

The Time Is Ripe for Impeachment of Obama

by Jeffrey Steinberg

This is an emergency telephone conference call to LaRouchePAC organizers and supporters on June 10, 2013.

I want to start out by telling people something that I think, up until now, maybe only three or four people in the world have known about. Mr. LaRouche knew, because I briefed him at the time; and the government official who told me this account, knew it; I knew it, and maybe one or two other people along the way needed to be briefed on it.

It goes back to April 11, 2009, when Mr. LaRouche did an international [webcast](#) in which he took off the gloves against President Obama. It was just a couple of months into the President's first term in office, and he had just returned from a visit, with Michelle Obama, to England, where he had been the guest of honor at Buckingham Palace, with Queen Elizabeth II, Prince Philip, and the whole royal coterie. And President Obama had really grovelled at the opportunity to be in the presence of the British royalty. And Mr. LaRouche, in his April 11, 2009 webcast—you can find the [video](#) on the [larouchepac.com](#) website—went after the President, and said, you're dealing with somebody who's not only slavishly loyal to the British, largely via his Wall Street sponsors, but he suffers from severe narcissistic disorder. And one could look back at the history of Emperor Nero, to understand the problems that you confront, the

danger of tyranny, when someone with this kind of narcissistic personality, who is slavishly loyal to a foreign power with vast financial interests in controlling the United States, winds up in the position of the head of state.

At that time, many of you may know that Mr. LaRouche was harshly, harshly criticized, particularly by Democrats who were euphoric over the Obama victory. And several weeks later, when we put Obama's picture on a poster with a Hitler mustache, because of the implications of his campaign for Obamacare, this freaked out people even more.

We were told, however—and this is the part that I'm now sharing for the first time—that somewhere inside the U.S. government, within the intelligence community, unbeknownst to us at the time, a parallel psychological profile had been developed on President Obama, which came to the identical conclusion: that he suffered from a severe narcissistic problem, and that this could pose a danger to the survival of our republic as it's been historically known.

Now, four and a half years later, flash forward. We've seen that process play out. We've seen the two principal achievements of the Obama Presidency, and both contribute mightily to the destruction of the United States—one being Obamacare, the other being the Administration's heavy-handed push to pass the Dodd-Frank bill in 2010, and, along the way, to sabotage the



White House Photo/Pete Souza

The Obamas visit Buckingham Palace on April 1, 2009 to get their marching orders from Her Majesty.

efforts to add an amendment to Dodd-Frank that would have reinstated Glass-Steagall, the full separation of commercial banks from all the investment banks' gambling activity, and would have neutralized and negated everything else that was being thrown into Dodd-Frank by Wall Street.

The White House prevailed on Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, and that effort to reinstate Glass-Steagall back in 2010 in the Senate, was killed off in the most brutal fashion. The message that was clearly delivered from that point on, was that the White House, on behalf of Wall Street and the City of London, would never, ever allow Glass-Steagall to even be so much as introduced into the Congress in a serious fashion.

Now, Congress, by and large, has been out to lunch. We've had Obamacare, we've had Dodd-Frank—and we know that there's scarcely a member of Congress who even is aware of the fact that Dodd-Frank meant the Cyprus option, the "bail-in" option, meaning that the next time one of the seven or eight too-big-to-fail U.S. banks gets in trouble, the derivatives and other

gambling debts will be prioritized for bailout, and much of the money will come from literally the theft of depositors' funds in those banks.

This is what was done in Cyprus. Depositors' funds were wiped out to protect the so-called systemically important financial institutions, and you had the biggest case of grand larceny in modern history.

Impeachable Crimes

That is embedded in Title II of the Dodd-Frank law. It is unconstitutional; it's an impeachable crime, to the extent that the President helped to push this through.

We had the Libya War, which was a completely illegal war, in which the United States engaged in overt, hard military operations, up to and including the execution of a head of state. Whether you liked Qaddafi or hated him, he was not given any kind of a judicial process.

He was summarily executed, by agreement the night before, among the White House, the French Elysée Palace, and 10 Downing Street.

