



Baby Steps The North American Union and Global Governance

"Breathes there the man with soul so dead, who never to himself bath said, 'This is my own, my native land.'"

Sir Walter Scott

The 1990's movie, What About Bob was the hilarious story of Bob Wiley, a highly neurotic patient with a litany of phobias. His psychiatrist advised him to overcome his fears by taking *baby steps*, that is, short, incremental steps. This colorful colloquialism is now an important part of the national parlance.

THE NAFTA EXPERIENCE

One serious application of the term *baby steps* is the purported North American Union. Flying beneath the radar screen of public opinion, this plan is unfolding in incremental *baby steps* that threaten to entangle the United States in a complex web of regional alliances that will slowly choke its national sovereignty to death.

The first baby step was the North American Free Trade Agreement. In 1993 President Clinton signed the 900-page bill as an *agreement* instead of a treaty because he knew that the Democrats would never get the required 2/3rds vote in the Senate. According to The New American, NAFTA has set in motion *an on-going process that would incrementally shift powers and jurisdiction from our national, state, and local government to new regional institutions.*

The NAFTA experience has required the U. S. to adapt all of its laws to comply with NAFTA's regional vision without congressional oversight. This has resulted in huge deficits for the United States in its trade with Mexico and has seriously impaired control of American borders. NAFTA has lowered safety and inspection standards of meat sold in American stores. It has enacted new patent rules that have raised medicine prices. It has placed constraints on local governments' ability to zone against toxic industries and the crime rate in the Southwest is soaring.

According to the Economic Policy Institute, NAFTA has contributed to the reduction of employment in high-wage traded-goods industries, the growing inequality in wages and the steadily declining demand for workers without a college education. Thousands of small family farms have gone out of business and millions of acres have been transferred to agricultural mega-corporations, such as Tyson and Cargill. While thousands of manufacturing jobs have gone to foreign-owned factories or *maquiladoras* in Northern Mexico, the profits of large businesses, such as Archer Daniels Midland and ConAgra have soared through free trade.

A SPECTACULAR COUP

To better understand the significance of NAFTA, it is necessary to view the global picture. The creation of the European Union in 1950 is regarded as the template for the Western Hemisphere. With its 27 member countries, the EU is one of the greatest concentrations of political and economic power in the history of mankind.

The EU evolved from the Schuman Plan, the work of French foreign minister Robert Schuman and planning minister, Jean Monnet. It initially called for the creation of the European Coal and Steel Community, an innocuous-sounding organization that on the surface seemed to the coordination of steel and coal production. Through series of European *baby steps*, it morphed into the powerful EU.

Among those who realized what happened to European sovereignty were Christopher Booker, a columnist for London's Sunday Telegraph and Dr. Richard North, a former research director at the European Parliament. In their 600-page book, *The Great Deception*, released in 2005, they meticulously assembled a detailed history of the growth of the EU. According to the authors, the decades-long *stealth campaign* was *the most spectacular coup d'etat in history*. All mention of political union was suppressed as the plan gained momentum. It was a *British Trojan Horse* that came in appearing to be a trade agreement and turned into a vehicle for political unification. Like *Plato's Guardians*, the European economic elite hid behind their *lofty ideals* in guiding the affairs of Europe for their ideological interests. When they are finished, there will be no sovereign European states left standing. The EU serves as a warning to the United States.

A NORTH AMERICA CITIZEN

The chief architect for the North American Union, the next baby step in the Western Hemisphere, is Robert Pastor, who was a foreign policy advisor to every Democratic presidential candidate since 1976. He fancies himself a *North American citizen*, sporting a lapel pin with the flags of Mexico, the US and Canada arranged like a geopolitical trinity. He first outlined his plan for an NAU in his 2001 book, *Toward a North American Community: Lessons from the Old World for the New*. His vision assumed a more definitive shape in an article entitled, Building a North American Community,

which he wrote for Foreign Affairs, the journal of the covert Council of Foreign Relations in 2004. In it he outlined a 5-year plan that involved a strategy that called for *laying the groundwork for the freer flow of people within North America*.

Pastor's plan would enlist the Homeland Security Administration to virtually obliterate American borders, instead of protecting them, making it easier for Canadians and Mexicans and anyone else to enter the country with impunity. His plan calls for a massive redistribution of wealth. This is not surprising, given Pastor's 30-year history of left-wing activism. It also calls for the Social Security Totalization Agreement, which will ensure that illegal aliens bankrupt the system. Pastor also wants \$200 billion over 10 years, with Mexico putting up half that amount by gradually increasing its tax revenues from 11% of GDP to 16%. It is folly to think they can do this when all other efforts have failed. This will further impoverish the Mexican people, setting the stage for Pastor's trump card, that is, having the US Treasury bail Mexico out as they did in 1995 when the peso collapsed.

