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Identity Prison

PART I

The federal REAL ID Act appears to require the use of the social security number to identify individuals obtaining driver's licenses. At the same time, **no law requires American citizens to obtain social security numbers.**

States and the federal government alike are misapplying the REAL ID Act to force Americans into a virtual identity prison. We must expose and resist this tyranny by insisting that the law be obeyed.

All the kingdoms of this world belong to God, yet Satan claims they are his. As the tyrants and globalists in the world's governments are clearly in the grip of Satan and informed by him, they believe it to be true. And indeed, as



In the second temptation of Jesus Christ, “the devil took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, and said to him, “To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” (Luke 4:3-8, ESV). We know that Jesus answered him with the words “It is written, ‘You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve.’”

and surveilling. Due in part to increasing computing power and infrastructure, beginning in the 1990s, we have seen an explosion of this tagging and numbering in many countries via national ID cards, including biometric passports and smart cards with RFID chips.

In the United States, too, the last half of the 20th century, and now the first decades of the 21st century, are seeing a momentous push toward the official identification of every last citizen. The prison bars to virtually confine all citizens by forcing them to report their identification wherever they go (remember the “hall passes” of government schools?) are being put in place one by one, and drawn ever closer to the individual. The end goal: no one able to move, live, buy or sell without the number.

But in the United States, there is just one problem related to this national ID “identity prison”— it cannot be put in place lawfully, *because there is no constitutional authority* to implement it. Because of this, all attempts to set up national ID use legal

from the beginning, Satan continues to desire *that the whole world* be under his control.

Unlike God, however, Satan is not omniscient, nor are the “leaders” directed by him. Accordingly, in order to maintain control over people, they resort to systems of tagging, numbering

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deception and misdirection. In turn, this misdirection is built on the decades of propaganda which has convinced the American people that they must obtain a social security number.

REAL ID Act forcing you into the identity prison state

The latest in the continuing effort to create a national ID is the 2005 REAL ID Act, now implemented by over half the States. In this Act, Congress told the States that unless they complied with the “minimum issuance standards” Congress had set for State driver’s licenses, the citizens of those States would be prevented from using those licenses to board aircraft, enter federal facilities, or “any other purposes that the Secretary [of Homeland Security, “DHS”] shall determine.”¹

According to *Business Insider*, since many States are not compliant with the REAL ID Act, the TSA will still accept those State driver’s licenses for boarding aircraft in the United States. The latest “deadline” for compliance— which has been reset numerous times — is October 2018. We’ll see.

It should be noted that DHS has NOT set many limitations on entering federal facilities. Even without a REAL ID, according to the DHS website:

Access for activities directly relating to safety and health or life preserving services, to law enforcement, and to **constitutionally protected activities**, including legal and investigative proceedings will not be affected. Existing agency policies will still apply. ...

The Act does not require individuals to present identification where it is not currently required to access a Federal facility



As States pass legislation and regulations implementing the REAL ID Act, more

and more States fail to recognize that having an SSN is not a prerequisite for obtaining a driver’s license. Even worse, the federal passport agency is beginning to refuse to issue passports to Americans without SSNs, despite the fact that having an SSN is not a prerequisite for obtaining a passport.

1. P.L. 109-13, 119 Stat 311-16, § 201 (3), codified at 49 USC 30301 note.



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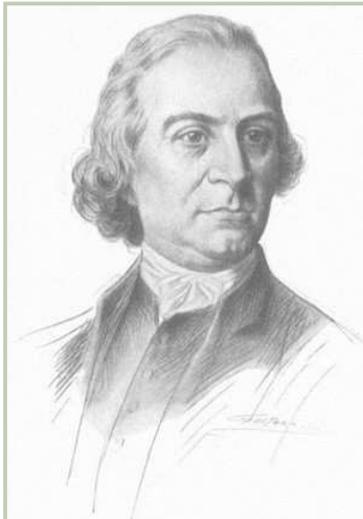
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(such as to enter the public areas of the Smithsonian) ... (emphasis added)

The main avenue of pressure, then, for most Americans, is the fact that without a REAL ID compliant State driver’s license or a U.S. passport, the United States Government will not allow them on an airplane (very soon now). In other words, American citizens will have their right to travel infringed upon even further.