You've got a pile-up of impeachable crimes with grave consequences for the United States. Ambassador Chris Stevens and three other American diplomats were killed as a consequence of the illegal war in Libya. And yet, as all of these crimes have piled up—Fast and Furious, where the Justice Department was covertly arming Mexican drug cartels; the other scandals that have now come out; the lying about what happened in Benghazi; the spying on American citizens; all of these things—Congress has systematically failed to meet its responsibility under the Constitution, as a check and balance against excessive Executive power.

Confronted with that situation, we have never dropped the ball, we have never given up on the fact that Obama has committed impeachable crimes, and should be duly removed from office. But because Congress failed to impeach Bush and Cheney a number of years ago, for clear crimes against the Constitution, high crimes and misdemeanors, the current

Congress has given President Obama a similar free ride.

Now, that poses a very serious problem for this country, and for the world as a whole. We are very much moving in the direction of a replay of the Libya fiasco inside Syria, but we're not dealing with a second-rate situation. We're dealing with a country right on the eastern Mediterranean, with significant neighbors—with Turkey, Lebanon, Iraq, Jordan, Israel—and the President is moving, particularly since the announcement that Susan Rice is replacing Tom Donilon as National Security Advisor, and Samantha Power, a George Soros agent, is being moved in as the ambassador to the United Nations, we're headed in the direction of a replay of Libya in a much more volatile neighborhood, at a point that Russia and China have not acquiesced to a no-fly zone and a "humanitarian" military intervention.

This situation could bring us into a global war. And that is not just our evaluation. That's the evaluation of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff; it's the evaluation of the new military commander of NATO, who's a U.S. Air Force general, and many, many others.



Sam Vaknin, author of *Malignant Self-Love*, is interviewed in a 46-minute LPAC-TV video, on President Obama's narcissistic personality disorder, a condition which Vaknin says is increasingly controlling the President's mental outlook. Agreeing with Lyndon

LaRouche, Vaknin believes that Obama poses a grave danger to the United States and the world, unless he is immediately removed from office.

<http://larouchepac.com/node/19464>

The Truth Comes Out

But since Congress has failed to take up its responsibility as a check and a balance on Obama's grabbing of near-dictatorial powers, the story is beginning to come out by other means, in a very serious way.

But I just want to emphasize to you, that if Mr. LaRouche had not gone on an international webcast in April of 2009, to throw down the gauntlet and warn the American people, and warn governments and citizens around the world, of the danger represented by this Administration, by this President, none of the things that are now ongoing, would have happened. I can assure you that that is the case.

So, what has occurred in the recent period?

- Beginning about three weeks ago, when Rep. Darrell Issa held a hearing of the House Government Reform Committee on the **Benghazi** tragedy, he brought forward as witnesses several State Department whistleblowers, people who were on the scene or nearby, as the events were unfolding. And they made it very clear, in public testimony, that everything that President Obama and Susan Rice had said about what occurred in Benghazi on the 11th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks, was absolutely a premeditated fabricated lie—a cover story.

Now, yesterday on national television, interestingly, Sen. Rand Paul said, look, I've talked to a lot of people. I've talked to a lot of the witnesses who were in Washington, or in Tripoli, or in Benghazi, as the Sept. 11, 2012 attack was happening. And they all made very clear that they knew instantaneously that it was a well-planned, and well-armed, terrorist attack. The idea that there was a mass protest over a video slandering the Prophet Mohammed was a complete fabrication, after the fact. Nobody on the ground said anything about a demonstration. The cables among the mission in Benghazi, the embassy in Tripoli, and various government offices in Washington, D.C., have been out in public since last year. There was not a word about a demonstration.

And Senator Paul said, look, everybody knew that this cover story about a spontaneous protest demonstration would not hold, so what's the real story? He said, in his view, and he hopes Congress will probe this, the real story is that they did not want the subject of what was going on in Benghazi to come out in public hearings. And he said, my understanding is that the U.S. Administration was running weapons covertly to the Syrian

rebels, via Turkey, from Benghazi, and that this was an illegal operation.

