

101 THINGS TO DO 'TIL THE REVOLUTION

Ideas and resources for self-liberation,
monkey wrenching and preparedness

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About once a year, a book crosses my desk that gets me up on my feet, cornering my long-suffering cohorts so I can read them passages aloud.

It happened a year ago with John Ross' novel of the gun culture, "Unintended Consequences" (Accurate Press, St. Louis.) Previous to that was Peter Duesberg's "Inventing the AIDS Virus" (Regnery) and L. Neil Smith's inspiring novel of handguns in outer space, "Pallas" (Tor.)

This year, Christmas came just a few days late when I opened my mail on Jan. 3 to discover an unobtrusive little 191-page trade paperback by Claire Wolfe.

Of late, I can pretty well predict my e-mail will contain several messages a week from earnest souls who plead: "Have just discovered your columns. Always thought of myself as a conservative or Republican, but find I agree with almost everything you say. The government is out of control and our remaining freedoms are being sold down the river. But no matter how many politicians promise to roll back taxes and repeal bad laws, we just get more of the same. Help! What can I do?"

In the past, I've responded by talking about the importance of becoming a fully-informed juror, the importance of acquiring and learning the safe use of militia-style arms and standing up for those persecuted for insisting that only an armed people can ever be free. And I've talked of the insidiousness of the mandatory government youth propaganda camps.

Imagine my relief at now being able to say: "There happens to be a new book that answers this very question, available for just \$20.90 postpaid from Loompanics Unlimited in Port Townsend, Washington. Twenty percent discount for five to nine copies, 40 percent off for 10 to 49, dial 1-800-380-2230."

In her introduction to "101 Things to Do 'Til the Revolution," Claire Wolfe writes: "America is at that awkward stage. It's too late to work within the system, but too early to shoot the bastards. On the road to tyranny, we've gone so far that polite political action is about as useless as a miniskirt in a convent.

"Something's eventually going to happen. ...Maybe it'll be one more round of 'reasonable gun control' or one more episode of burning children to death to save them from 'child abuse.' Whatever. Something will snap.

Until then, what do you do?"

Ms. Wolfe's "101" answers are useful and on point.

From shifting your meager assets to where that junkie with the million-dollar-a-minute habit, Uncle Sam, can't lay hands on them, to the proper way to bury your guns should blanket confiscation loom (as

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Dedication

This book is based on the premise that, when governments turn bad, the best people ultimately become criminals. The people don't change; the laws do. Initiative, dissent, individual pleasures, and exercise of one's basic rights become "crimes." Obscure regulations and technical paper-work violations are used to destroy people who dare to speak their minds.

The ideal citizen of a tyrannical state is the man or woman who bows in silent obedience in exchange for the status of a well-cared-for herd animal. Thinking people become the tyrant's greatest enemies.

Before their thunder roars, there is a period of anticipation, in which more occurs than the literal-minded tyrant can ever understand. A few overt acts of sedition shatter the heavy peace. But the greater force, unrecognized, rolls forward in near silence, as millions of individuals quietly withdraw their consent from the state. The pundits call it apathy. They could not be more wrong.

That time is now and we are those people.

This book is dedicated to you, the Enemy of the State.

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Foreword

America is at that awkward stage.

It's too late to work within the system, but too early to shoot the bastards.

On the road to tyranny, we've gone so far that polite political action is about as useless as a miniskirt in a convent. But most people are still standing around numb and confused, knowing something's wrong with the country, but hoping it isn't quite as bad as they're beginning to suspect it is. Only a few folks with really cranky tempers or unusual foresight are ready to throw off their chains.

Something's eventually going to happen. Government will bloat until it chokes us to death, or one more tyrannical power grab will turn out to be one too many. Maybe it'll be a national ID card (or datachip), maybe random, roving wiretaps on our telephones. Maybe it'll be one more round of "reasonable gun control" or one more episode of burning children to death to save them from "child abuse." Whatever. Something will snap. The time will come, and we'll all know it. People will force change — maybe from the barrel of a gun.

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The “revolution” of the book title may never be a shooting war. I hope to hell it isn't. But it will be a time of explosive change, of chaos, of entrenched power fighting for its life against the forces of freedom, or of power collapsing and leaving a vacuum. It will happen.

Until then, what do you do?

