

# Liberty Tree

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## CLOSER TO THE MARK

Over the years at SAPF, we've seen the IRS use subpoenaed bank records to generate claims that individuals made "income" equal to the sum of deposits made into bank accounts. We've seen the government use subpoenaed bank records to seize funds deposited or withdrawn in a manner allegedly "structured" to avoid bank reports being made. These are just two examples of ways in which bank records operate to track individuals and can be abused by government thugs.

Nevertheless, despite banks making currency transaction and suspicious activity reports (CTRs and SARs) to the government, Americans are still relatively free to conduct their buying and selling in Federal Reserve notes (FRNs, a.k.a. "cash"). FRNs, despite being nothing more than pieces of paper printed in denominations of 1, 5, 10, 20, 50 and 100 "dollars," and having no redemption value in lawful money (silver), still operate as an anonymous method of transacting economically *outside* of the banking system.

For years, the fractional reserve banking system has been systematically robbing the American populace (and indeed, the entire world population) through creation of more and more fiat currency to fund government borrowing. This process, known as inflation, continually robs each and every person transacting in the fiat currency of their purchasing power. Since 1913, when the Federal Reserve Bank was established, the value of a single FRN has declined — according to Bureau of Labor Standards — to the point where a single FRN

### Central Bank Digital Currency cometh. What to do?



today buys what 3.3 cents would have bought a hundred years ago. The real figure is likely under .5 cents.<sup>1</sup>

The wealth of the world's people is disappearing at an increasingly rapid pace into the coffers of the central banks and into entities which allow the shareholders of those banks to hold the majority of the world's real estate and corporate assets (see, *e.g.*, BlackRock and Vanguard). But it isn't enough. It will never be enough for the banking cabal. As the World Economic Forum has stated, the end goal is that "You'll own nothing, and you'll be happy."

The virtual slavery of the world's population can be continuously ensured only through the monitoring, tracking, and control of the people's actions at the point of sale. The chains are called central bank digital currencies (CBDCs): another type of the mark of the beast.

#### Blockchains of the beast

Now that the elites have deliberately caused economic crisis through a world-wide false pandemic, the closing of supply chains, massively increased federal spending for the Russian-Ukraine War, for "climate change" initiatives and more IRS agents (see the misnamed "Inflation Reduction Act"), they are proposing that the answer to the economic chaos and to the fake "climate change" crisis is to move to digital currency.

Digital currency is like cryptocurrency in the sense that it uses blockchain or distributed ledger technology (DLT) to verify the "authenticity" of the electronic currency and to prevent electronic copying. But CBDCs would likely be *programmable* and able to be manipulated by central



1. See [www.shadowstats.com/inflation\\_calculator](http://www.shadowstats.com/inflation_calculator)

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banks according to the trade policies the bankers or governments wish to impose upon the people forced to trade in CBDCs. The main purpose of these currencies is tracking and controlling the people. As General Manager of the Bank of International Settlements Augustin Carstens explained at an IMF panel on “Cross-Border Payment – A Vision for the Future” on October 19, 2020, the goal of CBDCs is to track, control, and *enforce regulations* on the use of “central bank liability” (CBDC):

Our analysis on CBDC in particular, for the use of general, to the general use, we tend to establish the equivalence with cash, and there is a huge difference there. For example, in cash ... We don't know, for example, who is using a 100 dollar bill today, we don't know who is using a 1000 peso bill today. A key difference with the CBDC is the central bank will have *absolute control under rules and regulations that will determine the use of that expression of central bank liability, and also, we will have the technology to enforce that.* Those two issues are extremely important and that makes a huge difference with respect to what cash is.

**Congress has made no law**

**A**s of yet, Congress has not passed any law which authorizes electronic currency. Some 50 bills have been introduced on digital assets, blockchain, and

## Countdown to Digital Tyranny

The dates below show when executive department reports on CBDCs and cryptocurrencies are “due” to the Imposter Regime under E.O. 14067

Date due	Dept. Head	Submission
June 7, 2022	Attorney General	Report on strengthening international law enforcement for prosecuting digital asset crimes.
July 7, 2022	Treasury Secretary	Framework for federal agency engagement with foreign counterparts to coordinate global compliance and promote CBDC technologies.
Aug. 11, 2022	All agencies	Supplemental annexes to the National Strategy for Combating Terrorist and Other Illicit Financing Report, whether classified or unclassified
Sept 5, 2022	Treasury Secretary	Policy recommendations, regulatory and legislative actions to protect consumers, investors and businesses, and to expand access to “safe and affordable” financial services.
Sept 5, 2022	Director, Office of Science & Technology	Technical evaluation of the infrastructure, capacity and expertise needed in the federal bureaucracy to facilitate and support a CBDC system.
Sept 5, 2022	Attorney General APNSA & APEP	Assessment “as to whether legislative changes would be necessary to issue a United States CBDC.”
Sept 5, 2022	Attorney General	Report on the role of law enforcement agencies in investigating and prosecuting “criminal activity related to digital assets.”
Sept 5, 2022	Secretary of Commerce	Framework for enhancing “competitiveness” in digital asset technologies.
Sept 10, 2022	Treasury Secretary	Notification to all agencies of proposed, pending and prospective rulemaking to address digital asset illicit finance risks.
Sept 10, 2022	Treasury Secretary	Coordinated action plan re the role of law enforcement in increasing financial service providers’ compliance with controls on “terrorism financing” and “money laundering.”
Oct 5, 2022	Treasury Secretary	Report outlining the “financial stability” risks and regulatory “gaps” with respect to cryptocurrencies, and <b>proposed additional regulation as well as new legislation.</b>
July 7, 2023	Treasury Secretary	Report on priority actions taken under the framework for federal agency engagement with foreign counterparts.

central bank digital currencies (CBDCs), but none have advanced so far.