If any of you remember the Iran-Contra scandal of the 1980s, when the White House was running a covert arms program in Nicaragua, this is a parallel to that, except in Nicaragua, we were not arming al-Qaeda. We weren't arming known and defined enemies of the United States, the people who want to kill Americans and were behind the 9/11 attacks. So this is an enormous scandal that has been covered up.

The hearings on Benghazi were followed two days later by the leaking of a whole series of e-mails from various American government officials, showing exactly how the cover story on Benghazi was formulated, showing the involvement of various officials from the White House, from the State Department, and from the CIA, in this effort to lie to the American people. That story broke.

- Two days later, a news story broke revealing that the **Internal Revenue Service** was carrying out political “enemies list” operations, targetting opponents, particularly Tea Party opponents, of President Obama. No President since Richard Nixon has used the IRS to target an enemies’ list of Presidential adversaries in the context of an election year. That story came out just weeks after the vast majority of Americans had paid their taxes. So, hatred of the IRS at that moment was at an annual peak.

- Several days later, the story broke that Associated Press’s Washington, D.C., offices had been tapped by the **Department of Justice**, along with the home phones, cellphones, and e-mail accounts of everybody working in their Washington office, ostensibly as part of an investigation into who were the leakers of national security issues. A week later it turned out that the same thing had been done by the Obama Administration to the leading Washington, D.C., bureau official of Fox News.

All of these things came out in a span of about 10 days, one after the other, after the other. It was like machine-gun fire.

- And then, just in the past several days, we’ve had the revelations about the various **National Security Agency** programs under which every single American’s telephone calls, e-mail accounts, computer records, Twitter accounts, text messages, have been amassed together in a massive database that is being constantly trolled by officials at the NSA, supposedly in order to hunt down threats of terrorism. Yet, of course,

President Obama gave a speech in the last two weeks saying that he’s done such a good job in the war on terrorism, that the United States is safer than it has been at any point since the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks. So, he wants to have it both ways.

But the situation that we’ve now reached, with this barrage of scandals coming up against the President, has shaken this administration to its very foundations. Will this lead to the President’s impeachment? Or his resignation, or something along those lines? We have no idea.

Back in 1972-73, the opposition party was in the majority in the House of Representatives at that time. It was the Democratic Party in the House, with a Republican President, and there were impeachment proceedings threatened against Richard Nixon. And I might say that they were for crimes that are far less serious violations of the Constitution, than many things that have been carried out by President Obama, and, in fairness, by President Bush and Vice President Cheney—the administration before Obama.

Congress’s Constitutional Responsibility

We don’t know whether Congress is going to fully uphold its Constitutional responsibilities, and go after these crimes. The Founding Fathers, in their wisdom, laid out very precisely, the procedures for impeachment, because they saw it as the preferred alternative to execution, to coup d’état, and things like that. They were very conscious that they were giving the President certain powers that could be a temptation for tyranny. In fact, the Founders expected that there would be Presidential impeachments at least once every generation. This is why they created very strong oversight responsibilities for Congress. This is why the Founders said that only the House of Representatives, only the Congress, has the authority to declare war—not the President! They wanted to make it as difficult as possible to go to war, or to be dragged into imperial adventures.

The responsibility of Congress to take this authority of impeachment seriously, as one of the highest responsibilities of elective office, perhaps second only to the decision to bring the nation to war—these responsibilities have been shirked and reneged on, to a very great extent. So for that reason, we don’t know whether this President is going to be truly brought to justice for the crimes already committed.

What we do know, is that the well-timed revelations

coming out on one thing after another, over a period of time, are the clearest indication that there are significant people within the institutions of government who have come to the conclusion that these crimes cannot be ignored any longer. And so, you've got a pattern of things that, under no circumstances, could be legitimately considered to be just simply coincidence, or good luck, or a happy sequence of occurrences. There are certain forces who have decided that we've reached a crisis, an existential crisis, the kind of crisis that Benjamin Franklin envisioned when he told a woman on the streets of Philadelphia, at the conclusion of the Constitutional Convention, that we have been given a republic—if we can keep it.