Pastor wants a regional currency, like the *Euro*, called the *Amero*. His plan provides for a common legal framework that would provide a North American Court, which would have the power to overrule decisions of the US Supreme Court. It includes a Charter of Fundamental Human Rights for North America dubbed *the North American Social Charter*. Unrestricted abortion, including government funding, gay marriage, universal health care, radical environmentalism and other social pathologies will be the law of the continent if his plan ever materializes. If anyone deserves the appellation of *the Father of the North American Union*, it is Robert Pastor.

A SHADOWY PROSPERITY PARTNERSHIP

With the EU and Pastor's CFR report as guiding lights, the next step was a 2004 *summit conference*. The Free Trade Area of the Americas became the launching pad for the proposed North American Union. This conference focused on *economic integration and convergence*, which will invariably lead to cultural integration. The FTAA dais boasted the world's most mysterious and powerful organization, such as the CFR, the Trilateral Commission, the Brookings Institute, and the Council of the Americas.

When the FTAA was unable to launch its regional organization, it altered its approach. It adapted two strategic principles or what EU technocrats called *widening*, and *deepening*. Widening refers to the increase of member states from the six original EU members in 1951 to its current 27 members. Deepening refers to expanding jurisdiction to include matters such as education, labor, environment, immigration, narcotics trafficking, energy, organized crime, police and military cooperation, counterterrorism, and infrastructure development.

When its widening approach was temporarily blocked, the FTAA architects concentrated on their deepening tactics. On March 23, 2005, President George Bush, Mexican President Vicente Fox, and Canadian Prime Minister, Paul Martin met in Waco, Texas to concretize Robert Pastor's visionary plan for hemispheric unification. To do so they established the Security and Prosperity

Partnership of North America. The SPP became the main vehicle for its *depth expansion*.

The SPP has been described as a *trilateral effort to increase security and enhance prosperity among the United States, Canada, and Mexico through greater cooperation and information sharing*. The SPP participants promised to honor the principle of *transparency*, meaning that all of their deliberations would be open for public scrutiny. *Officially* Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, Home Security Secretary Michael Chertoff, and Commerce Secretary Carlos Gutierrez are in charge. In fact the SPP has been engaged in a *shadowy process* with its *working groups* unidentified and meeting in secret. The SPP agreement was never debated in Congress nor faced with judicial review. This is not surprising because the SPP blueprint was formulated by the most secretly unaccountable organization in American society, the notorious Council on Foreign Relations.

Author Jerome Corsi calls Bush's plan part of his *globalist agenda*, which has been hidden behind his questionable border security policies. Phyllis Schlafly of the Eagle Forum agrees that President Bush's ready compliance explains why he has failed to close the country's borders and enforce its immigration laws. It is the realization of what his father said in 1991, the beginnings of a *New World Order*.

The mainstream media has paid scant attention to the Bush globalist agenda with the exception of CNN's Lou Dobbs who wrote that the North American Union would *end the United States as we know it*. Virgil Goode of Virginia, Ron Paul of Texas, Walter Jones of North Carolina and Thomas Tancredo of Colorado are the only voices in a congressional wilderness to cry out against the NAU and its SPP forerunner.

THE NORTH AMERICAN HIGHWAY

The North American Union cannot work without an infrastructure of highways and railroads to link Canada and Mexico with the United States. According to Phyllis Schlafly's November '06 Report, there is an NAFTA-inspired superhighway, the Trans-Texas Corridor on the drafting table that is a *monster* road 1200-foot wide. It will have high-speed passenger and freight rail lines parallel to its ten-lane highway. The highway will begin in the Mexican ports of Manzanillo and Lazaro Cardenas, bypassing American seaports and their longshoremen. Cheap Chinese-made goods will be loaded onto Mexican trucks and transported across the border at Laredo Texas, extending north through Oklahoma City, Kansas City and Duluth with its terminus in Winnipeg, Canada. The Kansas City Southern Railroad is constructing rail routes that will also freeze out American workers. According to the New American it will include fuel pipelines, water, fiber optics and electric power with gasoline and food concessions, stores, hotels and emergency service in the 200-ft median.

