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The Declaration of Independence States that Mankind is more disposed to suffer while Evils
 Claiming this evil to be Natures' God.
Assimes - g thispower, as "Lord", in the signing in, of the Constitution.
Respecting the establishment of no religion in the 1st Amendment.
Based on Thomas Jefferson's Freedom to "Depart from Almighty God".
"Faithfully" executed in Article 2 section 3 of the Constitution.
"Spiritually intent" on destroying Christianity thru the reclaimed water variance. Stating the literal owing of religion, while birthing water jurisdictions under the $14^{\text {th }}$ Amendment. Netwithstanding the 12 -tribes if Isfael whom are included as Indians tax-free in the $14^{\text {th }}$
 Is the "Qualification Requisite" in Article 1 section 2 "pfappropriating evil, not levied as a religious test in Article 6 , As electors in the state, as branches of the state faithfully executed under the $14^{\text {th }}$ Amendment. As being "from the same state, within itself" (birthing within itself), in Article 2 section 1 and the $12^{\text {th }}$ Amendment? Placing others in bondage (not disallowed by the $10^{\text {th }}$ Amendment) access, to the privileges of water, in Resolution 95-286, Is this not a testpf a religious nature in Article 6 of the constitution?
 Has the devil dressed itself-up in the constitution as happiness, liberty, attempting to appear


How can I pledge allegiance to a flag (of all things), that has no actual face. Or the liberty (of such) for which "it" stands. When it stands as a Departure of Almighty God claimed as a sufferer of evil. Pledging itself as "it" ?

This issue is out of control.
Its time to go to court and talk about this.
And has been for a very long time.

## Transcript of Declaration of Independence (1776)

## IN CONGRESS, July 4, 1776.

## The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America,

When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume)among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and o Nature's Godentitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creatorwith 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, -That 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. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shewn that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Govemment, and to provide new Guards for their future security.-Such has been the patient sufferance of these Colonies; and such is now the necessity which constrains them to alter their former Systems of Government. The history of the present King of Great Britain is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having in direct object the establishment of an absolute Tyranny over these States. To prove this, let Facts be submitted to a candid world.

He has refused his Assent to Laws, the most wholesome and necessary for the public good. He has forbidden his Governors to pass Laws of immediate and pressing importance, unless suspended in their operation till his Assent should be obtained; and when so suspended, he has utterly neglected to attend to them.
He has refused to pass other Laws for the accommodation of large districts of people, unless those people would relinquish the right of Representation in the Legislature, a right inestimable to them and formidable to tyrants only.
He has called together legislative bodies at places unusual, uncomfortable, and distant from the depository of their public Records, for the sole purpose of fatiguing them into compliance with his measures.
He has dissolved Representative Houses repeatedly, for opposing with manly firmness his invasions on the rights of the people.

- He has refused for a long time, after such dissolutions, to cause others to be elected; whereby the Legislative powers, incapable of Annihilation, have returned to the People at large for their exercise; the State remaining in the mean time exposed to all the dangers of invasion from without, and convulsions within.
He has endeavoured to prevent the population of these States; for that purpose obstructing the Laws for Naturalization of Foreigners; refusing to pass others to encourage their migrations hither, and raising the conditions of new Appropriations of Lands.
He has obstructed the Administration of Justice, by refusing his Assent to Laws for establishing Judiciary powers.
He has made Judges dependent on his Will alone, for the tenure of their offices, and the amount and payment of their salaries.
He has erected a multitude of New Offices, and sent hither swarms of Officers to harrass our people, and eat out their substance.

[^0]In every stage of these Oppressions We have Petitioned for Redress in the most humble terms: Our repeated Petitions have been answered only by repeated injury. A Prince whose character is thus marked by every act which may define a Tyrant, is unfit to be the ruler of a free people.

Nor have We been wanting in attentions to our Brittish brethren. We have warned them from time to time of attempts by their legislature to extend an unwarrantable jurisdiction over us. We have reminded them of the circumstances of our emigration and settlement here. We have appealed to their native justice and magnanimity, and we have conjured them by the ties of our common kindred to disavow these usurpations, which, would inevitably interrupt our connections and correspondence. They too have been deaf to the voice of justice and of consanguinity. We must, therefore, acquiesce in the necessity, which denounces our Separation, and hold them, as we hold the rest of mankind, Enemies in War, in Peace Friends.

We, therefore, the Representatives of the united States of America, in General Congress, Assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions, do, in the Name, and by Authority of the good People of these Colonies, solemniy publish and declare, That these United Colonies are, and of Right ought to be Free and Independent States; that they are Absolved from all Allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the State of Great Britain, is and ought to be totally dissolved; and that as Free and Independent States, they have full Power to levy War, conclude Peace, contract Alliances, establish Commerce, and to do all other Acts and Things which Independent States may of right do. And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and ou sacred Honor.



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The Congress shall assemble at least onceiil) very Yeas and such) Meeting shall (be on the first Monday in December,) (The preceding words in parentheses were superseded by the 20th Amendment, section 2.) unless they shall by Lawappiofina different Day.

