

# FLORIDA'S FREEDOM FIREWALL

*Reasserting State Sovereignty*

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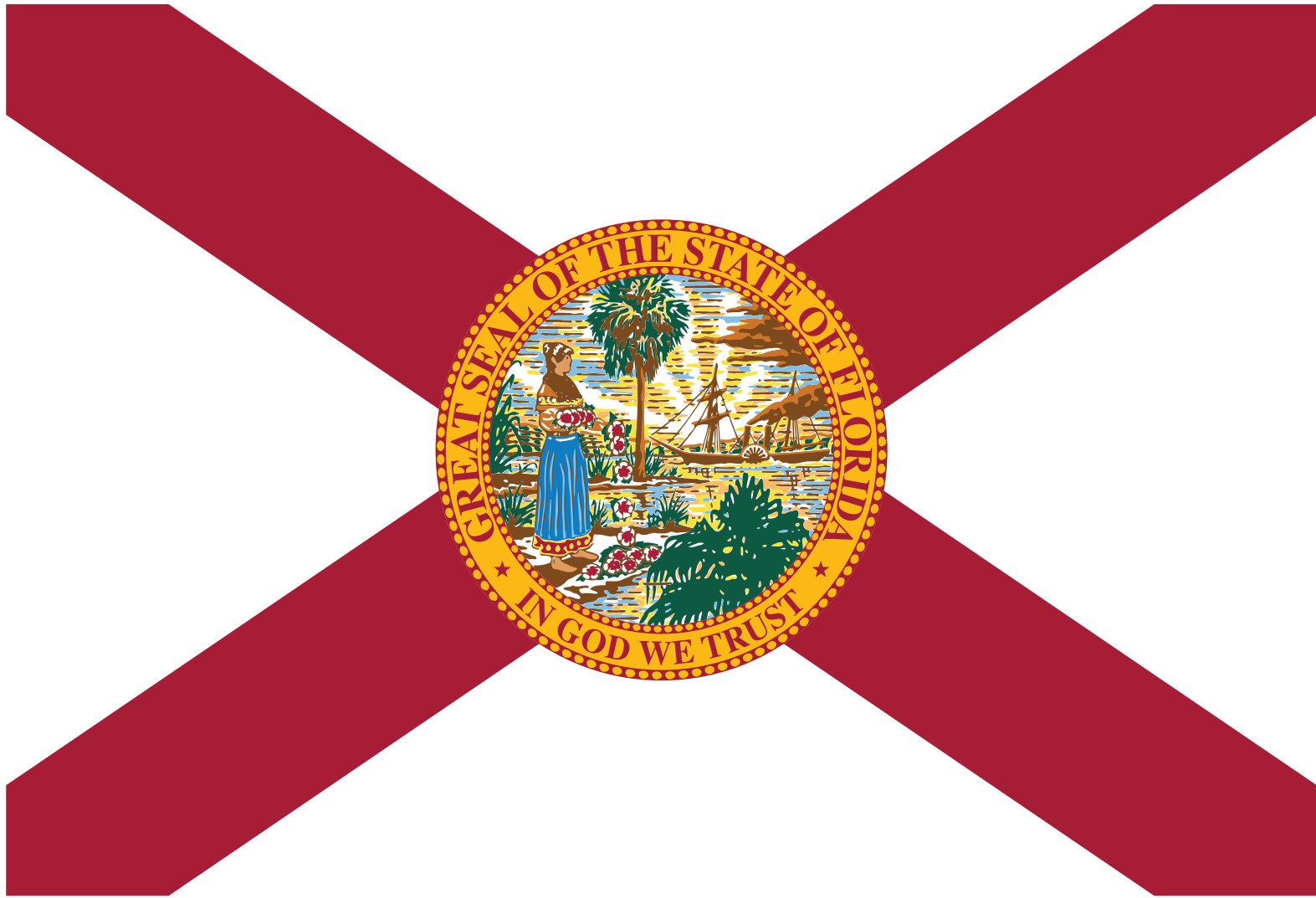
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*“Courage is the first of human qualities because it is the quality which guarantees the others.” – Aristotle*

Florida has taken a courageous stand for freedom over the past years of the COVID crisis. From keeping businesses open and children in school, to protecting Floridians from the federal government's massive and unconstitutional overreach. Tremendous progress has been made to protect freedom, but there remains much work to do. Not only to restore fundamental constitutional freedoms and secure natural laws for Floridians, but to protect future generations from the governmental overreach we all experienced.

