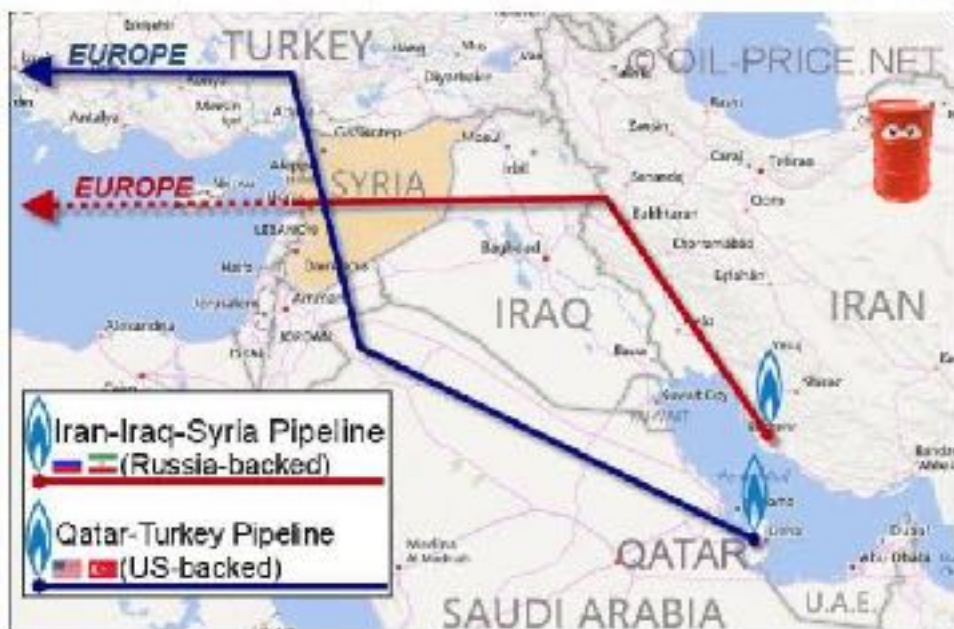
There was a report issued in 1957 which exposed CIA coup plots in Jordan, Syria, Iran, Iraq, and Egypt, all of which were unknown to the American people. History ignores this when our politicians say: 'they hate us for our freedoms!'

Fast forward to 2000: In 2000 Qatar proposed a new pipeline. (Qatar is the closest US Arab ally in the region, and hosts US military bases.) This pipeline was opposed by Assad's government in Syria. (Assad preferred a different pipeline route.) The EU and Turkey both supported the pipeline for relief from Russian influence, and it would have helped the Sunni Saudis by giving them a foothold in Shia dominated Syria. The Russians considered the Qatar pipeline a threat to their natural resource market share in Europe and Turkey.

In 2009 Syria flatly refused the pipeline agreement. Immediately the American military and intelligence communities began plotting against Assad with their Sunni allies. The CIA funded the opposition to Assad, even though Assad had helped the CIA after 9/11. Syria is secure and diverse. "No one in the region has clean hands but in the realms of torture, mass killings, civil liberties and supporting terrorism, Assad is much better than the Saudis."

Obama was against this pipeline war. But the republicans and Sunnis forced his hand and in 2011, the US joined a coalition to oust Assad with France, Turkey, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, and the UK. Billions were spent by Qatar and the US on CIA operations and the Sunni Shia civil war to weaken Iran and Syria and to control the petro-chemical supplies.

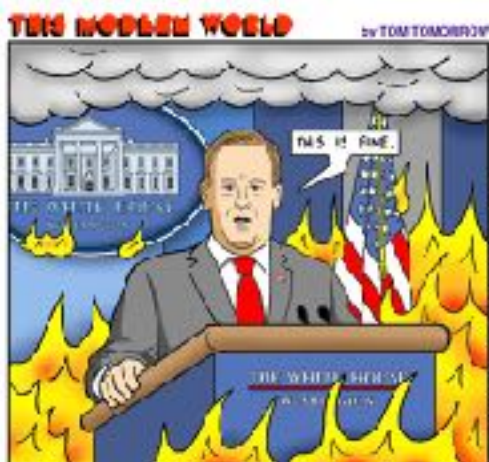
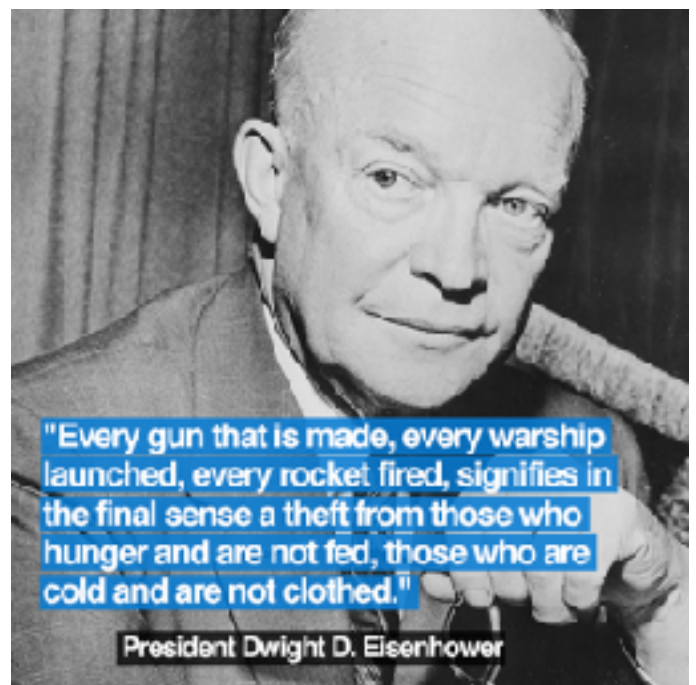
What is happening in Syria is a global proxy war for control of the region's resources. With the Assad regime are Russia, China, Iran and Assad. Against the Assad regime are the west, gulf states and Turkey.