Section 5 - Membership, Rules, Journals, Adjournment


 Each House shall keep a Journal of its Proceedings arg from time to time publish the
same excepting such Parrs as may in their Judgment require Secrecy and the Yeas and Nays of the Members of either House on any question shall, at the Desire of one fifth of Expulsions those Preseffr, be entered on the Journal.
 Neither House, during the Session of Congress) shall, without the Consent of the other, adjourn for more than three days, nor to any other Place than thatiin which the wo in/OF THE STATE


## Section 6-Compensation

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No Senator or Representative shall, during tho time for which he was elected, be


Section 7 - Revenue Bills, Legislative Process, Presidential Veto


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Ever Bill which shall have passed the House of Representatives and the Senate，shall， before it become he shall sign（15 but if not he shall return it with his Objections to thai House iii）which it－Evils
 proceed to reconsider（16）succterns after such Reconsiderationstwo thirds of that House shall agree to pass the Bill it shall be sent，together with the Objections，to the other House，by which it shall likewise be reconsidered，and if approved by two thirds of that House，（it）Evils Sufferable shalibecome ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{Law}$ ．But in all such ec eases the Votes of both Houses shall be determined by Yeas and Nays and the Names of the fitizems voting for and against the Bill shall be entered on the Journal of each House respectively．If any Bill shall not be returned by the
 the Same shall be a Law，（10）Me：Mannernas if he had signed it，sunless the Congress by their Adjournment prevent its Return，in which Case it shall not be a Law．
RELESS SAME？ARTIFIGAG sTATUTE 373.019 （15）
Every Order，Resolution，or Vote to which the Concurrence of the Senate and House of Representatives may be necessary（except on a question of Adjournment）shall be presented to the President of the United States；and before the Same shall take Effect， shall be approved by him，or being disapproved by him，shall be repassed by two thirds of the Senate and House of Representatives，according to the Rules and Limitations prescribed in the Case of Bill RISE MADE WHERE DF

## Section 8 －Powers of Congress

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pay the（Debts）and provide for the commonh Defence

Counterfeit Bankrupt clause
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Qualification Requisite
(No capitation or other direct. Tax shall be laid, unless) in Proportion to the Census or Enumeration(herein) before directed to be taken.) (Section in parentheses clarified by the 16th Amendment.)

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 one state over those of another:nor shall Vesselsbound to, or fromm one State, be obliged to enter, clear, or pay Duties in another. AS A UGSSEL IN COMQUEST, OF CAPTORE OF LAMA AMA WATER,

No Money shall be drawn from the Treasury, but in Consequence of Appropriations- Eminent Domain ACGOEGRTED $\quad$ Made by Law; and a regular Statement and Account of the Receipts and Expenditures of STATOTE183.03(S MPAIFESTED all public Money shall, be published from time to tine. PRO


The executive rowed shall be vested in aresidentof the United States of America He shall hold his Officeduring the Term of four Years, and, together with the Vice-President chosen for the same Term, be elected, as follows:


Each State shall appoint, insuch (Mannet as the Legislaturethereotmay direct a Number war stare? of unar?.
of Electors equal to the whole Number of Senators and Representatives to which the State may be entitled in the Congress: but no Senator or Representative, or Person militia holding an Offico of Trust or Profitunder the United Statespshall be appointed an CIT,zEN of

 (The Electors shall meetin their respective Stares, and vote bp Ballot or two persons of whom one at least shall not tie an(Inhabitant OD) he sames State with themselves. And they shall make a List of all the Persionswoted for, and of the Number of Votes for each; which List thess shall Sign and certify, and transmit sealed to the Seat @fthe Government of the United States ${ }^{\circ}$ directed to the President of the Senate. The President of the Senate shall, in the Presence of the Senate and House of Repressentatives, open all the Certificates, and the Votes shall then be counted. The Person having the greatest Number of Votes shall be the President, if such Number be $q$ Majority of the whole Number mf Electors appointed:? and if there be more thon one who have Such Majority, and have an equal Number of Z-STATES Votes, then the House of Representatives shall immediately chuse by Ballot one of them
for President; and if no Person have a Majority fihen from the five highest on the List the
$373.019(15)$ An ATHILAL Votes shall be taken ${ }^{\circ} 5$ States, the Representation from each State having one Vote; $a$ quorum for this Purpose shall consist of a Member or Members from two-thirds of her z-STATES, LANBTEM States, and a Majority of@IDifhe States shall be necessary to a Choice. In Brety Case, after the Choice of the President, the Pensonnhaving the greatest Number of Votes of the Electors shall be the Vice President. But if there should remain two or more who have equal Votes, the Senate shall chuse from them by Ballot the Vice-President.) (This clause in parentheses was superseded by the 12 th Amendment.) The Congress may determine the Time of chusing the Electors, and the Day on which seeriorz

No person exceptafaturailoorncitizen, or a Citizen of the United States, at the time of the Adoption) ofthis Constitution, shall.be eligible to the Offics of President; neither shall any Person be eligible to thatoffice who shall not have attained to the Age of thirty-five Years, and been fourteen Hears a Residênt Withimpthe United States o-of A men in?
 (Ih Case of the Removal of the President from Office, or of his Death, Resignation, or Inability to discharge the Powers and Duties of the saidOffice, the same shall devolve on the Vice President, and the Congresivilg by Lan provide for the Case of Removal, To DIssolve war Death, Resignation or Inability both of the President and Vice President, declaring Whatr WATERBOARD: NATURES GOD? Offices shall then act as President, and such Officer shall act accordingly, until the (1sabilit) be removed, or a President shall be elected.) (This clause in parentheses has been modified by the 20th and 25th Amendments.)

The President shall, at ctatedlimes receive for his(Services. a Compensation, which
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 As Declane: shall neither be increased nor diminished during the(Period(tor) which he shall have been elected, and he shall not receive within that Periodany/other Emolument from the UnitedIHIOF TAESTATE? BUT SHALL BE HUCL ANA VOID OF CONTRACT ENTERED INTO BEFONE THEADOPTION OF THE Constitution.



