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Eugenics and the Pandemic Response

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Health is set to become the new forever war, and you have been drafted. Americans have been coerced and forced into submission to a new normal. You used to have a right to informed consent, but now you've been rightly informed that you must consent. The Nuremberg Code states all have a right to informed consent, in a time of peace or war, so why has this widely acclaimed ethic been so casually disregarded?

No free American should accept eugenics policies of companies and governments, such as mandatory masking, mandatory testing, mandatory vaccines, and vaccine passports.

In 2019, under the Trump Administration the USA began harvesting DNA from all migrants and asylum seekers held at the border. The Biden Administration quietly continued the program, that might be controversial if the public knew anything about it. A few news reports were all the attention given to the continuity of that policy; the same attention given when the policy was enacted to begin with.

In March 2020, the Donald Trump

Administration signed the Coronavirus Relief Act into law, which among other things allotted 500 million dollars for a new database of COVID-specific genomic data. The CDC has held that data in the Public Domain since then, unbeknownst to many. The act gave 50 million to genomic sequencing and testing. The next year, Biden gave 1.75 billion to that cause among others, as well as 500 million to the CDC directly.

One billion dollars will be spent this year on boosting "vaccine confidence." In March this year, the United States launched an initiative to expand the CDC's database program. The COVID Relief Act of 2021 claims to use genomic data to "forecast and track hotspots for COVID-19, its variants, and emerging biological threats." Why is the media silent on this part of the new law, while articles on when to expect money are churned out in high volumes?

The Coronavirus vaccine is the first to use RNA transcription methods. The new type of vaccine gives your body instructions for copying genetic information.

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The claim is that this causes your body to create a molecule which has a surface identical to the coronavirus. This, in turn, is fought by your immune system, which is said to limit symptoms should you get COVID. The vaccine is certainly experimental and it is uncertain whether it confers immunity, so why is it being rapidly forced on employees to work, students to attend school, and politicians to speak and vote in Congress unmasked?

Coronavirus testing, which has become mandatory for many people, involves a harvesting of nasal fluid which has a high white blood cell count. White blood cells are packed with your DNA. Labs then use a type of Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) test to determine if you have COVID.

While a few of many labs have been quoted in the media, assuring people they destroy samples, under the 2021 Relief Act samples for all positive tests in the nation are being sent through federally sponsored labs called SPHERES and to multiple genomic databases including national ones like at the CDC, and international ones like the GISAID. The Broad Institute at MIT tests samples and has expanded this year to answer the calls by leaders of genomics databases, for more testing and open sharing.

A few months ago, US Senators called for increased protections of the DNA of Americans, but this seems to have fallen on deaf ears. For the first time in history this information is being put in the Public Domain with identifying information attached. The CDC has not made statements promising to destroy the samples they receive or the information they log.

Important questions remain. How long is your DNA sample and personal information kept at the federal level and at big national and international databases, and will they respect privacy now that they have tricked, coerced or forced Americans to submit their DNA?

Michiganders and all Americans should become Conscientious Objectors in this new forever war. The best approach here is to limit suffering. While eugenics claims to limit suffering by stamping out genetically inferior people, to be ethical we should simply remove barriers to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness for all.

Events Corner

June 26-27, 2021 -

The Libertarian Party of Michigan (LPM) will hold its **2021 State Convention** at The Soaring Eagle Casino and Resort in Mt. Pleasant, Michigan.

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Libertarian Path to Major Party Status

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A measure of a political party's worth is its ability to identify problems and provide realistic solutions.

Section 2.4 of the Libertarian platform calls "...for the repeal of the income tax, ...abolishment of the IRS and all federal programs and services not required under the U.S. Constitution. "This section further advocates, "...that all public services be funded in voluntary manner." This platform is not a realistic nor achievable platform. Its existence seriously compromises the credibility of the Libertarian party.

The Preamble to the US Constitution purposes the federal government with the task of providing for the common defense of the states and promote the general welfare of the public. In Article 1 of the Constitution, our founding fathers gave Congress the power to create laws and establish taxes to meet these requirements.

To provide for defense of the country requires a military. To be successful, our military must have capabilities beyond that of our enemies. This requires money at the federal level and a means to acquire. Taxes have historically been the preferred and most successful method to fund a military.

In 1862 Congress created the IRS to collect federal taxes and enforce the

federal tax codes. It was created as a means to fund the Civil War effort. Later, Congress mandated it to collect income taxes as outlined in the 16th Amendment.

Taxes are inherent in our governance. And a means to collect a requirement.

Section 8 of Article 1 further empowers Congress to execute laws "necessary and proper for carrying into Execution ... all other Powers vested by this Constitution...". Those powers including the "... general welfare of the United States."