With the leadership of Governor DeSantis, the Republican Party has built a formidable Freedom Firewall of people and passed legislation addressing a broad range of challenges. It is crucial to now complete a Freedom Firewall of policies to reassert state sovereignty as one of the fifty states in the United States of America and further protect Floridians.

What follows is a high-level framework to build Florida's Freedom Firewall of policies based upon ten foundational freedoms for all Floridians.

## **Florida's Freedom Firewall**

### *Ten Foundational Freedoms for all Floridians*

1. Sovereign Freedom - Reassert state rights and limit federal overreach
2. Personal Freedom - Rights come from God and are secured by government
3. Legal Freedom - Reinvigorate the rule of law
4. Electoral Freedom - Secure and transparent elections
5. Financial Freedom - No central bank digital currency
6. Economic Freedom - Business protections and conscientious capitalism
7. Medical Freedom - Bodily autonomy and informed consent
8. Educational Freedom - Parents rights and school choice
9. Digital Freedom - Secure digital identity and information
10. Energy Freedom - Full spectrum energy to power today and tomorrow

With each foundational freedom, a principle is enumerated which endeavors to capture the essence of the policy.

Fundamentally, the question that should be asked before submitting or passing any legislation is: Will this legislation infringe upon the foundational freedom of Floridians? If yes, it should be soundly rejected.



# SOVEREIGN FREEDOM

*"Government is not reason, it is not eloquence-it is force! Like fire it is a dangerous servant and a fearful master; never for a moment should it be left to irresponsible action." – George Washington*

## **PRINCIPLE: The states created the federal government, not the other way around.**

It is good to recall that our nation is the United States of America comprised of individual, sovereign states which created the federal government, not the other way around. It is also good to reflect on our system of federalism with its mechanisms of "checks and balances" where the states have the responsibility to act as a check and balance on federal power.

The U.S. Constitution limited the federal government to around 30 enumerated powers. While the Federalists wanted more power for the new national government, the Anti-Federalists were wary of too much power in the hands of so few. The enumerated powers were the compromise along with the Bill of Rights, especially the Tenth Amendment, "The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people."

Over our 235 year history, some may believe the Civil War—one of our darkest periods—justifies the diminution of state powers. Others may point to the positive outcome of a united country, free of slavery, which has grown to be the greatest nation in human history. In that time, there has also been the massive growth of the federal government, to what some call "leviathan," and its encroachment into state sovereignty.

Utilizing the tax money from the people of the states returned to them in the form of "federal assistance," the federal government has taken increasing control of every citizen. Rather an odd circumstance when closely examined—state politicians are enticed by federal politicians redistributing the hard-earned money of their own state's taxpayers to do the bidding of the federal government.

It is time for a change as we continue to witness the failure and corruption of our federal institutions, such as the FBI, DOJ, CDC, et al. The states, specifically Florida, can and must act to protect its citizens.

The COVID crisis initiated the first major push-back on federal power in recent memory. Florida acted in the best interests of its citizens and followed the science to end mask and vaccine mandates, open schools, and now thoroughly examine the effects of the COVID "vaccines." As a result, Florida has flourished like no other state post-COVID. Florida is also resisting the consequences of an unconstitutional and lawless open border.

It is right to do so. We must take hold of state's rights and the power of sovereignty, joining with other states to return the federal government to its limited constitutional boundaries. There are many actions to be taken if Florida has the courage and creativity to do so.

Florida must also reduce the overall funds the federal government provides in the form of assistance, subsidies or grants. Take federal hurricane insurance or Medicaid as an example. If a particular program or service offered to Floridians cannot be paid for by Floridians, it may be time to rethink the offering. A quote from Virgil comes to mind with a minor adaptation, "Be wary of Government bearing gifts."

Florida should also be wary of "Private-Public Partnerships." Engaging the private sector for limited services that can be delivered cost-effectively, such as waste collection, is fiscally responsible. However there must be a strict standard applied to a public responsibility. For instance, elections and policing are wholly the responsibility of the government. No portion should ever be outsourced to or funded by a private entity.

Florida must also continue to ensure its own government remains transparent and accountable to guard against the same accumulation of centralized power at the state level, being witnessed at the national level. As Jefferson said, "The government closest to the people serves the people best."