## Article. IV. - The States

 Full Faith and Credit shall be given in each State to the (public Acts. Records, and judiciProceedings OD every other State: And the Congress/may by general Laws prescribe the
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2 No Person held to Service or Labour in one State, under the Laws thereof) escaping into ditothes shall, in Consequence of any Law or Regulationotherein, be discharged from of $\begin{array}{ll}\text { Jouspiktiont such Service or Labour, But shall be delivered up on Claim of the Parti)to whom such } \\ \text { on } \\ \text { REviós } & \text { Service or Labour may be due.) (This clause in parentheses is superseded by the } 13 \text { th }\end{array}$ REligion

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14th Amendment.



Go Washington - President and deputy from Virginia
New Hampshire - John Langdon, Nicholas Gilman
Massachusetts - Nathaniel Gorham, Rufus King
Connecticut - Wm Sam Johnson, Roger Sherman
New York - Alexander Hamilton
Dillon

New Jersey - Wiktivingstom David Brearley, Wm Paterson, Jona. Dayton
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Delaware - Geo -Read Gunning Bedford jun, John Dickinson, Richard Bassett, Jaco. Broom

Maryland - James McHenry, Dan of St Tho Jenifer, Danl Carroll
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Virginia - John Blair, James Madison Jr.
North Carolina - Wm Blount, Rich Bobs Spaight, Hu Williamson
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South Carolina - J Rutledge. Charles Cotesworth Pinckney, Charles Pinckney, Pierce Butler

Georgia - William Few, Abr Baldwin
Attest: William Jackson, Secretary

## The Amendments

The following are the Amendments to the Constitution. The first ten Amendments collectively are commonly known as the Bill of Rights.
No RESPECT OF RELGGION
FAITHFULLY EXECUTED IN ARTICLE 2 SECTION 3
Amendment 1 -Freedom of Religion, Press, Expression. Ratified 12/15/1791.



Amendment 2 - Right to Bear Arms. Ratified 12/15/1791.

$W^{W} 1 D^{?}$ A well regulated Militias being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the
people) to keep and bear Arms, shall not besinfringed). YET THE PEOPLE (Hor militia) ARE ONly
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DOES NOT APPLY? DEPRIVED ALLOWED TO PEACEFUL ASSEMBLE.
Amendment 3 - Quartering of Soldiers. Ratified 12/15/1791.
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No Militia shall, in time of peace be quartered in any house, without the Consent of the
Owner) nor in time of war, but in a manner to berrescribedby law

Amendment 4 - Search and Seizure. Ratified 12/15/1791.
Resumes Qualifications Requisite ARTCLEL SECTION Z.
DEVOLVED OF
The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall notbe violated, and no Warrants shall issue, but uponcrobablecause, supported by Oath or affirmation and particularly describing the

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against him to have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his favor, and to have the Assistance of Counsel for his defence.
Criminal. 7

Amendment 7 - Trial by Jury in Civil Cases. Ratified 12/15/1791. right of rial by jury shall be preserved, and no fact tried by a jury, shall be otherwise reexamined in any Court of the United Statespthan according to the rules of the common-waterbemod? law.

## Amendment 8 - Cruel and Unusual Punishment. Ratified 12/15/1791.

Excessive bail shall not be required, nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel and unusual punishments inflicted. $\sim$ Quick $D E_{n T H}$ ?

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Amendment 11 - Judicial Limits. Ratified 2/7/1795.
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The Judicial power of the United States ${ }^{\text {shall }}$ not be construed to extend to any suit in law
 another State, or by Citizens) Subjects of any Foreign State.

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Amendment 12-Choosing the President, Vice-President. Ratified 6/15/1804.


The Electors shall meet in their respective starespand vote by ballot for President and Vice-President, one of whom, at least, shall not be an mitt of the same state with themselves, they stein yak e in heidi ballots the ocerspitn voted for as President, and in distinct ballots the ?
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The President of the Senate shall, in the presence of the Senate and House of Representatives, open all the certificates and the votes shall then be counted;

The firizin having the greatest Number of votes for President, shall be the President, if such number be a majority of the whole number of electors appointed and if no petite have
 Free on the list of those voted for as President, the House of Representatives shall choose immediately, by ballot, the President. But in choosing the President, the votes shall be taken byestates, the representation from acbstate having one vote; a quorum for this ion -purposeshall consist of a member or milutrêt from two-thirds of the states, and a
 Representatives shall not choose a President whenever the righto choice shall devolves Trausuanss upon them, before the fourth day of March next following, then the Vice-President shall act as President, as in the case of the death or other constitutional disability of the President.

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The person having the greatest number of votes as Vice-President, shall be the VicePresident, if such number be a majority of the whole number of (Electors appointed) and if no parson have majority, then from the two highest numbers on the list, the Senate shall choose the Vice-President; aquorumfor the purpose) shall consist of two-thirds of the whole number of Senators, and a majority of the whole number shall be necessary to a choice. But personconstitutionally ineligibletto the office of President shall be eligible


Amendment 13 - Slavery Abolished. Ratified 12/6/1865.





1. All persons mormon haturalizedin the United States ${ }^{6}$ and subject to theojurisdiction of THE thereof are citizens of the United States and (6) the State te whereinithey reside. No State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the oftriteges or immunises ofitizens

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2. Representatives hall be apportioned among the several States according to their respective numbers, counting the whole number of Peftstysineach State, excluding (Indians President and Vice-President of the United States, Representatives in Congress, the Executive and Judicial officers of a State, or the members of the Legislature thereof is Quacifinanous बeniect to any of the male inhabitants of such State, being twenty-one years of age, and citizens of the United States, or in any way abridged, except for participation inrebellion. orothejc crime, the basis of representation therein shall be reduced in the proportion which the number of such male citizensshalneary to the whole number of male citizens twenty-one years of age in such State. LAY WASTE AS IMminent danker will hot Admit dünay. Extra-Constiotiortal AnTI sections 10
3. No person shall be a Senator or Representative in Congress, or elector of President and

Vice-President, or hold any ${ }^{\text {Bump }}$
 the United States, or as a member of hind tat legislature, or as an executive or judicial Persons
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 incurred for payment of pensions and bounties) for services in suppressing insurrection or HEn Q TAX rebellion, (hall not be questioned) But neither the United Statesonoranyskait shall assume or pay any debt or obligation incurred in aid of insurrection or rebellion against No LiABiciry? the United States, or any claim for the loss or emancipation of gysiave) but all such
5. The Congress shall have power to enforce, byappropratelegislation, the provisions of this article.