Franklin's idea, and the idea of the Founders, was that we were facing a powerful enemy in the form of the British Empire. London was not going to accept the American Revolution as a done-deal, and they were going to continuously come back, again and again and again, and that therefore, virtually every generation in this country was going to have to *fight* to uphold the Constitutional principle on which the nation was founded.

So, here we are, at a critical moment in history. I can't tell you what the outcome of these coming days and weeks is going to be. What I can tell you is that there is a clear path for living up to the demands of Benjamin Franklin, and restoring our sovereign republic, which has already been lost. It's already finished. We no longer have financial and economic sovereignty. The Founding Fathers created a system of national credit, not a system of slave-control by foreign financial interests, which is the situation that we have right now under this monetarist system.

An Imperative: Glass-Steagall

There is a solution that begins the process of restoring our revolutionary tradition, and that begins with Glass-Steagall.

A few weeks ago, I was on one of the Thursday night calls here. It was right after Sen. Tom Harkin had introduced the Glass-Steagall bill in the U.S. Senate, paralleling the bill that was introduced into the House of Representatives in January by Marcy Kaptur and Walter Jones. And I said at the time that this was a major victory over the British Empire, because the British, back in 2010, during the Dodd-Frank fight, had simply delivered a message to President Obama, and to others, that the reinstatement of Glass-Steagall would be con-

sidered a *casus belli* by the British, a hostile action by the United States, if bank separation were to be reintroduced.

We're in a situation right now where we have clean Glass-Steagall bills introduced into, first, the House, and now, the Senate. We have a banking crisis in Europe and here in the United States, which are completely intertwined, and cannot be solved within the framework of the current system. This week the Federal Reserve put out data from the first quarter of 2013, and the Fed has been purchasing \$85 billion a month in Treasuries and various kinds of asset-backed securities, off of the books of the big U.S. commercial banks. And now we find out that over *half* of that money is actually going toward buying up assets off the books of big European banks.

So, over half of the money that's been expended this year has gone to continuing the process of bailing out hopelessly bankrupt European banks, and ultimately, that comes back to U.S. taxpayers' money. The Federal Reserve is printing \$85 billion a month in new money, with no economic resources to back it up. They're bailing out the big banks. The Fed has gone, since Obama took office, from an asset portfolio of under a trillion dollars, to one that is now upwards of \$4 trillion, and will be much higher before Obama leaves office—if he stays in much longer.

Most of these assets are being bought off of the books of the banks, at vastly inflated prices. If these assets were to be sold on the commercial market—mortgage-backed securities, other instruments like that—they'd be lucky if they got 30 cents on the dollar; but the Fed is paying dollar for dollar, to bail out the banks at a point that the banks are so bankrupt, the black hole runs so deep, that no money from the banking system is going into the real economy.

The only way to deal with this crisis is to face the magnitude of the bankruptcy that we are already involved in, and to go back to a full banking separation, exactly as per the original Glass-Steagall Act, which is coming up on its 80th anniversary on June 16. We will be commemorating the 80th anniversary of the day that Franklin Roosevelt signed the Glass-Steagall Act into law. And so it's fitting and appropriate, that we are mobilizing like hell to reinstate that Glass-Steagall law now.

Because of the changes in the global financial system, Glass-Steagall today is far more significant than it even was back in June 1933, when Roosevelt

signed it into law. You have one globalized monetarist system, centered in the trans-Atlantic region. You have \$1.4 quadrillion in current outstanding derivative contracts alone, gambling debts, with nothing underlying them, which are on the books of the several dozen or so international, too-big-to-fail banks. By reinstating Glass-Steagall, we immediately create a full and permanent separation between legitimate commercial banking activity—where people deposit their money into savings and checking accounts, or CD accounts, or IRA accounts, and the bank proceeds to lend that money out in a responsible fashion, for business loans, for home mortgages, for college loans, for the kinds of things that are relevant to the real economy in which people live.