# PERSONAL FREEDOM

*“The nine most terrifying words in the English language are ‘I’m from the government, and I’m here to help.’” – Ronald Reagan*

## **PRINCIPLE: Individual, personal rights come from God, not government.**

The norm of human history is where the few rule over the many. From kingdoms and empires, to kings and queens, history is authoritarian. It is only in this brief period of a few hundred years where the nation-state arose, along with the culmination of Western civilization over thousands of years, which has led to something unprecedented and unique in human history—the consent of the free individual being governed.

What makes America “exceptional” isn’t that we’re Americans, it is the first principle that the rights we possess are given to us by our Creator, not granted by a human ruler. We the “People,” then grant a portion of our power to elected representatives who govern in our place—the “consent of the governed.” The entire system of governance in the United States is predicated upon the principle that government is instituted to secure those rights and “...whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness.”

It is said that upon exiting Independence Hall in 1787, a Mrs. Powel of Philadelphia asked Benjamin Franklin, “Well, Doctor, what have we got, a republic or a monarchy?” With no hesitation whatsoever, Franklin responded, “A republic, if you can keep it.”<sup>1</sup>

The Founders understood that our American republic was an experiment. Great effort and vigilance would be required to sustain it. America has proven itself resilient in the face of foreign and domestic conflicts. But challenges will always arise and threats must be confronted.

Our republic is in trouble once again. As it was in 1776, 1861 and 1941. There is a war, a new war.

Not with bombs and bullets, but with information and perceptions—a fifth generation of warfare. And, unfortunately, it is not a war against a foreign enemy alone, but a domestic one as well.<sup>2</sup>

There is always someone who wants to rule the world. Our modern 21st century era is no less vulnerable to forces which desire to dominate others.

The “New World Order” announced by George H.W. Bush on September 11, 1990 came crashing down on the streets of New York City on the same date eleven years later. From the Cold War and a national security state, to the War on Terror and a new bio-security state, our intelligence and security apparatus has grown to more than a trillion dollars—larger than the GDP of most countries in the world.<sup>3</sup>

Americans are now surveilled, censored and jailed for political crimes. Parents are labeled “terrorists,” and a former President’s home was raided by the FBI. These are unprecedented times and this isn’t conjecture. The “Twitter Files” clearly demonstrate security and defense agencies are running amok.

Now more than ever Americans, and in particular Floridians, need their elected representatives to clearly see the threats that are mounting and to stand and fight to protect their rights, their homes, their families, their communities and our sovereign state.

You are those elected representatives that we, the people of Florida—made in the image and likeness of our Creator with all the dignity and authority that confers—lend our power to with consent. All will be lost if you fail.

*“...that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom—and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth”*  
– Abraham Lincoln



# LEGAL FREEDOM

*"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.— That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed"*  
— Declaration of Independence

**PRINCIPLE: Law and order is the first and highest duty of government with the rule of law being applied equally to all people.**

The United States of America is and continues to be a unique experiment in human history and governance. It is "exceptional" not because of some sort of manifest destiny, but because our rights are bestowed upon us as individuals by our Creator, not mortal rulers.

The rule of law is not merely ruling by laws made by men, but a standard of law consistently applied to all regardless of person, based upon the Judeo-Christian Western system of constitutionally and morally just laws. Without the rule of law there can be no just order. Without just order there can be no civilization.

Confidence in our legal system was severely damaged as we watched our cities burn in the "Summer of Love" while the government stood by. Police abandoned their precincts and cities allowed zones of lawlessness to take hold. Many have not been held accountable for what was done.

Fortunately, Florida took action to control the rioting, as it should have, since law and order are the first and highest duty of government.

Confidence is also eroding as we witness a tiered system of justice emerging. Hunter Biden's laptop, allegedly containing multiple crimes, is shelved by the FBI, while parents speaking out at school board meetings are labeled "terrorists." Our legal system has become corrupt and it must be set right, federally and in the states.

While each state has its own constitution, it cannot enact laws which conflict with the highest law of the land, which is the Constitution of the United States.

The Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution comprise our national founding documents. The former being the "why" for our form of government, while the latter is the "how." It was composed by our Founders, who were prolific writers as to its intent, to be easily understood by the common person.

It took over 200 years of meddling to turn the pocket book most are familiar with into thousands of annotated pages barely resembling the four originally penned.<sup>1,2</sup>

Florida has done much to bolster the confidence of its citizens in the legal system. One of the boldest actions taken recently was when the Governor dismissed a States Attorney who was deciding which laws to enforce. Agree or not, such an action taken by the Executive Branch is rare. Yet it is the job of the Executive Branch to hold the Judicial Branch accountable to the laws originated in the Legislative Branch. Oversight through checks and balances from each Branch must be rigorous.