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## Amendment 15 - Race No Bar to Vote. Ratified 2/3/1870.

2. The Congress shall have power to enforce this anticleby appropriate legislation.

Amendment 16 - Status of Income Tax Clarified. Ratified 2/3/1913. ORE SRTE (LAND)


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Amendment 17 - Senators Elected by Popular Vote. Ratified 4/8/1913.
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When vacancies happen(iii) the representation ofay State iii) the Senate, the executive

Amendment 18 -Liquor Abolished, Ratified 1/16/1919. Repealed by Amendment 21,
2. The Congress and the several States shall have concurrent power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.
3. This article shall be inoperative unless it shall have peen ratified as an amendment to the Constitution by the legislatures of the sevestald fates, as provided in tho Constitution, withiii) seven years from the date of he submission heredity the States by the Congress.
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The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex. Gender.
Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

Amendment 20 - Presidential, Congressional Terms. Ratified 1/23/1933.

1. The terms of the President and Vice President shall end at noon on the 20th day of January, and the terms of Senators and Representatives at noon on the 3d day of January, of the yeadin which such termewould have ended (1ithis article had not been ratified; and the terms of their successors shall then begin.
shall then begin. REQUISATEAS

2. The Congress shall assemble at least once(iilevery year, andsuch)meeting shall begin
at noon on the Sd day of January, unless they shall by law appomba different day.

3. If, at the time nixed for the beginning of the term of the President, the © President elect shall have died, the Vice Presidentelectssiatitecome President. If a President shall not have been chosen before the time fixed for the beguin elect shall have failed to quality then the Vice Prestdentelect shall act as President until

 elected and such person shall act accordingly until a President or Vice President shall havequalified as requisite SELFELECTED? Qunfied Requisite
4. The Congress may byanorovidefor the case of the death ofay of the persons from Providing For whom the House of Representatives may choose a President whenever the right ofchoice shall have devolved apo them, and for the case of the deatlfof any of the persons from whom the Senate may choose a Vice President whenever the right of choice shall have devolved uponcthem- SUBmission of/AS FACT.
5. Sections 1 and 2 shan take effect on the 15 th day of October following the ratification of this article.
6. This article shall be@operativesinless it shall have been ratified as an amendment to the Constitution by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several States within seven years from the date of itssubmissiom.
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Amendment 21 - Amendment 18 Repealed. Ratified 12/5/1933.

1. The eighteenth article of amendment to the Constitution of the United States is hereby repealed. political Disorderly Behaviór?
Governmental inducement?

2. The transportation or importation into any State, Territory, or possession of the United States for delivery or use therein ofintoxicatingliquors, in violation of the laws thereof - 2 NL is hereby prohibited.
3. The article shall be inoperative unless it shall have been ratified as an amendment to the Constitution by conventions iii the several States, as provided in) the Constitution, within seven years from the date of the submissioncherent(athe States by the) Congress.


Amendment 22 - Presidential Term Limits. Ratified 2/27/1951.
 1. No person shall be elected to the office of the President more than (ice) and no person who has held the office of President or acted as President for more than two years of a term to which some der person was elected President shall be elected to the office of the President more than once. But this Article shall not apply to any person holding the office of President, whenthisArticle was proposed by the Congress, and shall not prevent any pefsell who may be holding the office of President, or acting as President, during the termwithiin which this Article becomes operativefrom holding the office of President or@acting as President during the remainder of such term.

2 2. This article shall be inoperative unless it shall have been ratified as an amendment to the) Constitution by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several) States within seven years from the date of its submission o the States by the Congress.

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## Amendment 23 - Presidential Vote for District of Columbia. Ratified 3/29/1961.

 1. The DistricDconstituting the seat of Government of the United States shall appoint in sucDmanner as the Congress may direct: A number of electors of President and Vice President equal to the whole number of, Senators and Representatives in Congress to which theotistric would bo entitled if were a State but in no event more than the least

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populous State; they shall been addiniontofthoserappointed by the States, but they shall be considered, for the purposes of the election of President and Vide President, to be DistRict electors appointed by . State; and they shall meet in the District and perform sacerduties as provided by theltharticle of amendment. THE SAME STATE WITHAN THEMSELUES, LiKE
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2. The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.


Amendment 24 - Poll Tax Barred. Ratified 1/23/1964.

en?<br>1. The right of citizens) of the United States ${ }^{6}$ to vormonet in any primary or other election for President or Vice President, for electors for President or Vice President, or for Senator or

Representative in Congress, shall not be denied or abridged by the United States\%r any State by reason of failure to pay any poll taxi or other fax pient TAM $=$ Bons
2. The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.


## Amendment 26 - Voting Age Set to 18 Years. Ratified 7/1/1971.

1. The right of citizens of the United States, who are eighteen years of age or older, to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of age. But oh the fact that they considered a "Free Person" in article I section 2. AMD ARE CONSIDERED INCLUDED WITHIN THE UNION.
2. The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.


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Chair Justice, Commissioners all, County Administrator Woodard, good morning.

