

# The Dollar Is At Risk

## American Workers Are Therefore At Risk

The economy may be headed for grave trouble. The country needs to take emergency measures and institute deep reforms, asserts experts, including author and congressional candidate Dr. Joe Arminio.

### Our Unique Advantage

The U.S. enjoys an awesome economic advantage that no other country enjoys. Our dollar is the **WORLD RESERVE CURRENCY**; it is used for all manner of international financial transactions.

Ever since 1944, everyone around the world has needed dollars. Other countries must earn their reserve of dollars through the manufacture of goods or delivery of services. Our country need not work as hard. Indeed, America has the option to print more dollars, something that

happens most of the time when we borrow, and, with the freshly printed dollars, our country can purchase additional goods and services from abroad. In addition, foreigners, such as the OPEC countries, reinvest their dollars here.

Our possession of the world reserve currency has become vital to the maintenance of our wealth. Although our industrial production and farming are in serious decline, and while our government and private sector debts are ballooning, we remain wealthy. No other country could behave as we behave now and remain wealthy.

### Abuse Of Our Unique Advantage

For the last forty or so years, the United States has badly exploited and abused the unique advantage that

possession of the world reserve currency confers, and irresponsibly failed to backstop the dollar with sufficient intrinsic wealth, whether with gold or production or both. But we cannot exploit the world reserve currency indefinitely. The circulation of more and more dollars not sufficiently underwritten by actual wealth diminishes the value of dollars that foreigners hold. There comes a point when foreigners will rebel against our abuse of the great role of our currency, and rid themselves of dollars, lest their own wealth melt away.

### America's Achilles Heel

The dumping of dollars would be devastating for our economy. It would drive the value of the dollar far down, relative to other currencies. Upwards of 40% of our

purchases are from foreign sources. Not only that but foreigners invest their surplus of dollars in America. If enough dollars are unloaded, America could be plunged into depression. A depression today would presumably be even deeper than that of 1929, because the debt bubble today is much larger than the debt bubble that brought on the prior crash.

### The Euro Could Take The Place Of The Dollar

Foreigners are angry that America has been abusing the privilege of owning the world reserve currency. There is increasing talk in foreign capitals of having the euro replace the dollar, as the world reserve currency. What is more, the most ominous thing was spoken by the former Chairman of the Federal Reserve Alan

Greenspan. On September 17, 2007, he said the days of the supreme role of the dollar may be numbered. Many analysts even predict the replacement of the dollar by the euro by 2010 or sooner!

### The Democrats Harm The Dollar

From 1944 until the early 1960's, America could have been a much better steward of its economic good fortune, which ownership of the world reserve currency conferred. But the Johnson administration and the Democrats controlling Congress dramatically accelerated the dollar's downfall with massive spending and borrowing. The nation's debt reached such burdensome levels that, in 1971, America stopped backing the dollar with gold,

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## The Patriot Act Threatens Civil Liberties

Within days after the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, Neocons in the Department of Justice began work on legislation that would transfer extraordinary powers to the executive branch of government and imperil Americans' civil liberties.

Less than two months later, Congress, with virtually no debate, passed the USA Patriot Act. Indeed the 315 page Patriot Act Bill was posted on the US House intranet for all of 15 minutes before the vote on the Bill was held. Ron Paul voted no; Wayne Gilchrest voted yes.

The Act empowers the government to access medical records, tax records, financial records and other private, personal information without probable cause, and the power to break into our homes and conduct secret searches without the knowledge of the target.

The Patriot Act also allows federal agents to issue their own search warrants with no court approval. The Act also makes it a felony for the recipients of these secret warrants to reveal to anyone that they have been searched.

Joe Armino believes we must protect the Constitution and our civil liberties and repeal the Patriot Act. If we surrender our freedoms, the terrorists have already won.

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## Both Legal and Illegal Immigration Reform Needed

Joe Arminio, candidate for Congress in Maryland's 1st district has called for comprehensive immigration reform that deals with not only illegal but also legal immigration. It is bad enough there are over 10 million illegals here. But legals are pouring in at 1 million a year, which will nearly double the population in 40 years!

Arminio's plan calls for effective border enforcement to stop illegal entry and gradually limiting legal immigration to about one-tenth of 1% of the total U. S. population per year (about 300,000 per year), as prevailed before 1965.

New legislation would lower legal immigration numbers according to a reasonable schedule. Attrition through law enforcement would backstop the legislation. Following the successful Eisenhower model from the 1950's, there would be random searches and illegals would be captured and sent back deep beyond our own borders. Businesses hiring illegals would be prosecuted.

We need tougher laws and stricter enforcement, not a fence. Eisenhower solved the illegals problem in his day with no fence and one-tenth the border patrol.

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## How To Revive The Dollar and Double Wages

### Arminio's Plan In A Nutshell

- Do What Worked Before
- Policies Pre-dating 1972 Generally Worked
- The Constitution upheld, Civil Liberties protected
- John Kennedy Size Government (20% smaller than today)
- Virtually No Federal Deficit
- Much Lower Private Sector Borrowing
- No More Raiding Of Trust Funds, including Social Security
- Something like the Gold Standard (dollars redeemable in gold)
- Less Regulation, More Free Market Within The Borders
- Fair Trade, including Protective Tariffs where appropriate
- No NAFTA, CAFTA, FTAA, WTO, roll back of GATT
- No Illegal Immigration
- Manageable Legal Immigration (much fewer allowed in)
- Traditional Education (much more local control, teaching how to think, civics and patriotism)

For more information see:--

- 1) "How To Fix The Economy and Solve The War," at [www.americanway08.org](http://www.americanway08.org).
- 2) 1st and 2nd Editions of *The American Way*.
- 3) the new book, *The Decline And Fall Of The American Way*, including A Plan for America's Recovery.