Florida must also retain and diligently defend state police power. The federal government must *never* be allowed to federalize local police forces. It would also be advisable to devise checks on any and all federal agencies operating with impunity against Floridians.

Floridians are first citizens of the sovereign state of Florida, and secondly citizens of the United States. It is time to reassert the order of citizenship and reinvigorate the rule of law.



# ELECTORAL FREEDOM

*"If an election . . . can be procured by a party through artifice or corruption, the Government may be the choice of a party for its own ends, not of the nation for the national good." – John Adams*

**PRINCIPLE: Elections must be secure and transparent with a rapid, definitive and easily audited outcome.**

Florida has taken numerous steps to secure its elections. From passing legislation for Voter Identification to the formation of the Election Integrity Task Force. Yet, work always remains to secure elections from evolving threats.

The United States has used paper ballots for well over 200 years. 209 countries cast paper ballots, while only 10% use electronic voting and four vote by the Internet. While technological solutions would seem to be more efficient, we have not reached the point where technology is free from hacking or centralized control. It is only recently in America, with the proliferation of electronic and mail-in voting, that concerns over election results have grown.<sup>1</sup>

While it may seem counterintuitive, it is evident from current events across the country that the optimal process for securing the vote is paper ballots with anti-counterfeit measures, easily marked by a voter and hand-counted expeditiously.

Mail-in ballots should be returned to their original use for absences. Absentee ballots should be strictly limited and for specific reasons (i.e. military, overseas, or disability). The absentee ballot should also be paper with anti-counterfeit measures and accompanied by a biometric identifier. Signature validation is wholly insufficient and subject to human error. Also, no ballot curing should be allowed.

In the United States, being the longest standing constitutional republic based on democratic principles, we have become accustomed to peaceful and orderly elections. We have forgotten the thousands of years it took for civilization to develop to the point where peace and order appear to be the norm. Americans are used to seeing other nations in turmoil over faux elections—Russia "electing"

Vladimir Putin, China "electing," now President for life, Xi Jinping, or Venezuela "electing" Maduro—but what once shocked us, has reached our shores.

We know this because, for the first time in American history, polls indicate 58% lack confidence that elections in America today reflect the will of the people. A stunning statistic where over half of the American population has lost confidence in the electoral system. Our most recent midterms have only contributed to that disillusionment.<sup>2</sup>

We would be wise to consider that voting is merely war in another form. One side wins, the other loses. Thankfully in America, the process has been peaceful and bloodless. Look no further than Brazil as a recent example of the chaos that can ensue. We must never forget the men and women who died to secure our right to vote in the United States—history is not kind to those who forget the past.

We must also guard against the federalization of elections. Conversations abound regarding abolishing the electoral college, a move designed to give the most populous and blue areas essentially all decision-making power in elections. Rank Choice Voting must also be avoided.

Fortunately, Florida's midterms were a shining example to the nation of how an election should be conducted. But we must not let this feat lower our guard. Forces are always afoot to take control of the election process and use it for gain.

We must be vigilant and continually improve our electoral process. It should be as secure and transparent as humanly possible. With a definitive outcome known in a very short period of time that can be readily audited.



# FINANCIAL FREEDOM

*"All the perplexities, confusion and distress in America arise, not from defects in their Constitution or Confederation, not from want of honor or virtue, so much as from the downright ignorance of the nature of coin, credit and circulation." – John Adams*

**PRINCIPLE: Money is a means of exchange and must be free from *any* centralized control.**

The history of money, both coin and paper, in the United States is long and tumultuous. States had their own banks and currency at one time. Treasury notes could be redeemed for gold or silver. Today, we are most familiar with the Federal Reserve Note backed by the "full faith and credit of the United States Government." Along with the advent of digital non-governmental cryptocurrency in the form of Bitcoin, Ethereum, Ripple and more.

As a refresher, Article I, Section 8, Clause 5 of the U.S. Constitution states, "The Congress shall have Power...To coin Money, regulate the Value thereof, and of foreign Coin, and fix the Standard of Weights and Measures...."

With the enactment of the 1913 Federal Reserve Act, a portion of the power to "coin" money has gradually, and possibly unconstitutionally, been ceded to the Federal Reserve (FED)—a quasi-governmental agency comprised of a cartel of private banks.