All of the gambling debts accumulated will no longer be insured by taxpayers' money, or by depositors' money, as in the case of the bail-in. Those brokerage houses that will be split out of these mega-bank holding companies will be bankrupt. The simple reality is that they *are* bankrupt.

So, we're going to be faced with a situation where, number one, the power of this financial oligarchy, the blackmail leverage that they exert over all of our lives,

will be ended, and they will be bankrupt, and they'll have to figure out the consequences of their bankruptcy. We're going to have a functioning and viable commercial banking system once again, but it's going to be vastly undercapitalized. And so, at that point, we're going to revert to what the Founders clearly understood, which was that the government has the power to issue credit.

Credit for NAWAPA

The Federal government has the power to issue credit, to invest wisely in projects that will boost the productivity of the economy, create, in this case, tens of millions of new jobs.

Among the first projects that we will launch is NAWAPA, the North American Water and Power Alliance, which is the project that was originally designed during the Kennedy Presidency, and which has been revived by the LaRouche Political Action Committee over the last several years. Basically, overhaul the entire water management system of the western third of North America, from Alaska and Canada, down through the United States into northern Mexico. Deal with the problems of drought, of flooding, through effective modern

Released on Thanksgiving 2011, the LPAC-TV documentary "NAWAPA 1964" is the true story of the fight for the North American Water and Power Alliance. Spanning the 1960s and early '70s, it is told through the words of Utah Senator Frank Moss. The 56-minute video, using extensive original film footage and documents, presents the astonishing mobilization for NAWAPA, which came near to being realized, until the assassination of President Kennedy, the Vietnam War, and the 1968 Jacobin reaction, killed it
... until now.

NAWAPA 1964

PUEBLO, COLORADO
AUGUST 16, 1962

<http://larouchepac.com/nawapa1964>

water management, powered by nuclear energy. Create tens of millions of permanent, productive new jobs in the economy.

Do it through Congressional authorization of capital spending, with the understanding that long-term, low-interest loans will be issued, and over the life of the loans, the real economy will go through such a surge in productivity, that paying back those loans will be easy, and there will be a significant net profit in the economy as a whole, by especially using the principle of greater and greater energy-flux density for energy development. From nuclear fission to fusion, and then on from there.

We could be on the cusp of the greatest economic recovery in modern history, but the City of London, the British monarchy, Wall Street, and their tool in the White House, don't want that to happen, and they will do everything they can to sabotage it.

A Potential Turning Point

But where we stand right now, is that President Obama doesn't have time to think about stopping Glass-Steagall. He's got himself completely wrapped up in trying to fend off a series of scandals, any one of which could bring this President down through legitimate impeachment proceedings.

So, we're at a moment right now, when the impact of our own activity is greater than ever. We now, as of today, have 22 state legislatures, almost half of the states of the Union, where resolutions have been introduced supporting the reinstatement of Glass-Steagall, and demanding that their Congressional delegations, both House and Senate members, support the reinstatement of Glass-Steagall. We can win this fight. We can win this fight in the month of June, over the Summer, and with President Obama facing one scandal after another, and with the Democratic Party playing a leading role in promoting the passage, the reinstatement, of Glass-Steagall, what's he going to do if a Glass-Steagall bill is placed on his desk? We don't know the answer to that.

We don't even know, frankly, whether he's going to still be President. This is something that can change in a matter of hours or days. We don't know yet what kinds of hearings are going to be convened on an emergency basis over the next several days. The Senate just arrived back into town tonight, the House arrives tomorrow night. The month of June is crucial, because there are no holidays—there's no recess between now and the

Fourth of July. We've got the remainder of the month of June, as a critical time frame.

The President is under the gun, potentially facing impeachment. The Attorney General, by all rights, should have been forced to resign already. Eric Holder is the only Attorney General in history to have been held in contempt of Congress: He lied to Congress about the government's program of smuggling arms to Mexican drug cartels.