What do you do if you care about freedom? What do you do if you don't want to be an apathetic toad, a mad bomber, or a Good Little Citizen begging an unhearing congresscritter to give back the rights he and his buddies swiped from you? (“Dear Congressman Bacon: You're such a busy and important person, I'm sure this little matter has just slipped your mind temporarily. But 90 percent of the federal government is unconstitutional. Since I know how much you value your oath to defend the Constitution, I'm sure you'll want to abolish all the unauthorized agencies and programs right away. Please don't forget to repeal all the illegal laws and get rid of taxes while you're at it. Thank you in advance for taking care of this matter. Yours truly, Goodie Twoshoes.”)

For government consists in nothing else but so controlling subjects that they shall neither be able to, nor have cause to do [it] harm...

— Niccolò Machiavelli

Well, here are 101 things you could try.

The ideas in this book mostly fall into three categories:

- Self-liberation — things that are a good idea no matter what the government does or doesn't do;
- Monkey-wrenching — little irritants to help wake people up and bring the system down(bit by bit);

- Preparation — things that could help you survive the worst of the mess, once the government's fecal matter does finally hit the rotary airfoil.

Some are high-profile. Some are low-profile. Some are for people who find creativity and challenge in confrontation. More are for those of us who'd just as soon avoid fuss. Because different things work for different people, some of these items are even contradictory. That's one of the beauties of a free society.

Wherever needed, I've added a little bit of how-to information or a phone number, address or reference book so you can learn more on your own.

So pick and choose among all the items here, or let them inspire you to come up with your own.

Obligatory legal notice

One final warning. There are a few ideas in this book that would probably be illegal if you actually carried them out. A couple more might be illegal in one state but OK in another. There are even some that, while perfectly, absolutely legal, might still get you arrested by some cop who's learned that intimidation is the only "law" that's necessary when dealing with sheep. Merely standing up for your rights these days can be a dangerous thing.

I can't — and wouldn't — advise you to do anything illegal. Of course, these days, there are 11 million pages of federal laws and regulations (which would take you your entire lifetime to read). There are 200 pages of new laws and regs every day. There are God knows how many state and local laws, and there are 250 million scared, cowed citizens, who have no idea what's legal or illegal anymore — leaving them prepared to follow any order issued by someone with a badge or a federal ID card. If I advised you to fill a mud puddle in

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your driveway, chances are I'd be inciting you to violate the federal wetlands act. If I suggested you kill a cockroach, we'd probably both be conspiring to violate the Cockroach Protection Act of 1973. On the other hand, if you didn't kill that cockroach, you'd probably be violating the Urban Sanitation Act of 1967.¹

We're reaching the Orwellian point at which "that which is not forbidden is compulsory."

But the most illegal thing of all is the U.S. federal government, which, in every day, in every way, violates the highest law of the land, the Constitution and Bill of Rights. So what the hell? The worst thing you could do doesn't even begin to compare to that.

In order to keep from getting arrested or sued, however, the publisher and I have to tell you that any ideas about illegal or potentially illegal ideas are *For Educational Purposes Only*, and that we aren't recommending that you follow any of them.

Well, that's true. I'm not advising or recommending that you do anything. Advice is your mother's job. Let your own mind, heart and conscience be your guide to life. The only thing I hope is that you live in freedom, as you see fit, with as little interference as possible from government busybodies and bullies. If any of the suggestions in this book help you do that, good, but your life belongs to you. Live it well. Live it bravely. Live it smart.

Oh, okay, just *one* teeny bit of advice: please don't shoot the bastards. You know how touchy governments can be about such things, and what nasty forms their tantrums take. So please, please, please, no violence — yet.

¹ Both these acts are figments of my imagination, of course. However, thousands of other acts are figments of Congress's imagination. Scary, isn't it?

Foreward

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It is just as difficult and dangerous to try to free a people that wants to remain servile as it is to enslave a people that wants to remain free.

— Niccolò Machiavelli

Note: This book is written from a libertarian/free-market perspective. It presumes a commitment to: gun rights, drug legalization, free minds, free markets, the elimination of taxes, the abolition of federal police agencies, and the least possible amount of government — maybe no government at all. If you fall elsewhere in the philosophical spectrum, you probably won't like some of the ideas here (though I hope you'll keep an open mind). In any case, feel free to adapt the techniques to your own positions. Have fun.