Central Banks from across the globe have been discussing digital currency for decades through conferences hosted by the International Monetary Fund (IMF). In the last five years, at least 11 Central Banks have launched a digital currency.<sup>1</sup>

Our private banking cartel states it has, "...made no decisions on whether to pursue or implement a central bank digital currency, or CBDC, we have been exploring the potential benefits and risks..." However, Reuters reported on November 15, 2022 that, "Global banking giants are starting a 12-week digital dollar pilot with the Federal Reserve Bank of New York...."<sup>2,3</sup>

Cryptocurrency and CBDC are often confused. CBDC is not cryptocurrency. Cryptocurrency is permissionless

and has no central or government controller. CBDC is completely centralized and every digital cent is electronically authorized.

At the 2020 IMF Summit, Agustín Carstens, General Manager for the Bank of International Settlements (BIS), explained that for the general use of CBDC "we tend to establish the equivalence with cash and there is a huge difference...in cash we don't know, for example, who is using a one-hundred dollar bill today...a key difference...with the CBDC is that the central bank will have **absolute control** on the rules and regulations that will determine the use...and also, we will have the technology to enforce that."<sup>4</sup>

As the FED cannot change the monetary system of the United States, additional maneuvering will be necessary to complete the veneer of a legal justification which would involve Congress—a Presidential Executive Order alone should never be allowed. However, the table is set for the FED to, for all intents and purposes, change the Federal Note (paper dollar) in our wallet to CBDC (digital dollar) on our smart phone. Inaugurating the "absolute control" of money by a private banking cartel.

The hour is late. Florida must act with haste to ensure CBDC in its current form *never* becomes the official currency of the United States or Florida.

To protect Floridians, the state of Florida should develop its own sovereign state bank and depository for bullion reserves. Supporting local banks and financial institutions and breaking the hold of the global banking cartels. Doing so will offer Floridians more localized, competitive and innovative financial services, enabling the generation of additional wealth.

If the FED controls the money, *no one* will be free.



# ECONOMIC FREEDOM

*"Capitalism has taken more people out of poverty than any other 'ism,'"— Bono*

**PRINCIPLE: Private property and the peoples' right to earn a living must be protected.**

Adam Smith is considered the father of capitalism. His treatise in the *Wealth of Nations* was a radical departure from the economic thought of the time and one of the most influential economic writings to this day. Britannica defines capitalism as "a free market in which most means of production are privately owned and production is guided and income distributed largely through the operation of markets."

No economic system is pure. Capitalism has its imperfections and challenges. When capitalism is not undergirded by a strong moral framework, it can become predatory. The self-interest inherent in capitalism can metastasize to the point where it crowds out all else. However there is no doubt that capitalism has generated more wealth for more people than any economic system yet devised.

Centrally planned economies have failed time and time again, as there is no one person or group of experts who can guide the economic activity of millions of people, let alone billions. While there is a role for government to play in the economy, through enforcing contracts, limiting fraud, busting abusive monopolies, or addressing negligence, we are presently witnessing the consequences of massive intervention.

Capitalism has been corrupted by the prefixes of crony, corporatist, statist, or mercantilist. These forms of capitalism degrade to a level where they are no better than the failed socialist or Marxist systems. Our current "Woke" capitalism, burdened with Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG), is just statist capitalism in disguise.

It is an odd circumstance we find ourselves in, where the Federal Government abuses business to do what it otherwise could not, but also where state power is the only counter to massive corporations and institutional investing firms abusing the people.

It is not capitalism that has failed, as so many now believe, but the negatively prefixed forms which have arisen. A renewal of capitalism is long over due. A positive prefix for a renewal is "conscientious"

capitalism. A return to an economic system much freer and fairer than it is today.

It will not be an easy task as our current situation has caused an income gap not seen in our nation's history. Corrupt federal mechanisms have been used to transfer wealth from what was once a vibrant middle-class to the top one-percent. No democratically based society can hope to endure in such a condition.

Nor will it be easy to repair the incalculable damage caused to our economy, and the world's, from being egregiously shutdown during the COVID crisis. History will most likely find it to be one of the greatest policy blunders—or crimes—in U.S. history, if not, human history.