So this is a situation that has changed dramatically, just in the past days. It was, in fact, last Friday that the profile of the mass spying on all American citizens, by agencies of our own government, came to the fore, and it was in that context, on Friday night, during his regular 8:00 p.m. webcast, that Mr. LaRouche said, this President may very well be going down in the immediate days ahead. It's a drastic change in the strategic situation. We've got to move on an accelerated basis. We need Glass-Steagall. We need a credit system. We need NAWAPA. And by winning the Glass-Steagall fight, at a point that the President is badly weakened, and may be unable to act to stop it, we are in a position to effect the greatest defeat to the British Empire, to the system of monetarist dictatorship, that has ever been delivered.

The flip side of it is, that if we don't act, and we fail to seize the opportunities of this moment, then there is a very real danger that this dictatorship that's been being put in place, peg by peg, since Bush-Cheney inaugurated the drive for the Unitary Executive—and under President Obama, every element of that process has been accelerated forward—under these circumstances, we could see the consolidation of this dictatorship.

In November 1932, the Nazi Party suffered a humiliating defeat in the German elections. But in March 1933, with massive amounts of outside finance—from Averell Harriman and Prescott Bush's Union Bank, from Montagu Norman, the head of the Bank of England—the Nazis managed to eke out a bare victory. Hitler was still widely considered to be a clown and a buffoon. Yet, a month and a half, after those elections in 1933, we had the Reichstag Fire, and then we faced a generation of dictatorship and war.

The situation today is deadly serious. It's a situation that we can win, but there are no guarantees. We've got to turn this country upside down. We've got to drive forward for Glass-Steagall, because this is the killer blow, not just to Obama, who is a tool of higher powers.



EIRNS/Sylvia Rosas

Organizing in Ventura, Calif., June 8, 2013. The “Hitler mustache” on Obama drives some Democrats crazy, but the President’s drive for war and dictatorship makes the comparison hard to avoid.

This is a deadly blow to those powers, to the powers of the Empire, the financial system, the oligarchy that rides over that system, that is controlling every aspect of life on this planet today.

That’s the message. We’re in a unique moment. We *created* this situation. Without that April 11, 2009 webcast identifying the clinical profile of this President, without the mobilization that’s followed from that point forward, without the interventions in the state legislatures to generate support for Glass-Steagall, without the work on Capitol Hill to put enormous pressure and educational work into the members of Congress, to find those outstanding individuals who would have the courage to break from the standing policy of “go along to get along,” and introduce

bills that are vital to the survival of the United States, and to the restoration of our republic—

And going back to one of the questions that came up a few minutes ago, we may very well find ourselves, a few days from now, in a situation where the very people who put Obama into power are saying, this guy is a dead-end loser, and we’d better dump him before he’s dumped by people who will revive the American republic.

So, it’s a very fragile, very uncertain situation, which is exactly why we called this emergency conference call briefing. We want people to know that we’re on the edge, we’re on the edge of Obama’s removal from office. We’re on the edge of potential general war. We’re on the edge of a potential breakthrough to win the fight for Glass-Steagall. We’re also on the edge of the potential consolidation of a dictatorship that would be the death blow to the U.S. Constitution. We don’t know which way this is going to go, but what we do know is that there is a clear policy solution. It’s been laid out by Mr. LaRouche for years. Glass-Steagall is the key battlefield right now, and if we win that fight, then the danger of dictatorship, the danger of general war, is vastly reduced.

Because if we win the Glass-Steagall fight in the United States, we will get support from Europe—which is begging, in desperation, for some kind of help. You’ll get a shift in policy in Russia. You’ll get a shift in policy in China, because an economic recovery in the United States and in Europe is the *only* possible way that the Chinese economy can survive. It may look a hell of a lot better than the United States or Western Europe on the surface, but China is facing an existential crisis, not tied to their internal situation so much as their dependency on a global economy, a trans-Atlantic economy, that’s on the way down, down, down.

So, this thing can go in any one of a number of different ways, and what we do, hour by hour, day by day, even though we are a small force with limited resources, we are the exemplification of how the power of ideas, at a moment of crisis, can decide everything.