Eminent domain will be the legal vehicle to speed up the acquisition of the necessary land. Millions of Americans will have their farms and homes confiscated, all in the name of progress. Under this ambitious plan 500 million people will be annexed to the NAU as early as 2010. According to the WorldNetDaily, the Trans-Texas Corridor *is paved with campaign contributions*,

including those made to Texas Governor Rick Perry. The Zachry Construction Company in San Antonio has a limited partnership with Cintra, a Spanish capital company to undertake the Trans Texas Corridor highway construction.

The plan also calls for an inland customs port, called the Kansas City SmartPort that would be considered a part of Mexican soil, in the heartland of the U. S. The TTC highway is not a *fait accompli*. The Texas legislature has held up its approval and there is strong grass roots opposition brewing in 18 states, including Missouri, South Dakota, Montana, Idaho, and even Ohio.

THE HOUSE OF WORLD ORDER

It would be sheer folly to expect that regional unification in Europe and the Americas are the last baby steps. More important than the trade invasion of the NAU is the threat to American sovereignty. Robert Pastor thinks national sovereignty is a *misleading if not mistaken defense against an increasingly open and integrated world*. In 1992 Bill Clinton's future chief foreign policy adviser Strobe Talbott wrote an article for *Time Magazine* entitled *the Birth of the Global Nation* that predicted *nationhood as we know it will be obsolete, as all states will recognize a single, global authority*.

The enemies of national sovereignty, *world citizens* such as Clinton, Pastor, and Talbot, are working toward a world government. One should consult a 1974 issue of *Foreign Affairs*, the journal of the CFR, where international expert Richard Garner noted in his essay, *The Hard Road to World Order*, that *instant world government* was not feasible at that time. He suggested the *house of world order* would have to be built from the top down, not the bottom up, eroding a nation's sovereignty a baby step at a time. Since no one would freely choose such a system, the *world citizens* have to resort to subterfuge and vague semantics, such as global governance, human rights, sustainable development, and international justice to woo people into accepting self-imprisonment.

The globalists have their best defenders in academia and the media. Michael Barkun, a professor at Syracuse University who specializes in conspiracy theories, dismisses critics like Corsi, Dobbs, and Schlafly with the standard *conspiracy nut defense*, relegating them to the paranoid ranks of a xenophobic right wing. Journalist Philip Dine's May 2007 article in the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* places opposition to the North American Union on the hysterical level of an *urban legend*.

Theories about the NAU are only unsubstantiated because they have not happened yet. Hitler published his *open conspiracy* for world conquest and genocide in *Mein Kampf* in 1925. It did eventually happen because the world failed to take him seriously.

THE LAZARUS EFFECT

Throughout its history, the Church has consistently condemned several *errors* of utopian inspiration that have promised a universal *City of Man*. This does not imply that the Church has offered a blanket endorsement of any combination of neo-liberal capitalism, or any New World Order. Following the example of Popes Leo XIII and Pius XI, John Paul II tried to forge a *third way*, in his social teachings. In issuing his 1991 encyclical *Centesimus Annus*, he rejected Marxism and approved of free market capitalism but with important reservations. Free markets and profits were not a solution to human problems, but a mechanism to be employed for moral purposes. The Pope's thinking was similar to that of 18th century economic moralist, Adam Smith, who believed that free markets were to improve mankind, not choke humanity with a glut of material goods.

Pure capitalist greed as personified by *Gordon Gecko* in the 1988 movie *Wall Street*, that masquerades as prosperity goes against Church teachings. Gecko is the ideological heir to the libertarian principles of Ayn Rand who preached a glorified selfishness that regarded acts of charity as harmful to the national good. Rand's extreme form of laissez-faire economics was called *Objectivism*. She also seasoned her books with several atheistic theories that glorified the wealth producer.

An economic system that denies God and has severed its inherent ties to traditional morality is likened to Lazarus in Luke's Gospel (16:19-31). He was a beggar who lay outside the gates of a rich man named Dives, a confirmed hedonist who refused him even a crumb to eat. Both men died on the same day. While Lazarus was admitted to an everlasting banquet, Dives was doomed to the eternal flames of Hell.

By turning Smith on his head, many modern capitalists have forsaken Christ and followed the example of Dives. Given their unfettered consumerism, there can be little doubt that John Paul II and his successors would have dismissed the New World Order as being inconsistent with divine law and deserving of the *Lazarus Effect*.



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