## Thank you for this opportunity to speak with you about, probably, the most important topic of our times.

My name is Gerald Goer. Permit me to introduce the Reverend Bob Murphy, Pastor of the Tarpon Springs Unitarian Universalist Congregation and our President Robin Yates.

My wife Janet and I have for twenty-one years resided at 1104 Clippers Way in Tarpon Springs. I currently sit on the Budget Advisory Committee for the City and have since it was established seven years ago. I believe if you were to ask any of the Tarpon Springs political leaders, past or present, or staff, they would say Gerald Goen is credible, passionate, but reasonable, and someone whose word you can trust. As a member of the Tarpon Springs Unitarian Universalist Congregation, I sit on the statewide Board of UU Justice Florida and the UU Justice Florida Action Network, the legislative forum for the UU Church in Florida, and have served since its inception in 2007.

Before settling in Florida, I taught/coached \& guidance counseled in the Indiana public schools. In 1972, I left the classroom to advocate for teachers as staff with Indiana State Teachers Association and National Education Association. As such, I lobbied, negotiated and conducted arbitration cases before the American Arbitration Association and the Indiana Education Employment Relations Board.

I understand government budgets. If you were to give me your budget, I could pick it apart, but I don't do that any more. I know the needs you must try to meet. I know how you must compromise with each other to build a budget. I know the limitations in monies to fund any given budget. Therefore, I am here to talk with you both short and long range. I understand your responsibilities and trust you have the best interest of the citizens in your hearts and minds. Unlike some citizens or politicians, I believe in you. We must, it is the only way democracy can work and last.

That's why I am here today (point to great grand-son's picture). That is why I made a similar presentation to the Tarpon Springs City Commission last summer and fall. That is Cameron our two-year old great-grandson. Now,

Cameron and his newly arrived brother Colesen don't live in Pinellas County. They don't even live in Florida. They live in suburban Fort Wayne, Indiana, but they along with the Camelite's and Colette's of the world will be affected by what you and I do, or don't do about Climate Change. Now, I know each of you have sons/daughters and grand-sons/grand-daughters and, perhaps a great-grand son or daughter. So, I know you too, care!

I am not here to debate the issue of Climate Change. The debate is over. The science is in. Climate Change is happening; it's happening now; it's happen here; and it's happening much, much faster than we are willing to admit. Listen to what Jimi Sadle, a botanist at the Everglades National Park (Imperiled Plants Report 10 years in the research-March 2015), "We kind of knew (sea level rise) was going on. But, now we see it's real, and it's happening down here". The culprits? The same threats faced by the park's endangered animals: rising sea levels, invasive spices and humans.

The countries of the World have met this year in Paris and put their stamp of concern on Climate Change. The Pope, the leaders of the Greek Church, our own Unitarian Universalist president have all spoken out on the seriousness of Climate Change. So, I am here to implore you to do more, and even to start some initiates.

Our Tarpon Springs UU Church is undergoing major renovation due to a sinkhole, yes a sinkhole. When the sanctuary and parsonage are put back together early next year, in addition to the tourist attraction of the Inness Paintings and architecturally "Wow" buildings, we will have forward looking alterative energy, recycling, and other energy saving features that say to the world, "UU's care about the future, so come follow us!" The congregation is in the process of "officially" becoming a "Green Sanctuary" and all that such entails. I have been appointed our "Green" leader. We are willing to put our money where are mouth is!

Now, with that thought in mind, here is where you come in. You must lead, big time. It will take courage, vision, and work. History will judge whether you were up to the challenge.

In Tarpon Springs, if a developer or resident cuts down a tree they had better be ready to replace it with another. If they don't they will pay a fine and the City will plant a tree where one is needed. Trees sustain us! I urge you to
talk with City Manager Mark Lacouris and model a countywide program after Tarpon Springs. Organize a daylong conference of Cities/tax units and hear the Tarpon Springs' program, then work for its adoption all over the county. Lead!

We had curbside recycling in Auburn, Indiana, thirty years ago before we came to Florida. Now, we have had it for 20+ years in Tarpon Springs. Every Municipality in Pinellas County should, no must, have a program. The county must make recycling stations much more accessible. I just learned last week you are working on this. Work faster. Lead!

Sea level rise is here. Recently, a friend approached me at our Interfaith Climate Conference who said, "We were in Tarpon Spring last week to eat Greek food, and is that water always in the street and is it caused by sea level rise?" I paused for moment thinking, "Well, yes we have had water problems, but a couple years ago the City made a significant invested in drainage to correct the problem. So, to be honest, I don't know if sea level rise is contributing to the problem" (Sunday at 1:40 in the afternoon, we saw it for ourselves. Water was all over Tarpon Springs. Have never seen it that bad before). A couple weeks later I just happened to be talking on the phone with the City Manage and related the conversation to him. I just about dropped the phone when Mark said, "Yes, we are seeing higher than normal Moon Tides". Moon Tides in Tarpon Springs; King Tides in Miami-they are the same.

Walking communities are a big part of the solution to climate change. In 2005, Tarpon Spring hired a nationally renowned community planner to look at the city and make recommendation for it future. He strongly recommended a Walking Community where residents could live, work, shop, play, have all their needs met, and limit significantly the use of the car. Under the leadership of Karen Lemmons, Tarpon Springs' Community Development Director, it is beginning to happen. It is the smart way to build environmentally friendly cities and save the planet as you build. I know other communities are doing some great things. So, call municipalities together and champion the idea of a Walking Community and share what is being done in this county. Lead.