It is natural for elected officials to feel pressured to take action in times of economic distress, but sometimes the best action is little to none. Take the depression of 1920 where President Harding cut the government's budget nearly in half, tax rates were slashed for all income groups and the national debt was reduced by one-third. Most don't even know we had a depression then. It may be due to the proponents of constant intervention falsely using the Great Depression of 1930 and Great Recession of 2008—with its extraordinary and ongoing actions—to bolster their argument. However, there are many economists who believe the Great Depression was caused by monetary policy and prolonged for years due to government meddling.<sup>1,2,3</sup>

The World Economic Forum believes the Great Reset where "you'll own nothing and you'll be happy" is the way forward. A repackaging of centralized, authoritarian, control led by billionaire megalomaniacs bolstered by technological advances Marx could not have imagined.<sup>4</sup>

How about the renewal of affordable private property and the protection of workers wages, which was the foundation of American prosperity, as the real way forward for all Floridians instead.



# MEDICAL FREEDOM

*"First, do no harm" – Hippocrates*

**PRINCIPLE: Health is not the domain of the state; government must not interfere in the doctor-patient relationship; and bodily autonomy must not be violated.**

As in all things where the government intervenes, costs rise and outcomes diminish. Health care is just another casualty of this axiom.

"The United States, on a per capita basis, spends much more on health care than other developed countries; the chief reason is not greater health care utilization, but higher prices. "The annual per capita spend is almost \$10,000. As in most things, it is not the amount of money spent that determines quality outcomes, but the quality of the service delivered for a commensurate price."<sup>1</sup>

Americans spend more on health care than any other Western nation and yet in a study, "compared to 16 other nations, the U.S. ranked dead last in life expectancy for males and second-to-last for females. Beyond that, the nation ranked at or near the bottom in nine broad areas, including injuries and homicides, drug-related deaths, heart disease, and diabetes."<sup>2</sup>

Florida did an outstanding job during the COVID crisis following the science and protecting Floridians from unconstitutional federal overreach. However, the crisis exposed the deep and pervasive corruption of, what should be, our premier health institutions. It is now clear that three imperatives exist.

First, the Nuremberg Code must be codified into law. It states, "The voluntary consent of the human subject is absolutely essential...without the intervention of any element of force...and should have sufficient knowledge and comprehension of the elements of the subject matter involved as to enable him to make an understanding and enlightened decision."<sup>3</sup>

Second, Florida must downsize the influence and operation of Big Pharma, Big Insurance, and Big Hospital in the state. The power to govern one's health must be returned to the individual where it belongs.

Third, "Woke" pseudo-science mandates must be prohibited. Men aren't women, or vice versa, and anyone's healthy, normally functioning body must not

be altered—especially that of a minor child's. Many states have already enacted laws to do so.

Health care is not the domain of government and it is not a "right," natural or otherwise. It is a service. The individual in consultation with their health provider must not be interfered with. The government's role should be limited to professional certification and a legal arbiter when negligence or fraud occurs.

The creeping control of a centralized, one-size-fits-all, government run health system has failed. It is time to return to a freer market system for the vast majority of medical conditions. For instance, a tiered medical system, where the first tier could include Health Savings Accounts (HSA) for common medical expenses allowing Floridians to shop for their doctors, drugs and services as they do any product or service. A second tier for more serious issues and even catastrophic, would offer health insurance policies similar to auto, home, or life insurance. In the third tier, government could be more involved. This tier may require working with other states to create a pool for truly severe illnesses such as cancer, or radical surgery where means-tested access for a qualifying condition could be available to any Floridian. Government intervention would be limited to only those conditions which would cause an unsustainable financial burden.

It is time to return government to its proper boundaries in the area of public health. The COVID crisis demonstrated that centralized, top-down edicts regarding medical treatments and interventions failed spectacularly. Florida must repeal the centralized authority embodied in statute 381.00315 "Public health advisories," and must also urgently deny any federal health agency (i.e. CDC) or foreign entity (i.e. WHO) jurisdiction, similar to HB0143 introduced in Wyoming.<sup>4,5</sup>

A public health crisis must never be allowed to strip Floridians of their natural and constitutional rights ever again.



# EDUCATIONAL FREEDOM

*"The philosophy of the schoolroom in one generation is the philosophy of government in the next." – Abraham Lincoln*

**PRINCIPLE: Parents rights over raising and educating their children is absolute. Government's role is to protect those rights.**

While a Federal Department of Education exists, it shouldn't, as it is not the role of the federal government to be involved in the education of children. While many Founding Fathers expounded upon the virtues of education and how government might play a role, there is not one clause in the U.S. Constitution regarding it. State constitutions, on the other hand, all have some sort of clause regarding education.