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) was created by Congress in the early 20th century through a series of food and drug acts. The FDA is not specifically called out in the Constitution for obvious historical and technical reasons. However, no one can argue the benefits brought by the FDA to our general welfare. Similar arguments can be made for numerous other government agencies or programs, such as the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

The concept of volunteer programs does exist within our public. From local volunteer police forces, fire departments, and auxiliary Coast Guard units. But these are primarily supported by those on a part time basis. History provides no

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evidence of a country that has long survived where all public services are funded on a voluntary basis. And no political party has proposed a working model for such.

If the Libertarian party is to become a

mainstream party, it must demonstrate an ability to identify realistic problems and provide reasonable solutions that have predictable outcomes and benefits. Unrealistic or unworkable platform positions must be removed.

The Pre-Trial Conviction of Lucas Gerhard

BY LUCAS LIMON - NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE MEMBER

Mark Gerhard is a retired US Marine Colonel from Rochester who has spent a lifetime of service to his country. He was very proud that Lucas Gerhard, his son, was attending Lake Superior State University in Sault St. Marie, pursuing a career in law enforcement. Given his father's career of service, it would make perfect sense that his son Lucas would soon follow his father's footsteps in some manner. It's likely that neither Mark nor Lucas Gerhard imagined that their lives would be forever changed by just one post on a social media app. A post by Mark's conservative son Lucas, was seen through the eyes of an insecure leftist and exploited by an overzealous Prosecutor's Office run by Robert Stratton.

Beginning in August of 2019, Lucas Gerhard posted a photo to his Snapchat group of a legally owned Colt AR-15 Rifle, writing "Takin this bad boy up, this outta make the snowflakes melt, aye? And I mean snowflakes as in snow." This one prophetic statement cost Lucas

his liberty now going on almost two years.

Another student, someone Lucas had already blocked on his snapchat from previous political disagreements, was shown the post by someone still in the group and decided they were now scared and threatened. This is the only discernable "victim" in the entire case. This complainant then told school officials who then told the police. Apparently, the prosecutors in Chippewa county also became scared and threatened by Lucas practicing multiple constitutionally protected rights. Lucas Gerhard is described by his father Mark as a very opinionated, conservative teen that has never been in trouble with the law. Lucas was an Eagle Scout and continued to work hard into adulthood.

Ever since that post, Lucas has been kept on 24/7 electronic monitoring after serving 83 days in the Sault. St. Marie jail. Lucas has also been detained on house arrest since being released into his father's custody; He is not allowed to

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leave home, not allowed to go to work or school, and not even allowed to be on the internet, all while presumed innocent before being proven guilty in a court of law. As if out of a page from Philip Kindred Dick's Minority Report, Lucas is being prosecuted and convicted for a pre-crime. He committed no crime, and his words went without a crime scene or a victim. He had no plan, motive or even a real threat of violence. Surely, Tyranny has landed on the shores of this pleasant peninsula.

Keep your eyes on this case and crank up the pressure! Rarely do so many important principles of Liberty and Freedom meet squarely in one unfolding event like this, involving pre-crime prosecutions. In this particular U.P.

courtroom arena, it is at very least the First, the Second, Fourth and Sixth Amendments that come into play. Both the Federal and State Constitutions are on trial here for all the world to see. This is a story reminiscent of classical David versus the modern Goliath, a college student versus an overzealous prosecutor on behalf of the State. Such a Goliath, unchained by constitutional restraints, is a manipulative beast, lacking common sense and completely out of We The People's control. God help us, because without constitutional restraints, we're all just one social media post from being thrown in a dungeon, put on house arrest with 24/7 electronic monitoring, and facing spending 20 of the best years of our adult lives in prison.

The UPLP at Marquette's March for our Rights

BY DANIEL BOWLING - UPLP TREASURER

The UPLP attended the 2021 March for our Rights at Harlow Park in Marquette, Michigan on May 9, put on by C.U.F.F.

The rally included several speakers including the Libertarian Party's candidate for Michigan's First Congressional District in 2020, Ben Boren. Other Speakers included Beau LaFave, State Representative for Michigan's 108th State House district and several others.

Our Chair Ryan Roberts joined myself, Ben and his cohort of Hawaiian shirt

enthusiasts to help spread the good word of liberty to the people of Marquette. We all met several liberty loving individuals and were able to distribute several copies of the First Edition of our monthly Newsletter with good reception.

After several Republican speakers rallied against our Governors tyrannical rule during the pandemic. Ben introduced by Ryan shared a different kind of message. He shared one of working with others despite differing

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views and ended his speech by saying "kill them with kindness." He quoted Ben Franklin saying, "those who give a little liberty for a little security, deserve neither and will lose both." Those who are attempting or supporting infringing on American's 2nd Amendment rights are only looking for safety from what they are told to fear. Ben spread the message of being kind to one another and most

importantly don't be afraid of one another.

Thank you to Bob and C.U.F.F for inviting us to the rally and we hope to work more with them in the future.

Overall the even was a success for the affiliate and helped to build more momentum following our Convention in April, which featured Baraga County Prosecutor Joseph O'Leary, and the launch of our Newsletter.

The Not-So-Funnies