One troubling bill introduced by Obama flunky Don Beyer (Virginia’s 8th District) in July of 2021 is H.R. 4741, the ‘Digital Asset Market Structure and Investor Protection Act.’ It would authorize the Federal Reserve Bank (Fed) to issue digital FRNs and to use DLT for the “creation, distribution and *recording of all transactions* involving digital Federal reserve notes.” This bill has not yet advanced, but it is a wide-ranging and detailed bill to control trade with cryptocurrencies and to declare “digital assets, digital asset securities and foreign gold and silver

coins” **not** legal tender.

In contrast, a Republican from Minnesota introduced H.R. 6415 in January 2022, a simple bill which would amend the Federal Reserve Act to state “Except as specifically authorized under this Act, a Federal reserve bank may not offer products or services directly to an individual, maintain an account on behalf of an individual, or issue a central bank digital currency directly to an individual.” Obviously, even if it passed, it would simply leave open the door for Congress to “specifically authorize” direct issuance of CBDC to individuals.

In March of 2022, H.R. 7231, the

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ECASH Act, was introduced, which would authorize an electronic version of the US dollar to be issued by the US Treasury instead of the Fed, make e-cash accepted as payment for federal taxes, fines and fees, and force persons who accept physical FRNs to accept e-cash as well. This is blatantly unconstitutional, since Congress has power only to “coin” money (Art. I, Sec. 8, Cl. 5), not to print it or make electronic versions of it.

Then there is H.R. 4395, introduced in July of 2021, the ‘Payment Choice Act of 2021,’ which would require all retail businesses to accept cash as a form of payment. While this *seems* to be a bill to protect the right of consumers to pay in cash, it would allow private persons to bring civil suits against retailers who violate the act, and would make retailers liable for only actual damages, attorney’s fees (in the discretion of the court), and *finer which would be paid to the U.S. government*. It is difficult to imagine under what constitutional authority Congress could pass such a bill.

### **Unconstitutional and unauthorized**

 On March 9, 2022, the Imposter’s Regime (erroneously called the Biden Administration) issued Executive Order (EO) 14067, which provides the outline to the timeline of the warp speed adoption of CBDC for the nation. Entitled “Ensuring Responsible Development of Digital Assets,” the order is a set of instructions to the Treasury Secretary, the Attorney General, the Commerce Secretary, and most of all, two ne’er-do-wells who appear to be guiding and coordinating the effort: the Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs (APNSA) and the Assistant to the President for Economic Policy (APEP). The instructions are to make reports and analysis regarding the alleged

threats to economic stability of “digital assets” (decentralized cryptocurrencies) and the alleged benefits that CBDCs — *centralized* currencies — would offer to the American economy.

The reports and analyses, including proposed legislation to introduce to Congress, will be ready prior to the mid-term elections. It seems at present that no matter the outcome of the November elections, a lame-duck Congress would likely pass such legislation by early December.

Congress has not authorized, by law, any studies, analyses, or reports on CBDCs. Since the Constitution allows the President to “require the Opinion, in writing, of the principal Officer in each of the executive Departments, upon any Subject relating to the Duties of their respective Offices” (Art. II, Sec. 2), the question arises: has Congress set the duties of any executive officer to study or analyze a completely new form of currency? The answer, as shown earlier, is that Congress has not specifically authorized any such duties.

Further, Congress has no power to authorize or issue any currency other than physical coins. Accordingly, with respect to CBDCs, the President has no authority to direct executive officers to spend their time developing an administrative and legal system to support the issuance of electronic currency. Art. II, Sec. 3 of the Constitution provides that the President “shall take Care that the Laws be faithfully executed,” and Art II, Sec. 1 requires him to take an oath that he will “faithfully execute the Office of the President ... and will .. preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution.” Clearly, the advancement of a medium of exchange which lies outside the powers of Congress to implement constitutes a violation of that oath.



Jake Sullivan, the APNSA (national security advisor), and Brian Deese, the APEP (economic policy advisor) appear to be the project leaders and coordinators to usher in CBDCs. They are specially tasked in EO 14067 with assessing and reporting on the legislative changes necessary to achieve digital currency.

