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Six states defy feds

Posted by [Mike Maharrey](#) For Immediate Release: Nov. 7, 2012

Americans in 6 states vote to nullify unconstitutional acts

While most pundit and media attention focused on the presidential race Tuesday night, citizens of six states quietly voted to nullify unconstitutional acts.

Voters in Alabama, Montana, and Wyoming all passed measures guaranteeing health care freedom, despite federal mandates in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. Massachusetts voters defied federal law and approved a measure to legalize marijuana for medicinal use. And in Washington and Colorado, they took it a step further, decriminalizing pot completely.

“Yesterday, Barack Obama won the presidential election. But, the people of six states voted to exercise their freedom without federal ‘permission,’” Tenth Amendment Center executive director Michael Boldin said. “Americans on both sides of the political aisle told D.C. to butt the hell out last night.”

In all six cases, the nullifying measures won by comfortable margins

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In Montana, LR-122, an act “prohibiting the state or federal government from mandating the purchase of health insurance,” passed 67-33. Alabama’s Amendment 6 also guarantees health care freedom. It passed 59-41. An amendment to Wyoming’s constitution guaranteeing citizens the right to make their own health care decisions breezed by with 77 percent of the vote. Colorado and Washington both decriminalized marijuana, with voters approving measures in both states by a 55-45 margin. And Massachusetts joined 17 other states legalizing the use of cannabis for medical purposes, overwhelmingly approving Question Three 63-37.

“For more than a year, Americans fretted over who will occupy the White House for the next four years, and the media and political class have fixated on that race. But these nullification votes at the state level tap into a deeper current,” Tenth Amendment Center communications director Mike Maharrey said. “Americans don’t want a king. And they don’t want their lives run by politicians in Washington D.C. shoving one-size fits all mandates down their throats. People in Colorado, Alabama and Washington know what’s best for them, and they just sent a message to D.C. ‘We will not submit to your unconstitutional acts and power grabs any more.’”

In almost every case, opponents of these measures argued that they would prove unenforceable. They insist that states can’t defy the federal government because federal acts always trump state law under the Constitution’s “supremacy clause.” Maharrey says these people simply don’t understand what the supremacy clause actually means.

“They completely ignore the key phrase ‘in pursuance of.’ Unconstitutional acts aren’t legitimate laws. They are illegal power grabs,” he said. “Sure, the Supreme Court gave us its opinion on the constitutionality of Obamacare and federal marijuana laws. But their opinion is based on about 100 years of unconstitutional precedent. My challenge to folks is to point me to the enumerated power that delegates Congress the authority to create a federal health care system, or to tell every American what kind of plant they can grow in their own back yard. They can’t – because it doesn’t exist.”

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The Tenth Amendment Center exists to promote and advance a return to a proper balance of power between federal and State governments envisioned by our founders, prescribed by the Constitution and explicitly declared in the Tenth Amendment. A national think tank based in Los Angeles, the Tenth Amendment Center works to preserve and protect the principle of strictly limited government through information, education, and activism.

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All Cashed Up

By Dan Steinhart | 11/09/12

US corporations are sitting on more cash than at any point since World War II.

That’s *without* including banks. I’m only talking about nonfinancial corporations — the ones that sell goods and services and make the economy go.

Those businesses hold \$1.4 trillion. In absolute terms, that’s **the most ever**. In relative terms, it’s **the most since World War II**.

As investors, we can infer quite a bit from corporations’ inability (or unwillingness) to deploy their cash. For one, it indicates that businesses have assumed a very defensive stance.



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Cash, of course, is a buffer against uncertainty — the uncertainty that business slows for any reason. Management wants a healthy cash reserve with which to pay the bills and remain liquid should anything unexpected happen. I think we can all agree that this is prudent, and a good business practice.

But \$1.4 trillion? That tells me that businesses are not just a little jittery about the future. They're prepared for an apocalypse.

Think about this, it's important:

If these businesses could conjure up even the most marginal of projects to earn a meager 1% return, **they would generate \$14 billion profit.** Instead, they're sitting on the cash and earning near zero for a guaranteed after-inflation loss.