More on Syria: Fast Forward to 2013, the date Assad was first accused of using chemical weapons against his own people: This chemical weapons attack was a 'false flag' a technique used by our government and our governmental mouthpiece, US corporate media, to manufacture consent and support for questionable military operations. Seymour Hersh investigated this attack and documented his findings that it was done by rebels who wanted to draw the US into the war, to cross Obama's 'redline.' Investigations into that attack suggested that the Syrian army did not possess the chemical weapons which were used. The Nusra front - an al-Qaeda linked terrorist group - responsible in 2013 is still the strongest rebel force in the area of Idlib, where the recent attack occurred. There is no reason for Assad to have carried out this attack, and there is no reason to believe he did, except that Donald Trump wants to improve his poll numbers and to win support from the compliant media. We already know Donald Trump doesn't care about the plight of American children or he'd support public education, school lunches, healthcare etc. and he doesn't care about Syrian refugees or he'd let them come here, so why does he care about Syrian children being gassed? Let's agree that he doesn't! So why else would he spend the millions of dollars involved in the attack on April 6th? It goes back to winning support at home, gaining support of the military, and more suspensions of our civil liberties.

"Only when we Americans understand the historical and political context of this conflict will we apply appropriate scrutiny to the decisions of our leaders." RFK, Jr. 2016

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The People's Corner

~Lorenzo Canizares

I am not sure if our ruling 1% understand the dangerous game they are playing. In a properly conducted class war, the 1% tries to keep the peace and advance the opportunities of a better life for the people under its economic control.

Today, we are in the midst of a fierce class war. The people running our capitalist system, the so-called "Deep State," have lost their bearings. For example, New York Times (4/10/17) in its lead editorial reports that the City of Seattle passed an ordinance allowing drivers for Uber, Lyft and other ride-hailing apps to unionize, but a federal judge has temporarily blocked that law after the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and some conservative groups filed lawsuits against the city (preemption!) There are so many reasons these drivers need to unionize, but instead we have an inability of people in the ruling economic circles of our society to understand the powder keg that is our working classes.

Enter Bernie Sanders. Bernie has in the past defined himself as a Social Democrat. What is Social Democracy if not regulated capitalism? I know many purists are going to put a price on my head, but I really don't see any difference, except in the verbiage accompanying explanation of policies. FDR and his superb Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins never called themselves socialists but what they achieved for the American people was as good as what has been achieved in many socialist countries of the "old Europe." The Chinese today have been able to bring hundreds of million of people into the Middle Class through what they call "Market Socialism." In reality, it's old style regulated capitalism.

Back to Bernie. Bernie's program is not calling for the Dictatorship of the Proletariat, but he is calling for a fair deal for American workers and Middle Class people - a fair deal for all of those needing government help to enjoy human rights.

I am making this point today because our window of opportunity is closing. Unless you believe in Santa Claus you will realize the poor Hollywood script that we have just seen regarding Syria. Trump is so concerned about Syrian little babies yet the ban for Syrians to enter the USA is still intact; the bombing of Yemeni babies continues daily, but I guess those Yemeni babies are different than Syrian babies. Go Figure.

Market Watch reported that as soon our bombs began to fly in Syria weapons manufacturers collectively increased the value of their stocks by \$5 billion. These are dangerous games. Vietnam, Iraq, Afghanistan have shown we are far from invincible. We can't keep messing with people and expect roses in return. Even Cheney knew he was lying when he said our troops would be received with roses after occupying Iraq. Cheney knew, but we didn't. And it was our children killed and maimed in that war.

During the campaign Trump said we are not the world's policemen, and we need to focus in providing good jobs for the American people. Bernie, Elizabeth, and many others said they will work with Trump if he is serious on this. Trump should take them up on it. Class War in the USA while attempting wars outside is not an advisable course of events.