### **CBDC usage tied to “climate” control**

**R**epeatedly throughout the EO, the rationale given for advancing CBDCs are 1) digital currencies have “profound implications for the protection of consumers, investors, and businesses” in the area of “data privacy and security”; 2) “financial stability and systemic risk,” which means the stability of the Federal Reserve system, not the small businesses and people of the United States; and 3) “crime” and “national security,” which means that tracking and controlling currency will allow the feds to hunt tax “evaders” or “deniers.” The rationale also includes, however, the following euphemisms: 4) “the ability to exercise human rights” (what rights exactly? No CBDC is needed to exercise freedom of speech, to work, to be protected from deprivation of liberty without due process, etc.); 5) “financial inclusion and equity,” which means that they want **everyone**, without exception, to

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be forced into the banking and CBDC system; and 6) “energy demand and climate change.”

This last rationale is perhaps the most chilling of all. It demonstrates that the end goal of CBDC and programmable currency is to control buying and selling by assigning carbon credit scores to every person, all to “save the planet” from carbon dioxide. Now the goal of the climate change hoax is clear: nothing short of carbon prison for the billions of have-nots.

In May of 2022, J. Michael Evans, President of Alibaba Group, told the globalist World Economic Forum that his company is developing an “individual carbon footprint tracker.”<sup>2</sup> What does that mean? A tracker to measure “where they’re traveling, how they are traveling, what are they eating, what are they consuming on the platform.” He went on to state that “We have set up on our platform products that will show what are the carbon emissions if you’re buying them. So, people can look at what the carbon emission effect is of buying a certain product.” This developing technology, combined with programmable CBDCs to track what you buy and limit how many “carbon emissions” the products you buy are rated for, and it is clear what these tyrants envision for you. As the meme has it: “you are the carbon they want to reduce.”

### **Measures to take now**

Since nothing short of being able to dictate all economic transactions of all people everywhere will satisfy the banker cabal, it is up to those who wish to preserve their property and their liberty to stand against this tyranny. What measures can be taken immediately?

At a minimum, freedom-loving people need to remove themselves from the banking system as much as possible and begin to transact in cash for the majority of their purchases. Buying locally is also a good way to support your local economy and businesses. As the Solari team has put it: “Why cash? Because in order to have a full digital monetary system with complete central control, the circulation of paper currency has to end. ... To slow this train down, we can keep paper currencies and coins circulating. This is a very easy thing for all of us to do.”<sup>3</sup>

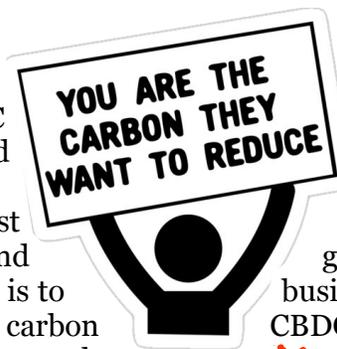
The more people are accustomed to economic

2. <https://sociable.co/business/individual-carbon-footprint-tracker-alibaba-wef-2022/>

3. <https://home.solari.com/cash-friday/>

4. <https://www.kitco.com/news/2022-05-30/Tennessee-removes-sales-tax-on-gold-and-silver-only-eight-states-to-go.html>

5. <https://fee.org/articles/why-42-states-have-removed-taxes-from-the-purchase-of-gold-and-silver/>



anonymity, and treasure the freedom that comes with it, the harder it is for the bankers to make the political headway they need. Make a commitment to stay as unbanked as possible. Take loans from family, which you pay back in cash or gold. Educate your neighbors and local businesses of the disastrous losses that climate CBDCs and digital identities will cause them.

**W**e must ensure that legislatures in the States do not hamper trade in gold and silver.

Tennessee, for example, was the most recent State to remove taxes on sales of gold and silver with the passage of House Bill 1874 in May of this year. This was accomplished in part by the Sound Money Defense League and the Campaign for Liberty.<sup>4</sup> Vermont, Wisconsin, New Mexico, Maine, New Jersey, Mississippi, Hawaii, and Kentucky still all tax gold and silver bullion. Bills have been introduced in the latter four states to end this taxation, but much more pressure needs to be brought to bear in those States to take the next step to freeing up the people to use gold and silver in their economic transactions.<sup>5</sup>

### **State laws to enforce gold and silver contracts**

**I**t is also imperative to push State legislators to enact bills similar to Oklahoma Statute §62-4500 (2014):

**Tender and acceptance of United States government gold and silver coins.** Gold and silver coins issued by the United States government are legal tender in the State of Oklahoma. No person may compel another person to tender or accept gold or silver coins that are issued by the United States government, except as agreed upon by contract.

Utah Code § 59-1-1502 provides another example of the appropriate type of legislation (2012). It states, in part:

- (1) Specie legal tender is legal tender in the state.
- (2) Except as expressly provided by contract, a person may not compel any other person to tender or accept specie legal tender.

The phrases, “except as agreed upon by contract,” and “except as expressly provided by contract,” reaffirm the judiciary power to require *specific performance* when enforcing contracts. If voluntary parties agree to be paid, or to pay, in gold and silver coin, the Oklahoma and Utah courts may not substitute any other thing, like FRNs, as payment.

The war for liberty and property is engaged. Cash is a stop gap, BUT sound constitutional money — gold and silver — must be the goal.