It's a bad omen that corporate management would forego a collective \$14b per year. Clearly, by their judgment, the risk of investing in new projects outweighs the reward — the exact opposite of the conditions needed to produce healthy economic growth.

That's the bad news. But here's the good, if paradoxical, news:

Even with all of this corporate slack, earnings and profit margins are very healthy, and stocks have performed quite well. Case in point, the S&P 500 is up 15% YTD.

Why the disconnect?

Well, the rising margins and earnings are easy to explain: corporations have cut costs over the past few years, becoming leaner and more efficient. This also partially explains higher stock prices.

But I think there's another contributing factor to rising stock prices: the downright terrible outlook for bonds. Our analysis of stocks vs. bonds indicates that stocks are by far the better investment today.

The overriding reason is simple: at near zero interest rates, bonds offer almost no upside and catastrophic downside.

Simply by virtue of not being bonds, stocks have done well.

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Back to that pile of corporate cash. There's no question that it's a waste today. But today's waste is tomorrow's potential.

Corporations aren't going to sit on that cash forever. Eventually conditions will be such that they'll either want to or *have to* invest in new projects.

Perhaps inflation will be the catalyst — corporations can tolerate losing 1.7% per year today. But if the inflation rate heats up to, say, 4%, you can bet that corps will be scrambling to deploy that now idle cash into whatever mediocre projects they can rustle up.

When that happens, they have \$1.4 trillion in cash ready to go. No need to negotiate a loan. No need to issue equity to raise funds. They have all the fuel they need. The gas tank is full.

So while the economy has plenty of problems, and stocks are a far better bet than bonds, lack of cash is not one of them.

Companies are ready to invest and grow. They just need an economic and political environment conducive to doing so.

Regards, Dan Steinhart, for *The Daily Reckoning*

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James Carville Says 80% Of Democrats Are Politically Clueless

By [Clash Daily](#) / 24 November 2012

James Carville, Democrat political consultant extraordinaire – and former Bill Clinton campaign manager, has astonishingly come out and said what all good Republicans have known for decades: Not only are most Democrats politically clueless; they're easily manipulated by the puppet masters of their party as well. Wow. James Freaking Carville. Of all people. Here's an excerpt, as quoted on [Amazon.com](#):

*“Ideologies aren't all that important. What's important is **psychology**.*

*The Democratic constituency is **just like a herd of cows**. All you have to do is **lay out enough silage and they come running**. That's why I became an operative working with Democrats. With Democrats all you have to do is make a lot of noise, lay out the hay, and **be ready to use the ole cattle prod in case a few want to bolt the herd**.*

Eighty percent of the people who call themselves Democrats don't have a clue as to political reality.

*What amazes me is that you could take a group of people who are hard workers and convince them that they should support social programs that were the exact opposite of their own personal convictions. **Put a little fear here and there and you can get people to vote any way you want.***

*The voter is **basically dumb and lazy**. The reason I became a Democratic operative instead of a Republican was **because there were more Democrats that didn't have a clue than there were Republicans**.*

*Truth is relative. Truth is what you can make the voter believe is the truth. If you're smart enough, truth is what you make the voter think it is. That's why I'm a Democrat. **I can make the Democratic voters think whatever I want them to.**”*

Read more:

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Hello,

Our organization is sponsoring a state legislative proposal that would authorize boroughs to rebate a portion of property taxes to parents who either enroll their children in a private school or home school their children.