For those who long ago obtained SSNs and have no problem with providing them to any government official who asks, the identity prison is nearly complete — they are already tracked and numbered, all that remains is for the tyrants to require their DNA, fingerprints, and retina scans (etc.). But beginning in the 1970s, many American Patriots recognized that SSNs were not required by law, and refused to obtain them for their children. Now those children have grown up, and the federal government — despite having no constitutional authority whatsoever

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If ye love wealth better than liberty,
the tranquility of servitude better
than the animating contest of
freedom, go home from us in peace.
We ask not your counsels or arms.
Crouch down and lick the hands
which feed you. May your chains set
lightly upon you, and may posterity
forget that ye were our countrymen.

- Samuel Adams
August 1, 1776

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ever, wants those free people to be forced into the identity prison.

It is impossible to resist the identity prison effectively without having an understanding of the social security system, the use of the SSN, the REAL ID Act, and the regulations which pertain to it. Let's start with the SSN requirement in the REAL ID Act, and work backwards.

REAL ID Act compliance requires an SSN or verification of "ineligibility" for an SSN

The "minimum issuance standards" imposed by Congress for compliant State driver's licenses include obtaining "Proof of the person's social security account number or verification that a person is *not eligible* for a social security account number."² As discussed in the July 2012 *Liberty Tree* ("Who is Eligible ... or not?"), most of the States implementing laws for their own driver's licenses have simply repeated this "requirement" verbatim. Thus, on its face, it appears that those States will not issue driver's licenses to their free citizens who do not have SSNs unless they can provide some verification that they are "not eligible" for an SSN.

It is obvious that, for a person who has never applied for an SSN, the Social Security Administration is not in a position to determine whether or not they are "eligible," that is, whether they meet the legal requirements to receive a number. This is doubly obvious when one considers that in order to obtain an SSN, a person must complete an application and provide evidence of identity and lawful status. See, e.g., 20 CFR § 422.103(b), "An individual needing a Social Security number may apply for one by completing a prescribed application and submitting the required evidence."

Describing how numbers are assigned, 20 CFR § 422.103(c)(1) states: If you complete a prescribed application, we will require you to furnish evidence, as necessary, to assist us in establishing your age, U.S. citizenship or alien status, true identity, and previously assigned Social Security number(s), if any. The "evidence require-

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2. P.L. 109-13, 119 Stat 311-16, § 202 (c)(1)(C), codified at 49 USC 30301 note.

Do you stand with Nancy Kotmair?

***Will you help us honor
the memory of John
Baptist Kotmair, Jr.?***



As we reported in the January *Liberty Tree*, John Baptist Kotmair, Jr. — the founder of Save-A-Patriot and Liberty Works Radio Network, and an indefatigable (untiring!) Patriot — went to be with the Lord on December 13, 2017. We asked our members and patriots to honor John's memory by contributing to his widow Nancy in order to help defray the costs of the funeral.

Nancy Kotmair was a faithful wife and co-Patriot with John throughout his life, and he commented numerous times that he considered her worth "far above rubies." She demonstrated her honor and faith in God by standing by him and patiently raising their children when he was wrongfully incarcerated in Federal prison for "failing to file" tax returns. She stood by him when Save-A-Patriot was raided in 1993. **She deserves your thanks and support, because without her, the fellowship would not exist.**

Because John understood that Social Security was unconstitutional and ungodly, neither he nor his family participated in it. So Nancy, today, does not receive social security funds. **The Bible instructs us to care for widows, and this is our opportunity to help.**

Despite our plea for moneys to help with the funeral, **not enough to defray the costs has come in.** It is the desire of Nancy to raise a suitable headstone for John, so that we may honor his memory and mark where a faithful Patriot now lies. Do you stand with Nancy? Will you honor the memory of John by contributing to a headstone?

ALL GIFTS toward the headstone will be acknowledged. Please send your gifts – and any personal correspondence – to:

**SAP Fellowship
ATTENTION NANCY
P.O. Box 91
Westminster, MD 21158**

Please remember that only completely blank postal money orders or federal reserve notes (a.k.a. "cash") can be accepted as gifts.