In 2015, you commissioned a survey of all Pinellas County municipalities as to their engagement with Sea Level Rise. You have a lot of work to do. "When asked to self-rate their community's engagement with the issue of

Sea Level Rise on a scale of one to ten, with 1 representing the lowest level of engagement, 15 municipalities rated a " 1 " and only one rose to a " 7 ". The average was 1.92 ." "A few communities had a higher tendency to fall back on the "this is an issue beyond my time". All of the researchers I am listening to say they are wrong, perhaps, dead wrong. But, they need information, financial resources, staff, and most of all leadership from you. I urge you to revisit the report, "Final Report: Municipal Engagement with Sea Level Rise in Pinellas County Projects" July 7, 2015 I will give you only one, handout today and that relates to the issue of sea level rise. The four-page handout was distributed at an Inter-faith Climate Change Conference I attended in February. The information is disturbing, but necessary to accept. I urge you to read the four pages, study the map and then listen to other credible scientists. I know of your "Countywide Vulnerability Assessment" Plan. Good start! Just don't study too long. And, accelerate your participation with other Tampa Bay area groups working on the issue.

Friday, I attended a conference conduced by the St. Petersburg College Institute for Strategic Policy Solutions. I have provided you an agenda and on it marked two videos you should see. Your very own Kelli Hammer Levy also made a presentation I understand you have not seen. Kelli can help you with it all. The videos talk about beach erosion: what you think is working, but isn't; how young people are concerned; and what is happening with our estuaries right here in Pinellas County. They all talk about urgency. Lead!

This is a regional problem. I really don't want my kids to need a motorboat to visit our crypts at Curlew Hills.

Countywide People Mover. I wouldn't spent a lot of time on this subject, except to say, what a disservice that the referendum lost. The loss set us back, probably, $10+$ years. And we cannot afford to be set back on any Climate Change issue. So, get it going again, sooner not later.

Last solar energy. Tarpon Springs has had a pilot 20 panel Solar Energy project operating on its wastewater building for almost three years now. They believe it to be a success. So much, so they want to expand it to the new Reverse Osmosis Plant as soon as possible. We should have solar energy operating on every government building by 2030. It takes vision, commitment and courage to make the investment. If it wasn't a solid future,
why has Lockheed Martin made such a visible investment? You need to take the lead on all county buildings, call on others to follow you and make Pinellas County a shinning example of the future. And, you need to see that every citizen has the opportunity at a low cost investment to make solar the right energy choice. Talk about jobs, a tourist attraction, increased tax revenue. Win-win-win! While you are leading, you can make Pinellas County a showcase for the world.

You are powerful people, very powerful people. What, depending your criteria, the third or fourth largest county in Florida? If I did not think you were powerful, influential people, I'd still be home in bed. Use your power! Speak out publicly. Adopt resolutions against Fracking (We need to focus on alternative energies, not past sources. Systems that will attract tourist and dollars, not scare them away.), I understand you are going to do that today. Thank you. There is hope! Also, resolutions against drilling in the Gulf (same as Fracking) and, probably, against big money in campaigns and for solar bills that put the resources in the hands of citizens. Don't only lobby behind the scenes (I assume, and sure hope, you are doing so), but speak out for all to hear. You are powerful people!

Well, that is a beginning. As President Kennedy once said, our work will not be finished, "in the life of this administration, nor even, perhaps, in our lifetime on this planet. But let us begin". I have run this presentation past the Tarpon Springs staff. That is not to say they approve every thought, but they have been working with me on most of the issues put forward. I would like that opportunity to sit down with Chair Justice, County Administrator Woodard, or others to explore where we are at the County level and how we can expedite these and other initiatives. I have resources.

Just as I did in Tarpon Springs, I will return in three months, or so, and see how we are doing on these issues.

Thank you for your service. I look forward to rapidly moving forward so that Cameron and Colsen will have the beautiful beaches to enjoy as have Janet and I.

Gerald Goen


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# The Coming Reality of Sea Level Rise: Too Fast Too Soon Harold R. Wanless, Ph.D. <br> Professor and Chair, Department of Geological Sciences <br> University of Miami, Coral Gables, Florida, 33124 

## Summary

The reality of accelerating rates of sea level rise as the result of human-induced global warming is becoming increasingly dire and urgently needs to be addressed. In 2012, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) published the most recent United States Government sea level rise projections as a part of the National Climate Assessment. Those projections, which included anticipated acceleration in ice melt from Greenland and Antarctica, were for 4.1 to 6.6 feet of sea level rise by 2100. That could mean 2 feet by as early as 2048 and 3 feet by 2063. A two to three foot rise of sea level will make nearly all of the barrier islands of the world uninhabitable, result in inundation of a major portion of the world's deltas, and make low-lying coastal zones like south Florida increasingly challenging communities in which to maintain infrastructure and welfare and to assure protection of life and property during hurricanes and other extreme events.

## Current realities

Most of the models projecting future sea level rise assume a gradual acceleration of sea level rise through this century and beyond as Greenland and Antarctic ice melt gradually accelerates. Our knowiedge of how sea level rose out of the past ice age paints a very different picture of sea level response to climate change. At the depth of the last ice age, about 18,000 years ago, sea level was some 420 feet below present level as ice was taken up by large continental ice sheets. Subsequent ice melt and sea level rise was not a gradual acceleration and then deceleration. Rather it was a series of very rapid pulses of sea level rise followed by pauses. These rapid pulses of rise, from three to thirty feet probably within a century, were fast enough to leave drowned reefs, sandy barrier islands, tidal inlet deltas, and other coastal deposits abandoned across the continental shelf. That is what happens when the climate warms: It destabilizes some ice sheet sector which rapidly disintegrates, resulting in a rapid pulse of global sea level rise.

Our significantly warmed atmospheric climate is resulting in an accelerated ice melt of the surface of the Greenland Ice Sheet. Much of the surface of the Ice Sheet is darkening as the dust and black carbon in the ice concentrate on the melting surface. This accelerates heat adsorption, further accelerating surface ice melt - one of many feedbacks not in current models.