Chapter One and Only

1. Don't write to your congresscritter

Put down that pen! Close that word processing program! Forget all that happy crap you learned in civics class about sharing your views with your "representative." You don't have a representative any more. You merely have someone who thinks he or she is your "leader," unfettered by either your opinions or the Constitution.

Your congresscritter assumes the role of the overseer in the field. You are merely the "n-word" toiling under super-vision. The benevolent massa wants sincerely to "help" you, as long as you toil and obey.

Marx was wrong: religion isn't the opiate of the masses; in modern America, the drug that keeps us numb, dumb and well-behaved is a belief that we can still make a difference by politely voicing our views to our would-be rulers and owners.

The fact is, every minute you spend writing to your congressperson is a minute you don't spend on useful freedom activity. Every minute you spend writing to your congressperson is a minute you fool yourself into believing you're accomplishing something when you're not.

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What happens to your letter

Here's what happens when you write your congresscritter. Your letter is carried into his or her office in a big plastic crate along with thousands of other letters. An aide scans it to see what it's about and sticks a form letter in the mail to you. Then the aide enters your name in the computer, with a notation that you wrote to say, "Vote yes on X" or "Vote no on Y."

If you're lucky, they might actually get the topic right. If you're *really* lucky, they'll record you as being on the side of the issue you're actually on. They're just as likely to record you as being one of your own political enemies, though. Doesn't that make you feel special?

Even if you get what appears to be a "customized" reply, it was written by an aide and probably signed by a machine. The congressperson never saw either your letter or his or her own reply.

If you send an e-mail, an automated system scans your message and zaps back a reply, without your message having been seen by human eyes.

The whole process is designed to say, "There, there now, little citizen, your congressperson cares" — when, in fact, nobody cares.

If you're rich, famous, powerful or influential (or if they think you're a dangerous loony, but that's not an impression you want to make), you have a chance of being heard by someone in Congress. Otherwise, the only time you have the slightest chance of influencing a congressperson's views is when your letter — or fax or phone call — is one of several thousand expressing the same opinion. Then it's only going to help if: 1) the congressperson is already on your side of the issue and wants to wave a basketful of supporting letters during a floor debate; or, 2) the congressperson's seat is

insecure and he or she *has* to do what the people want for a change, or else.

The only method that might do a bit of good

If you just can't live without writing to your congressperson, keep a stack of pre-addressed postcards handy, and when you're so roused up about something you simply have to do it, write, "Vote no on HB2000, the Counterterrorism Act sponsored by Rep. Bigbro," or "Vote yes on SB504, the Privacy Amendment sponsored by Sen. Rarebird."

Bright-colored postcards get more notice, just as shiny objects best attract the attention of mindless rats.

Keep it that simple. Don't waste your time on reasoned argument or constitutional issues. Use those arguments elsewhere, with people who might actually listen.

In order to become the master, the politician poses as the servant.

— Charles de Gaulle

2. Govern yourself

Have you ever daydreamed, "If I were king...?" Well, you are. You are the only legitimate ruler of the Nation of You. Do the job well — and have fun.

3. Love the ones you're with

Are you in a miserable relationship? Do you and your significant other rub each other raw? Do you fight about the same things all the time without resolving anything? Or do you just quietly endure each other's presence without truly communicating or caring?

Then get the hell out!

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Freedom begins at home. You can't have an honest hope of freeing the country if you can't free yourself first. Besides that, when the bad time comes — as it inevitably will — you'll either need to be completely independent or have supportive people around you.

The same thing is true of all your relationships. If your parents control you by guilt, criticism or handouts-with-strings-attached, detach yourself. If you hate your boss and can't resolve the problem, figure out what job you can *realistically* do better — and go.

You've got to support your children. That's an obligation you hung around your own neck when you brought them into the world. But beyond that, nobody has a claim on you except those claims you assent to — and you can withdraw your assent any time you want to.

“For your own good” is a persuasive argument that will eventually make a man agree to his own destruction.

— Janet Frame, writer

4. Don't vote; it only encourages them

If voting could change the system, it would be illegal. That's old, but wise, advice from an anarchist.

In some of the world's worst dictatorships, voting is *compulsory*. Think about the implications of *that*.

Philosophy of government: From each according to his ability; to each according to his irresponsibility.

— Claire Wolfe (With no apologies to Marx)