According to a study by Nath and Dallum, Florida's constitutional education clause is currently the strongest in the country – it recognizes education as a fundamental value, requires the state to provide high-quality education, and makes the provision of education a paramount duty of the state.<sup>1</sup>

Florida's State Constitution, Article IX, Section 1 states, "The education of children is a fundamental value of the people of the State of Florida. It is, therefore, a paramount duty of the state to make adequate provision for the education of all children residing within its borders. Adequate provision shall be made by law for a uniform, efficient, safe, secure, and high quality system of free public schools that allows students to obtain a high quality education...."

At first glance, this provision appears to be a net positive for the advancement of education in Florida. However, an examination of the current state of public education across the country—illuminated in part by the COVID crisis—stands as a clear warning of an impending danger.

For instance, in collusion with Education Secretary Cardona, parents who dared to question their school boards in Florida and throughout the country were branded "terrorists" by the FBI. How audacious and stunning. Florida must use its police power to protect parents from politicized and weaponized federal law enforcement.<sup>2</sup>

Florida has done much to protect children from unbalanced radicalized ideologies in the classroom, advance parents rights, and expand school choice, but it is not enough. Anything granted by the state can be taken away by the next congressional, legislative, executive, or local school board edict.

The teachers unions have been and will continue to be used to advance a political agenda. The National Education Association clearly advocates for a political ideology versus teaching children to read, write and do arithmetic. Look no further than Illinois to see the future should Florida allow their rise to power. Also, to continue to allow the amending of the state constitution with *specific* educational metrics as opposed to a general principle of parents controlling their children's education, will only offer those with ill-intent a pathway to dominance.<sup>3,4</sup>

The best way to ensure the education establishment never controls children is to completely empower the rights parents naturally have and which the government was formed to protect. Parents must have total control over the education of their children. It is the only way to protect children from being used by others for political purposes.

Education is a paramount duty, not of the state, but of parents. The state should be removed from any role, with the exception of protecting parents rights to choose whatever educational method they deem fit. The road to complete educational choice funded directly by parents is the way forward. Methods, that do not involve the state can be devised to assist where necessary.

Universal access to education is possible without the state providing any aspect of it and mitigates the temptation to control the next generation.



# DIGITAL FREEDOM

*“The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no Warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by Oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized.” – Fourth Amendment, U.S. Constitution*

**PRINCIPLE: Digital information forms the basis of an individual's personal and private, digital-identity and must be protected.**

Many claim the U.S. Constitution is outdated for our modern era. That our Founders never could have imagined the kind of technologies we would invent.

While it may be true 18th Century people would be shocked by 21st Century technology, the principles of our Declaration and Constitution are more enduring.

Most are familiar with the second part of the Fourth Amendment regarding warrants, but let's consider the first part before the "and" underlined above more fully.

Merely by broadening the scope of three words, "papers, and effect," to rightly include digital information and identity, since that is where a majority of our modern papers and effects now reside, the entire orientation of our modern nation would be transformed.

No digital IDs, no digital passports, no digital health records, no searching or seizing our emails, texts, or any other private digital content without warrant. If an individual willingly wants to utilize a digital form of identification or information, that is a different scenario, but government must not participate and must protect the individual.

It is abundantly obvious from the recent disclosures in the "Twitter Files," to the revelations provided by Edward Snowden many years ago—agree or disagree with the legality—that government has gone far beyond its boundaries and must be reigned in or there will be no freedom left.

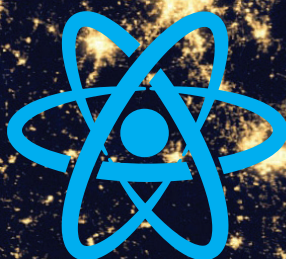
There is no necessity for digital information or communications to be insecure. Only the disposition of the federal government toward a national security state has led to the surveillance of all content like something out of the *Minority Report*. Endlessly seeking the fantasy of "pre-crimes" in the messages or minds of the American people who are now viewed as an enemy by an out-of-control intelligence apparatus.<sup>1</sup>

Viewing all technology as a battle space that must be dominated will only end in 21st Century technological tyranny. Similar to how the Chinese Communist Party controls over one billion people electronically imprisoned by their phones.