More importantly, warmed ocean water is accelerating ice melt in both Polar Regions. The warming North Atlantic Ocean and Arctic Ocean have been accelerating ice melt all around Greenland since about 1995 as this dense 'warm' ocean water enters the deep outlet glacial fjords and penetrates far into and under the Ice Sheet. "Warm" ocean water is now also penetrating deeply into fjords under outlet glaciers and adjacent Ice Sheets of both West Antarctica and East Antarctica. Each of these "warm" waters is only 2-4 degrees Celsius, but they are causing a powerful amount of melting. We are creating a basically unlimited supply of warmth to the oceans for this to continue.

The beginnings of this polar Ice Sheet melt are showing numerous positive reinforcing feedbacks, which are rapidly accelerating the rate of melt far beyond anything being projected in current models. For example, because water on the melting ice surface absorbs more heat, surface melt is accelerated; this melt water percolates down through the ice and lubricates the base permitting faster motion, which results in more extensive fracturing. Water percolating through the fractured ice accelerates ice melt and warms the ice, which results in the softening of the ice and even
further acceleration. With the rapid melting of the Arctic Ocean pack ice and warming of the Arctic Ocean, release of additional carbon dioxide and methane from decaying organics in the melted permafrost, and melting of methane hydrates on the Arctic continental shelf, the accelerating melt of the adjacent Greenland Ice Sheet seems irreversible. We are most certainly witnessing the onset of a rapid pulse of sea level rise.

In the spring of 2014, NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory, Cal Tech, and the University of California-Irvine all came out with documentation showing that ice melt in from the margins of the West Antarctic Ice Sheet is much less constrained by underlying bathymetry than previously considered (i.e., bottom substrate is much deeper below the ice). The documentation also demonstrates that the numerous fjords penetrating in from the Greenland coast are deeper and extend much further in under the Ice Sheet than previously thought. In 2015, similarly accelerating ice melt has been documented under the East Antarctic Ice Sheet. Each of these findings means that warmed ocean water is now more easily penetrating further under these ice sheets, and that accelerating ice melt will be happening significantly faster than previously thought.

In the summer of 2013, I had the opportunity to witness the melting ice sheets, flying about 50 miles onto the Greenland Ice Sheet following the deep channel below the Jacobshaven Icefjord in western Greenland to an elevation on the ice sheet of more than 6,000 feet. It was like flying up a large, meandering, fractured streambed in the ice surface. The channel was roughly 500 feel below the level of the ice sheet and dramatically fractured from the accelerated ice flow. This was created by melt at the base from deeply penetrating 'warmed' ocean water. As a result of the fracturing and detachment from the bottom, the forward velocity of the ice has accelerated from a couple of miles to over 20 miles per year. This witnessed event was a spectacular, but disturbing experience.

In light of our improving understanding of ice melt, we probably should be anticipating at least 7 to 30 feet of global sea level rise by the end of the century regardless of what we do. Even if we stopped burning fossil fuels tomorrow, the greenhouse gasses in the atmosphere will keep warming the atmosphere for at least another 30 years. More than 90 percent of this global warming heat is ending up in the oceans, which have the capacity to capture and store and use this heat for centuries. As a result, ice melt and sea level rise will continue for centuries. Most projections recognize that sea level rise will be accelerating through this century and the next. When we are talking about a 4-6 feet rise by the end of the century, this will not be a new fixed sea level. This level will be a point during a continued acceleration of sea level rise because of continuing acceleration of ice melt. If we encounter a five feet increase at the end of the century, sea level will be rising at a foot per decade.

There is currently a very aggressive building boom underway in south Florida (i.e., on the barrier islands and throughout downtown and in the low western areas bordering the Everglades, presently 230 new condominiums are under construction in Miami-Dade County). South Florida is building without considering the viability of construction or challenge of maintaining a low coastal infrastructure anywhere with that level of sea level increase. There are already areas that will be unlivable and properties that will be unsellable within a 30 -year mortgage cycle.

## Scientific opportunities and challenges

Several recent papers, including one from the National Research Council, have pointed out that we now have greenhouse gas levels sufficient to cause a 79 -foot sea level rise. Our recorded history does not have direct observations as to how fast destabilized ice sheet sectors can disintegrate. Indications from the past and the present are that pulses of sea level rise happen very fast (e.g. 3-30 feet per century).

Even with the current projection of 6.6 feet in sea level rise by the end of the century, it is beyond sobering to consider the risk in the present investments. With a further two feet of sea level rise (possibly before 2048) most of the barrier islands (of south Florida and the worid) will become abandoned and the people relocated; at the same time low areas (e.g., Sweetwater and Hialeah bordering the Everglades) will become flooded more frequently and therefore become increasingly difficult places to live. Citizens in these areas will lose their freshwater resources, be living in a community with a failing and disconnected infrastructure, and be at increasing risk from catastrophic storm surges, flooding from hurricanes, and failing sewage treatment plants.

Many renowned scientists have concluded that global sea level may rise 15-30 feet by the end of the century. However, communities should begin planning using the 2012 NOAA projections for planning (4.1-6.6 feet by 2100 ). With that, they will quickly realize that very serious problems will be occurring very soon. With accelerating sea levels projected through this century and beyond, there is a need to refocus on realistic plans to maintain community stability during relocation and environmental quality during inundation. South Florida cannot consider the option of living below sea level with levees and dikes because the limestone and sand substrate is much too porous and permeable. With this planning using the NOAA projections, it will be easy to adapt them to higher and faster rates of sea level rise.

