



# Unravelling the New World Order

*An Exposé of How Government, Religious, and Financial Insiders  
Are Deciding Your Future*

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## **The Founders' Greatest Fear: A Too-big and Too-Powerful Government - Part II**

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Last month we looked at how well-intentioned government programs can become liberty destroying despite the original intent. This month, we look at how a lot of lines are being blurred, posing yet another danger to all liberty-minded Americans.

The Founders of our nation sought to disperse power and maintain checks and balances on each branch of government. One need not look far to realize that the Founders debated vigorously over the issues of centralized government and the separation of powers. What they eventually designed was nothing short of genius, as it limited the role and power of government over the people to a bare minimum. Additionally, it codified not only the separation of powers between Executive, Legislative and Judicial Branches in the Federal government, but in the individual states as well. Keep in mind that the states are the last line of defense of the individual's liberty from an encroaching Federal government. All of these divisions of power were meant to allow government to govern as little as possible, while maintaining as much freedom as possible.

Today we have seen the lines blurred in some states to such an extent that our fellow citizens actually call out for Federal government assistance in the forms of financial aid and new laws! The Founders would turn over in their graves at such a turn of events in what heretofore has been a freedom loving nation. Of course, this has not been by accident. Each successive generation seems to get more comfortable with Washington directing our lives at almost every level. State powers have largely been co-opted with the promise of "federal" dollars; those that dissent are threatened with a loss of those "federal" dollars. The tragedy of course is that there is no such thing as "federal" dollars; the government does not produce one single barrel of oil or one bushel of wheat. Rather, it takes dollars from productive citizens of the various states and then proceeds to dole out those so-called "federal" dollars, sending them back to the states where the money originated—*less Washington's cut, of course, which amounts to roughly 65%!*

A more troubling turn of events in the wake of 9/11 and the subsequent passage of the Patriot Act has been the blurring of the lines of law enforcement. "Fusion Centers" have been set up across the nation and those "federal" dollars are being doled out to local law enforcement agencies at break-neck speed. The problem is that these funds are often given with strings attached. The lines that supposedly govern the distribution of funds have become so blurred that some in law enforcement have ignored the laws in order to get their hands on some of the "federal goodies." In one southwest Tennessee town, after being promised weapons (including a machine gun) for his department, a police chief literally proceeded to violate the *Posse Comitatus* Act—the law that prohibits the military from participating in local law enforcement activities. It was only after a national news network got wind of the story that the event came to a halt, with

the Tennessee National Guard and the Governor's office bringing an end to a lawless encroachment of Federal power into the state of Tennessee.

When we begin to tear down the separation of powers between the state and the federal government we are treading in dangerous territory because it bears directly on the personal liberty of American citizens. I have traveled around the world and in many countries you will find a local level of law enforcement that is largely a farce, completely inadequate to the job. Then you will also note a federal or military police organization with a tendency to become the 800-pound gorilla trampling on individual rights. This was a fear of the Founders of this nation.

A perfect example of the destruction of this separation of powers in law enforcement is the attack across the nation on the office of Sheriff. At least one state has done away completely with the position of County Sheriff. Still others have consolidated governments, leaving the Sheriff to be the delivery boy of court papers and the jailer for the community. The original intent was to establish the office of Sheriff as the highest law enforcer in the County. A Sheriff literally has the authority to tell the Federal government to get out of town—or to arrest them if they trample the rights of the citizens! For that reason, the office of Sheriff is—and should be—an elected position, making the Sheriff directly accountable to the citizens.

To make a long story short: we must be very careful to insure that we don't cast away what may at times seem to be "inefficient" forms of government. We need to remember that those separations of powers are, in the end, the best protection of the individual's liberty.