**THANK YOU FOR PRAYING
ABOUT IT, AND CONTRIBUTING!!**

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ments” are set forth at 20 CFR § 422.107(a): “To obtain an original Social Security number card, you must submit convincing evidence of your age, U.S. citizenship or alien status, and true identity, ...”

Assuming a person has truthfully filled out an application and is a citizen, they are qualified for “SSN assignment.” The only applicants the SSA will deem “ineligible” for such assignment will be foreigners, whether in the U.S. lawfully or not, who are not authorized to work in the United States and are also not receiving federally funded benefits or federally-derived state or local public assistance benefits.

Since the SSA cannot determine whether a person is eligible for an SSN until he or she fills out an application and supplies the required information, the best the SSA can do upon receiving an inquiry into whether or not a free person has an SSN is to state that it has *no record* of an SSN for such person. In the SSA’s operating manual, it appears only one letter, an SSA-L676, “Refusal to Process SSN Application” is used for a determination of “ineligibility.” The SSA specifically states that this form cannot be used to “confirm that a person was never assigned an SSN.”³

What does all this mean? It means that “verification” that a person is ineligible for an SSN can **never come** from the SSA, since it will only be issued if and when a person applies for a number. And a *citizen* who applies will **always** be assigned a number, *not* issued an “ineligibility” letter.

How, then, can a citizen without a number who wants a driver’s license obtain one and use it to board an airplane? We will address many more legal twists and turns in a future *Liberty Tree*. Stay tuned.

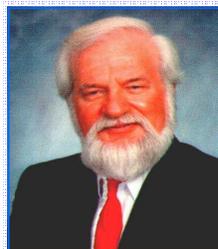


Remembering John Baptist Kotmair, Jr.

So very sad to hear of John’s passing. We first met back in the early ’80s when we were forming “Florida Patriots.” John visited us several times. I am truly thankful for him, Nancy, and all who helped me in my trials with the I.R.S., from early meetings with them through sentencing as well as prison time. Nancy, it has been most special for me to have had time with you and your husband — he was a special and wonderful person. May God continue to bless you all. “*Semper Fi.*” — **Ralph K., Florida**

So sorry about John’s death. His life of dedication and service will be remembered. — **Marshall C., Maryland**

Kindness and constant attention to what matters ...



“Can I speak to Tayra Antolick”, said the rough voice on the other end of the phone line. Attorney Tom Cryer, the man behind the *Truth Attack* web site and radio show, and for whose newsletter, *News From the Front*, I was the editor, had just passed away out of the blue. Tom had been the host of a one-hour show running each day of the week on Liberty Works Radio Network. Now John Kotmair, Jr., the LWRN founder, had to find five people to fill in those show slots. “Would you be willing to take one day of the week to do a radio show?” he asked. I was honored and bewildered. Why would Mr. Kotmair want me to do a show? I’ve never been the host of a radio show in my life! But I could not resist. I said, “Yes.” That was almost six years ago.

John B. Kotmair entrusted me with one of his babies, Liberty Works Radio Network. So much so that he asked me to interview Judge Roy Moore right in the middle of his turmoil with the accusations of sexual misconduct and his bid for a Senate seat. Soon after that request, John passed away. I contacted his friend George Otto, as John suggested, concerning the interview, since I wanted to wait until the dust had settled. I told George I didn’t understand why John would ask me to do such an important interview. George told me that John had really cared for and loved me and my work. I was honored yet again, because I do not know what I have ever done to deserve that affection.

I remember one thing for sure — John was kind, attentive, and often initiated calls and emails to get my take on things... Our brief friendship did not scratch the surface in getting to know the man. I wish I had known better his knowledge gained through experience, his exploits, his pain, his overcoming. Thank you, John, for your vote of confidence. We will have an eternity to get to know each other. — **Tayra Antolick, Florida**

Tributes to John B. Kotmair and his accomplishments, and memories of how his passion for justice and liberty affected you, are very welcome! The Fellowship will publish them in the *Liberty Tree*. Please email your memories and tributes to nobile@save-a-patriot.org or mail them to SAP Fellowship, P.O. Box 91, Westminster, MD 21158.

3. <https://secure.ssa.gov/apps10/poms.nsf/lnx/0100299020>