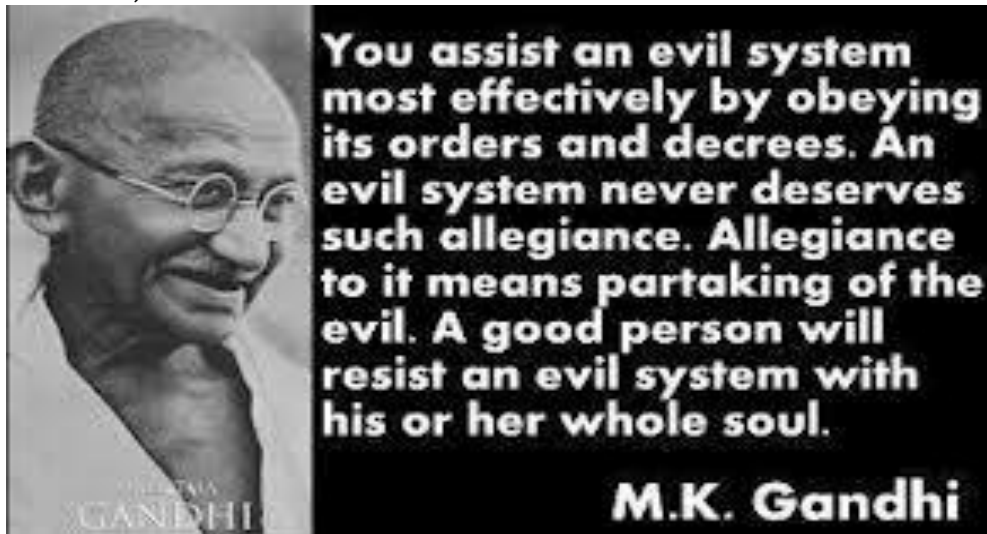
We believe that parents shouldn't have to pay twice for the cost of a child's education.

We will conduct a statewide teleconference during the latter half of December 2012 to obtain feedback and input on our proposal. Interested parties may RSVP to info@aklg.org and we'll respond with the date, time, and phone number to the conference call, once we have an estimation of the volume of participants.

We ask that you contact and encourage the members of your organization to participate in our conference call. Participants do not have to be a parent or member of ALG to provide their input.

Please feel free to contact me with your concerns and we look forward to your members' participation. Thank you.

Sincerely, Pete Alexion Chair, Board of Directors



A Few Things I Never Want to Hear Again

By [Daren Jonsescu](#) November 8, 2012

Tired. That is my overriding sensation as I write this. How to bang one's first impressions of hell out on a keyboard? Let us begin a new day, in a new world, with a first principle of sorts -- in this case, a negative principle. Here is a short list of words or turns of phrase that I never want to hear again.

(1) "America is a center-right country." Center and right are entirely relative terms. The "center" between Lenin and FDR, for example, is very far to the "left" of George Washington. And political self-identification is a meaningless standard of judgment, even by meaningless current standards.

Many on the "right" are fond of reminding us that only twenty percent of Americans self-identify as "liberals." I actually heard Brit Hume trying to squeeze this bromide out during the Obama victory post-mortem. But in a nation that embraced a vast social welfare system eighty years ago, and has expanded it continually ever since; a nation that for the past fifty years has moved inexorably towards the locus classicus of socialist egalitarianism, government-controlled health care; a nation that elected and re-elected a man who has openly self-identified as a progressive and advocated wealth-redistribution; and a nation in which the popular culture is dominated by artless harlots, pimps, and gangsters, a "centrist" is a person who embraces social disintegration and authoritarianism. To be "moderately conservative" in such a milieu simply means that one finds the latest music video about teenage lesbian orgies just a little over the top.

America is not a center-right country, whatever that means. It is -- notwithstanding its still-sane minority (which includes almost everyone reading this) -- a socialist-leaning nation that lags behind the rest of the progressive world only due to a slight residual guilt complex regarding all that old Constitution stuff. The events of the past couple of days suggest that even that little bugaboo has now been largely overcome by the majority, for whom most inhibitions about accepting their chains -- and chaining their neighbors -- are now gone.

(2) "Mitt Romney was only the nominee because of a thin primary field." Phooey. He was the nominee because the entire GOP establishment threw everything it had at all the other candidates, in order to guarantee that it would get the candidate most likely to succumb to their advice and direction. As of September 2012, Romney was the only candidate left in the primary field whom no one had ever described as a conservative, let alone a constitutionalist. That, in short, is why he was the nominee.



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(3) "Republicans need a candidate who can appeal to moderates." See point 1 above. Appealing to moderates means apologizing to voters for not being quite as forward-looking as Barack Obama. It is to set oneself up as the inferior choice. It is to presume that the moderates are with the Democrat candidate by default, and must be peeled off by stealth.

