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## Plans Going Forward for the North American Union

### *Myth – or Fact?*

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In recent months, talk-show hosts and congressional offices have been receiving a lot of calls from American citizens who want to know if there is a U.S. government plan underway to merge the United States with Mexico and Canada and create a “North American Union.” Citizens across the nation are hearing bits and pieces of information about a proposed “Security and Prosperity Partnership of North America,” and many instinctively understand that such a merger, if enacted, would destroy the sovereign status we have had since our founding as a free nation.

Some skeptics dismissed the notion of such activity as “Internet conspiracy,” believing (naively) that, if such a thing were true, the mainstream media would have reported on it.

But many things that had previously been hidden from the American public began to surface. Following their March 2005 “summit” in Waco, Texas, U.S. President Bush, Mexican President Vicente Fox, and Canadian Prime Minister Paul Martin issued a joint statement announcing the creation of the SPP.

The U.S. Department of Commerce revealed the creation of a website for the Security and Prosperity Partnership (SPP). The website, [www.spp.gov](http://www.spp.gov), in turn revealed that multiple “working groups” of bureaucrats in the administrations of the three governments had begun working to “integrate” and “harmonize” the laws and regulations of the three nations.

### **From NAFTA to the North American Union**

One step at a time, America has moved from the birth of NAFTA (now over a decade old) to the movement toward the Security and Prosperity Partnership of North America. Skeptics would be well advised to remember that Europe evolved from a group of independent, sovereign nations to a regional government that today is the EU. First, there was the treaty forming the European Coal & Steel Community, signed in 1951. Then came the Treaty of Rome in 1957, which created the European Economic Community. In 1992 the Maastricht Treaty was signed, which created the European Union. That process – from the coal and steel agreement in 1951, to the adoption of a common currency, took 50 years.

President Bush, through his spokesperson Tony Snow, has denied the administration has any plan to create a North American Union. But consider the events that have occurred in connection with the SPP in just the last two years:

- In March 2005, at their “summit” meeting in Waco, Texas, President George W. Bush, Mexico’s then-President Vicente Fox, and Canada’s then-Prime Minister Paul Martin issued a joint statement announcing the creation of the SPP.
- The new “agreement” was never submitted to Congress for debate or a decision. From a legal standpoint, the SPP is neither an agreement nor a treaty, but rather, a joint press statement. As yet, Congress has not held oversight hearings.
- The U.S. Department of Commerce has created a division within the NAFTA office under the title, Security and Prosperity Partnership ([www.spp.gov](http://www.spp.gov)), to facilitate working groups in advancing a joint Mexico-Canada-U.S. working agenda.
- Documents obtained from the SPP under a Freedom of Information Act request show there are multiple SPP working groups covering a wide range of policy issues, including manufactured goods, energy, food and agriculture, health, E-commerce, transportation, environment, financial services, shared borders, and response to external threats.

- Administration personnel participating in these groups are drawn from the Departments of State, Homeland Security, Commerce, Treasury, Agriculture, Transportation, Energy, Health & Human Services, and the office of U.S. Trade Representative.

### **Fast Track for the NAU**

Now, a powerful think tank, chaired by former Sen. Sam Nunn and guided by trustees including Richard Armitage, Zbigniew Brzezinski, Harold Brown, William Cohen, and Henry Kissinger, is in the final stages of preparing a report to the White House and Congress on the “benefits” of integrating the U.S., Mexico, and Canada into one political, economic, and security bloc. This is according to WorldNetDaily (“North American Union Plan Headed to Congress in Fall,” May 24, 2007). The final report is scheduled for submission to the three countries’ governments by September 30 this year.

The data collected for the report is based on seven secret roundtable sessions involving between 21 and 45 people and conducted by the Center for Strategic & International Studies (CSIS). The CSIS report is entitled, “North American Future 2025 Project.”

The “Secure Borders, Economic Opportunity and Immigration Reform Act of 2007” (read, amnesty bill) before the Senate now (and which has caused such outrage among Americans all over the country) would grant to millions of illegal aliens the right to stay in the U.S. under certain conditions. That bill contains provisions for the acceleration of the Security and Prosperity Partnership. The draft legislation (page 211 on the version time-stamped May 18, 2007, 11:58 p.m.) states:

“It is the sense of Congress that the United States and Mexico should accelerate the implementation of the Partnership for Prosperity to help generate economic growth and improve the standard of living in Mexico, which will lead to reduced migration.” (Source: WorldNetDaily, May 24, 2007). Since some of the major provisions of the bill have come to the surface, a firestorm of opposition has swept across the country. Senators and representatives report heavy volumes of phone calls and e-mails expressing outrage with the legislation they believe represents the largest “amnesty” program ever contemplated by the U.S. government.

Don’t expect the Bush Administration to make a public admission about plans to subjugate the sovereign United States to this vast “partnership.” American citizens would immediately grasp that such a transaction would force countless changes in our laws and our way of life. Without a doubt, the unique character of our nation would be forever altered – and the America that we have known would disappear from the face of the earth.