## Policy issues

- Counties must aggressively and transparently plan for their future - integrating highresolution elevation, storm surge, flood risk, and infrastructure elevation maps to determine the timing, costs and economic feasibility for maintaining a functional infrastructure, viable insurance, and human health and safety.
- Maps need to be produced for each six inches of sea level rise. With these, intelligent planning can be done to determine what areas and infrastructures are currently at unacceptable risk, and at what threshoids and costs infrastructure will have to be modified to maintain functionality and acceptable risk. These maps can also determine infrastructure services that will have to be discontinued from certain sectors because of unacceptable risk or cost.
- We must act within the framework of the reality before us. As there is little possibility that these sea level rise projections will diminish, it is imperative to:
(a) Terminate long-term, infrastructure-intensive development of barrier islands and low-lying coastlines.
(b) Divert public money from hard or soft shore-protection measures into funds to be used for relocation assistance, cleaning low-lying polluted lands, and removing storm-damaged development and infrastructure.
(c) Establish firm sea-level-rise thresholds for termination of infrastructure services and for permission to rebuild following storm destruction.
(d) Establish pre-planned sea-level-rise thresholds that stage insurance withdrawal through cooperative public-private agreements.
(e) Implement the Southeast Florida Regional Climate Change Compact, which has some 1,200 action items to help insure the stability of affected individuals and communities.
(f) Initiate intensive education for the affected public.

Without planning, there will come a point where society and civilization as we know it will collapse into chaos. We can only prevent this scenario with serious planning and effort. Our children and future civilization deserve much better than we are presently doing.


Maps provided by Peter Harlem, Florida international University, 2014


Over $93 \%$ of the human-induced global warming heat has been transferred to and is accumulating in the oceans. This is what is making slowing and reversal of future warming and sea level rise so difficult to impossible. How to you cool a warmed ocean? (Graph from NOAA).

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Adjourn

Thank you to the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council and to members of today's program planning team.

There is an old Indiana farm story that makes an appropriate point to my presentation. I'd loved to tell it, but, probably, won't have the time. So, here goes. The real names have been changed to protect the Indiana farmers.

Farmer Justice unfortunately had his only mule die right at the beginning of planting season. Desperate for help, he went next door to his old time friend farmer Long and told her of his plight. She said, "I have an extra mule I'll sell you and he will work his tail off for you". "Great", replied farmer Justice. "Just one thing", said farmer Long, "You must, at all times, treat the mule with kindness. Never, ever mistreat him, or he'll quit working". "No problem", said farmer Justice.

Farmer Justice took the mule home and for a week feed him the best grain, gave him plenty of water, fresh straw for bedding and even piped in some soft music to the stall.

On Monday, Farmer Justice hitched up the mule, went around to his head, told him what a fine looking mule he was, and patted him on the neck. Then, picked up the reins and said, "Giddy up". The mule sat down. Thinking he had made a mistake, Farmer Justice went back in front of the mule stroked him again, rubbed him between the ears and even gave him a kiss on the nose". Again, farmer Justice picked up the reins and gave the command to go. This time the mule laid down completely.

Now farmer Justice is getting a little angry. He went to Farmer Long told her what was happening and complained, "I think you sold me a lemon. I think you lied to me". "Oh no", replied Farmer Long "You're doing all the right things, except one. Let me show you".

They went back to the mule. Farmer Long saw a limb about the size of a baseball bat on the ground. She picked up the limb, went to the mule, and hauled off and struck the mule right between the eyes. The mule let out groan, jumped to his feet and began straining at the harness.
"Wait a minute", said farmer Justice, "You said I was to always be kind to the him, and never mistreat him and then you hit him between the eyes".

Farmer long smiled and said, "That's right, but first, you have to get his attention".
So, I hope without hitting you between the eyes I got your attention on, what I believe to be, the most important issue facing you-Climate Change. Let's get busy and, at least, mitigate against its damages.


[^0]:    He has kept among us, in times of peace, Standing Armies without the Consent of our legislatures.
    He has affected to render the Military independent of and superior to the Civil power. He has combined with others to subject us to a jurisdiction foreign to our constitution, and unacknowledged by our laws; giving his Assent to their Acts of pretended Legislation: For Quartering large bodies of armed troops among us:
    For protecting them, by a mock Trial, from punishment for any Murders which they should commit on the Inhabitants of these States:
    For cutting off our Trade with all parts of the world:
    For imposing Taxes on us without our Consent:
    For depriving us in many cases, of the benefits of Trial by Jury:
    For transporting us beyond Seas to be tried for pretended offences
    For abolishing the free System of English Laws in a neighbouring Province, establishing therein an Arbitrary government, and enlarging its Boundaries so as to render it at once an example and fit instrument for introducing the same absolute rule into these Colonies: For taking away our Charters, abolishing our most valuable Laws, and altering fundamentally the Forms of our Governments:
    For suspending our own Legislatures, and declaring themselves invested with power to legislate for us in all cases whatsoever.
    He has abdicated Government here, by declaring us out of his Protection and waging War against us.
    He has plundered our seas, ravaged our Coasts, burnt our towns, and destroyed the lives of our people.
    He is at this time transporting large Armies of foreign Mercenaries to compleat the works of death, desolation and tyranny, already begun with circumstances of Cruelty \& perfidy scarcely paralleled in the most barbarous ages, and totally unworthy the Head of a civilized nation.
    He has constrained our fellow Citizens taken Captive on the high Seas to bear Arms against their Country, to become the executioners of their friends and Brethren, or to fall themselves by their Hands.
    He has excited domestic insurrections amongst us, and has endeavoured to bring on the inhabitants of our frontiers, the merciless Indian Savages, whose known rule of warfare, is an undistinguished destruction of all ages, sexes and conditions.