This election was the last chance to spare America the final degradation of ceasing to be a constitutional republic altogether. That battle has now been lost. The things most needed now are clarity and forthrightness. The danger most imminent now is that, having forsaken the principles of liberty, the nation will simply forget that those principles ever existed. Therefore, from now on, to whatever extent possible, every candidate running against the Democrats in any election must be the most unapologetic, relentless constitutional conservative available. He or she must call out the Democrat as a leftist, a socialist, an authoritarian, and every other simply accurate designation appropriate to the situation. And he or she must be intellectually prepared to prove that case against the Democrat, and to make the moral, constitutional case for individual freedom.

Will this kind of blunt, hard truth lead to victory? Not likely, or not in the short run. The danger, however, is that if the true identity of modern American leftism is swept under the rug in the name of the big lie of "electability" (another word I hope I never hear again), the popular optics will forever belong to the Democrats, who, after all, have actively created a society in their own image and will therefore always appear as the most natural position to their monstrous offspring.

The name of conservatism, and more importantly its proud truths, must never be allowed to slip from the public consciousness. They will do exactly that if the non-Democrat in future campaigns hides from this name and from these truths. Eventually, it will be impossible -- realistically, if not legally -- to run as a genuine conservative. (I do not use the word "legally" facetiously; the more entrenched authoritarian socialism becomes, the more an advocate of liberty becomes a perceived threat to the nation's basic principles.)

The real alternative to leftist authoritarianism (to be labeled as such at every opportunity) must be presented often and with vigor. Politely asking to be forgiven for not being as exciting as one's leftist opponent is the surest path to permanent serfdom. The only way out of this morass is to stand firm on principle and speak proudly of the superiority of one's position. Over time, a new generation may rise up that will find this clear light more appealing than the dull gray of socialism.

Yes, it may take a generation, or more. But it is the only way to victory -- not merely electoral victory, which is meaningless without defining principles according to which one can govern, but victory in the name of liberty, of the American Founders, and of civilization.

(4) "I know he's a good man, and wants what's best for America." I hope this is the last presidential election in which conservatives will have to hear this validate-your-opponent claptrap from their standard-bearer. Barack Obama is neither a good man nor one who wants what is best for America. He is a bad, conscienceless man, who wants to undo America in the name of a very foreign model of social organization. When we say this among ourselves, the mainstream media's dupes do not hear us. A conservative presidential candidate, on the other hand, is the one man who has the national microphones of the mainstream media at his disposal -- the one man, in other words, who has the ear of those dupes. To fail to speak truth to illegitimate power at that moment, and into that microphone, is nothing less than an act of cowardice.

Allen West, who is not a coward, may just have lost his congressional seat. He is losing it in part because he had the courage to say what we all know -- that there are communists in the United States Congress -- and his supposed compatriots in the GOP abandoned him as a crank.

Michele Bachmann -- whom I strongly supported in the primaries -- came within an inch of losing her congressional seat. She almost lost in part because she has had the courage to speak out about a host of constitutional issues, from

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the debt to the Muslim Brotherhood infiltration of the government, and her supposed compatriots in the GOP quietly refused to support her campaign in the hope that she would disappear, and take her embarrassing hard truths with her.

No more apologies. No more embarrassment. No more veiled language when on the big stage. The left won the day by making the most radical, anti-human irrationalism of this epoch seem safe and normal, while portraying freedom and individualism as the dangerous, radical path.

The electoral battle between leftism and liberty is lost, and perhaps will now remain so for a good long time,

regardless of the name of the winning party in any given election.

The moral war, however, is still in its early stages. It is an educational war, which means a war of ideas, which means a civilizational war. It is going to get ugly, and we are going to lose more battles than we win. As you know, however, the ultimate victor is the side that wins the last battle.

"Forward"? Bring it on.

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Stonewall Jackson on Faith

"Captain, my religious belief teaches me to feel as safe in battle as in bed. God has fixed the time for my death. I do not concern myself about that, but to be always ready, no matter when it may overtake me."

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