

## Ron Paul Trotskyites

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There has been a pretty steady flow of corporatist propaganda on the Ron Paul Internet Meetup list groups for some time now. Presumably, it comes from Tea Partiers, John Birchers, and Constitution Party affiliates because it is usually the same people who cite sources which end up being these groups. But there is so much of it – like an inundation – that I would have to spend all of my waking hours responding. I just can't do it.

Lately, however, two issues have surfaced which I call “fire bell” issues that indicate clearly not only the ideological direction that the Ron Paul community is headed, but why.

The **first** is the vitriolic anti-labor rhetoric that is spilling off their keyboards. It is a response, of course, to the showdown in Wisconsin, in which the current Governor is trying to end the right of collective bargaining for public employees. Pro-union advocates are portrayed on these list groups as selfish “thugs.”<sup>1</sup>

If there is any issue that reveals the Trotskyite roots of the John Birch Society it is certainly that of its opposition to organized labor.<sup>2</sup> Birchers have had a long history of hatred for unions and the heavy-handed methods of labor bosses. Birchers have argued that organized labor interferes with the free market and strangles the economy. If you really believe in America's glorious “free enterprise system” you are not supposed to be pro-union. One officer in the Republican Party told me that unions were a part of the “satanic conspiracy taking over America.” She recommended that I listen to a radio preacher to get the facts. Because of my pro-labor position,

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<sup>1</sup> It's coming from Ron Paul's organizations, too, such as “The Campaign for Liberty.”

<sup>2</sup> *Is Sound Money a Spook Operation?* [www.jamesstivers.com/spook.pdf](http://www.jamesstivers.com/spook.pdf)

she did everything possible to drive me out of the party. She and her son almost succeeded.<sup>3</sup>

Anyone who has actually read the literature from both proponents and opponents of unions – as I have done – will understand the historical context. Because our nation failed to adopt public banking, British corporate interests were able to seize the American economy from the very start. You will discover that they used the money power to spread their domination and follow the settlers west. For a season, American pioneers would move onto free land and make homes and businesses for themselves. But soon, the corporate powers from the East would follow them and begin harvesting the fruits of their labors by manipulating the cost and availability of money. Eventually, the opportunity for new land and new resources ended and the cancer of corporate plunder began to deepen its erosion of the American standard of living.<sup>4</sup> This development gave rise to trade unionism, as American workers tried to protect themselves from inflation and the rising cost of living.

The violence associated with the labor movement came first, not from workers, but from *corporate* thuggery and the use of law enforcement, even troops, by the wealthy who owned these companies. In fact, the first modern concentration camp was built on American soil to stop mining workers from organizing. It was located near Wallace, Idaho over a hundred years ago. The Republican President McKinley actually used federal troops to kick-in doors and drag workers from their homes and families to put them into this camp.<sup>5</sup>

Yes, workers have responded violently in their fight for unions, but only after extreme provocation. Contrary to Bircher propaganda, it took great courage to establish these labor unions and it represented true patriotism, as well.<sup>6</sup> Non-union workers have benefited from the wage-scale and blue labor laws which were won by organized labor. The much touted economic boom during past Republican administrations has occurred by moving American

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<sup>3</sup> Joan & Larry Spencer, Bonner County Central Committee

<sup>4</sup> Recommended reading: *Web of Debt* by Ellen Brown ([webofdebt.com](http://webofdebt.com))

<sup>5</sup> See Wikipedia sources under “Bunker Hill Mining Co.” Follow links and dig deep. It’s there.

<sup>6</sup> Birchers love to label these organizers as “communist agitators.”

companies overseas to lands where workers are not protected. Their cheap labor has provided cheap goods for Americans, a fact which has fueled the American economy in recent decades, but then finally caught-up with us, as many of us discovered that our jobs are frivolous and expendable.

The Trotskyite connection comes from Trotsky's ties to Wall Street and the attempt to use the Bolsheviks to make Czarist Russia a captive market. Their efforts were only partially successful because Stalin ousted Trotsky and closed the borders to Western influence. For this betrayal, corporate America formed the CIA and started the Cold War. Anti-communists, like Birchers, should know better than to be pawns in this Wall Street game to seize world economic power. So should libertarians, like Ron Paul. Unintentionally perhaps, their arguments for "free markets" do not translate into freedom for you and me, but rather freedom for the corporate giants which have no national loyalty and which exploit the monetary system. Ideologically, modern libertarians are simply a continuation of the British "free traders" of the late 19<sup>th</sup> century. The interests represented may no longer be limited to the British elite, but the results are the same.

The **second** issue is closer to home and is the "Right to Farm" legislation in Idaho promoted by the Farm Bureau and Idaho Tea Party.<sup>7</sup> This "feel-good" proposal to "protect the family farm" is a fraud. It calls for protecting farmers from "nuisance lawsuits" and "local ordinances" which seek to prevent farmers from using "generally accepted farming practices." Translation: this bill is protecting corporate farmers who want to use questionable, but profitable, farming methods approved by the USDA. Just recently, the USDA gave permission to farmers to use genetically modified alfalfa seed produced by Monsanto.<sup>8</sup> This Idaho bill would prevent small farmers and citizens from using local ordinances and the state courts to stop this invasive species from corrupting their local food chains.<sup>9</sup> Farm Bureau is a neo-conservative organization that spouts a continuous stream of corporatist propaganda. For decades, it has provided hospice care for the euthanizing of American agriculture. It

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<sup>7</sup> House Bill 0166, 2011 session. Or, look under "Right to Farm Act."

<sup>8</sup> *Acres, USA*, March, 2011, [www.acresusa.com](http://www.acresusa.com)

<sup>9</sup> These modern robber barons use environmental "wackos" to gain public sympathy and then pass these laws to implement their profitable schemes.

is not an organization that is protecting family farms. It is a front organization for agri-business and a majority of its members are not even farmers.

The Ron Paul/Tea Partiers are the movement in ascension currently in Idaho politics. They will factor heavily in the next legislative session and in the 2012 elections. I no longer have any influence on the movement in Idaho, but for those who have grown passed the iconic figure of Ron Paul, they may be helped in understanding how movements can be redirected to fit the Establishment need for a controlled opposition. Doing so will help you avoid wasted efforts and frustrated results.