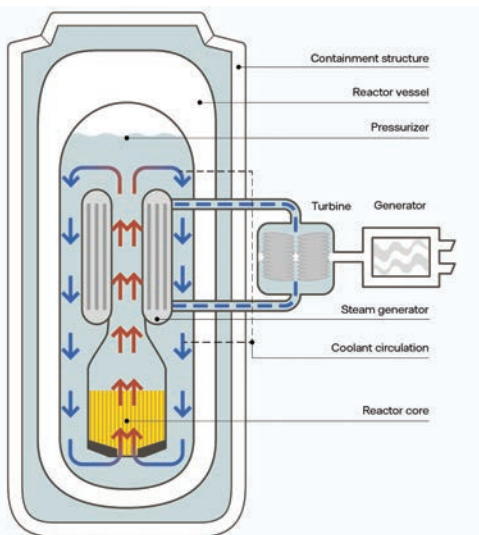
Imagine the full implementation of a centrally controlled digital currency (CBDC). Where some bureaucrat with the touch of a button "cancels" a person for a tweet or post, instantaneously denying access to purchase food, clothing or shelter. Go further to the point where even a thought could cancel you, as Elon Musk installs chips in brains.<sup>2</sup>

Governor DeSantis' recent introduction of a "Digital Bill of Rights," is a tremendous beginning. But much more needs to be done.<sup>3</sup>

Science fiction is quickly transforming into reality and cybersecurity is becoming paramount. Florida must move even faster if it is to protect its citizens from cyber-threats or a techno-tyranny executed instantly at the touch of a button from a government bureaucrat far, far away.



## Small modular reactors (SMRs)



# ENERGY FREEDOM

*"Human flourishing requires cost-effective energy. The best policy for America's future and the world's future is a policy of energy freedom, in which all sources of energy—including fossil fuels—can compete to produce the most reliable, lowest-cost energy for billions of people." – Alex Epstein*

**PRINCIPLE: Energy is necessary for life and its use must not be diminished but increased using all sources available.**

It is self-evident that energy producing and consuming nations have advanced civilizations. Take one look at an image of the earth at night and it is obvious to see.

"Thanks to today's unprecedented availability of cost-effective energy (mostly fossil fuel) the world has never been a better place for human life. Life expectancy and income have been skyrocketing, with extreme poverty (<\$2/day) plummeting from 42% in 1980 to <10% today."<sup>1</sup>

Since the 1800s and the advent of the industrial revolution, it is undeniable that, hand-in-hand, energy and innovation have propelled mankind forward at an incomprehensible speed. From the Wright Brothers first flight to a man on the moon in 66 years can barely be grasped.

Are there challenges we must face and overcome in the production of energy? Absolutely. But to cut off our fossil energy nose to spite our civilization face is madness.

Once the sky over Los Angeles was choked with smog and the Cuyahoga river of Cleveland caught fire several times. Both challenges were faced and overcome. Today, from Beijing, China to Dehli, India, the developing world struggles with the same issues America continues to surmount.<sup>2,3</sup>

While electric vehicles might be a viable alternative, the market should dictate their use, not one-size-fits-all government edicts. Regarding our electric grid, "Large, sustained outages have occurred with increasing frequency in the U.S. over the past two decades." Warnings of rolling blackouts have occurred for two straight winters. Is this really America or some third-world country? It was wise to reconsider the all

electric car craze ended by President Trump.<sup>4,5</sup>

Alex Epstein, author of the *Moral Case for Fossil Fuel*, writes, "The only way to lower CO2 emissions and benefit America is to promote innovation that makes low-carbon energy truly reliable and low-cost. Are China and India going to stop using fossil fuels so long as they are the lowest-cost option? They won't and they shouldn't."

The solution to any sort of climate change isn't de-industrialization or de-carbonization, but innovation—full spectrum energy innovation. We don't need to cut back on our use of energy, we need to produce more of it for everyone—cleanly and cost-effectively.

One of the cleanest forms of energy is nuclear. No CO2 emissions at all with continual advancements in recycling and repurposing of the byproduct. France derives 70% of its electricity from nuclear without a single catastrophic incident.<sup>6,7</sup>

Newer generations of nuclear technology, such as Small Modular Reactors (SMRs), are smaller, safer and cleaner. There are also the latest breakthroughs in nuclear fusion, burning plasma, and spaced-based solar systems. We are on the cusp of an energy revolution. Now is the time to experiment and explore more, not diminish our use.<sup>8,9,10</sup>

Florida has an opportunity to be a laboratory of innovation. Already a home to space exploration, Florida could lead the world by becoming an energy independent state. A home for the latest advancements in nuclear, hydrogen, micro-grids, Helium-3 and much more.

Energy frees Floridians to flourish. Let's make more.



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